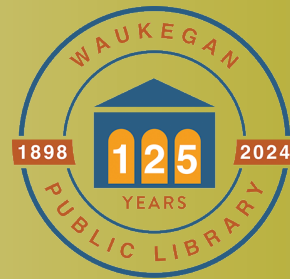


# Waukegan Public Library Spring Happenings



March - May 2024

## Library After Hours

April 20, 7-10pm

The Waukegan Public Library's Foundation is hosting a fundraiser to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the library. The event will feature appetizers, drinks, raffles, live music, dancing, and a Waukegan History art exhibit.

All proceeds will support the development of a new MakerSpace. The MakerSpace will be designed to help the Waukegan community learn, create, collaborate, and have fun with technology. Equipment will include laser cutter & engraver, sewing & embroidery machines, 3D printer, and digital media lab.

Tickets will go on sale on March 1 for \$25.00. For more information visit <https://www.waukeganpl.org/giving/foundation/> We hope to see you there!

## National Library Week- April 7-13

This annual celebration highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. The 2024 theme "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries are a truly special place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

## Happy National Library Week:

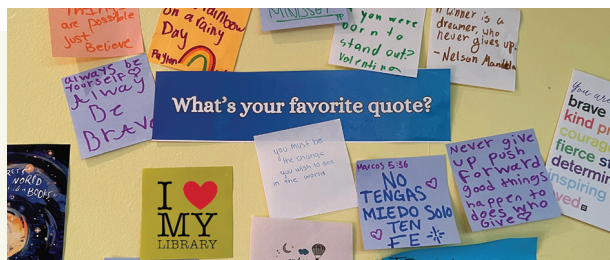
### Book Giveaway April 7-13

All kids and teens who attend a library program during National Library Week will receive a free book to take home. 1 book per day, while supplies last.

Adults who check out materials during National Library Week can enter a drawing for library swag bags and a free book of their choice.

## Mural Update

The exterior mural supported by the Waukegan Arts Council will be painted this spring. Artists Gaby and Stephanie Escovar are excited to get started, but first they need to choose the inspirational wording and colorful design elements to add into their work. Visit the Children's Department between March 4-15 to vote on your favorite positive and hopeful words, and take time to draw a star, squiggly, or other design you hope to see in the mural.



## Did You Know?

Have a test to study for or need space for a small meeting? The library has Study Rooms available! You can reserve quiet spaces at the library on a first-come, first-served basis. There are six main floor study rooms available, for patrons aged 14 years and older. They seat from 3 to 8 people and have flat screen TVs. There are also study rooms for kids and families on the lower level with computer access.

## Art Exhibit

Teen Corner

March 1-31, Gaby Escovar

April 1-30, Scott Glass

May 1-31, Illinois Nature Walk



## New! Birding Kits

Available starting May 11

Whether you are at home, at a park, or on the beach, birding is a fun, inexpensive hobby. The birding bag will help you get started, learn more about birding, and identify birds in the area. Each bag includes binoculars, field guides, a beginner's instruction manual, and more. Keep the Plover notebook to start your own birding journal! Thanks to Lake County Audubon and Sharing Our Shore for their generous donation.



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# Kids & Families

## Día de los Niños

Sun., 4/28, 2-4pm, All Ages  
Join us for a celebration of the Day of the Child. We'll have entertainment, activities, and book giveaways.

domingo, 28 de abril, 2-4pm, todas las edades

Únase a nosotros para una celebración del Día del Niño. Tendremos entretenimiento, actividades y obsequios de libros.

## Little Wonders\*

Ages 3-5 with caregiver  
Wednesdays

All About Spring  
3/6: 11-11:45am &  
3/13, 5-5:45pm

Bug Fun  
4/10, 11-11:45am & 5-5:45pm  
Art Time  
5/8: 11-11:45am & 5-5:45pm

## National Oreo Day\*

All Ages  
Wed., 3/6, 5-5:30pm  
Join us for some Oreo food art and a taste test.

## Switch Tournament\*

Grades 3-8  
Thursdays, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 4-5pm  
Compete with others to become the ultimate Switch champ.



Join us for a fun and interactive storytime!

¡Únase a una hora de cuentos divertida e interactiva!

## Storytime

Ages 0-5 with caregiver  
Mon. & Thurs., 10:30-11am

## Evening Storytime

Ages 0-5 with caregiver  
Mondays, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6  
6-6:30pm

## Tiempo de Cuentos

0-5 años con cuidador  
jueves, 6-6:30pm  
3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23

## X-STREAM Hour

Grades K-8  
Mondays, 4-5pm  
3/11: Candy Experiments  
4/22: Earth Day Crafts  
5/20: Magnet Art  
Join us for STEM, reading, and art activities.

## DIY Leprechaun Trap\*

Ages 4-8  
Mon., 3/11, 5-5:30pm  
Use your creative skills to make your own leprechaun trap for St. Patrick's Day!

## Yoga for Little Ones\*

Ages 3-5, Wednesdays  
3/13, 4/10, 5/15, 11-11:30am

## Book Bingo\*

Grades 3-8, Thursdays  
3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 4-5pm

## Bookworms\*

Grades 1-2 with caregiver  
Mondays, 5-5:45pm  
3/18: *Pout-Pout Fish*  
4/8: *Bat and Sloth*  
5/13: *Frank and Bean*

## Club de Aprendizaje a Temprana Edad de United Way\*

3-5 años con cuidador  
martes, 5-5:45pm  
3/19: rimas  
4/23: clasificación/habilidades de corte  
5/21: alfabeto  
Ayude a su hijo en edad preescolar a prepararse para el jardín de infantes. Únase a nosotros para una variedad de actividades divertidas y de aprendizaje.

## United Way Early Learning Club\*

Ages 3-5 with caregiver  
Wednesdays, 11-11:45am  
3/20: Rhyming  
4/24: Sorting and Cutting Skills  
5/22: Alphabet  
Help your preschool-age child prepare for kindergarten. Join us for a variety of fun learning activities.

## Solar Eclipse Kits

All Ages, 3/1- 4/8  
Get ready for the Solar Eclipse on April 8. Each kit will include 4 glasses, stickers, and a bookmark.

# Tweens

## Friendship Bracelets\*

Grades 9-12  
Tues., 3/5, 4:30-5:30pm  
Learn embroidery with this fun craft!

## Minecraft and STEM\*

Grades 6-8, Tues., 3/12, 5-7pm  
Enjoy a fun-filled exploration of engineering and STEM concepts while playing Minecraft.

## Teen Tasters

Grades 6-12  
Fridays, 3/15, 4/19, 5/24  
4:30-5:30pm  
Explore a different country each month by tasting fun international snacks!

## Teen Book Chats

Grades 9-12, Mondays, 4-5pm  
3/18: Graphic Novels  
4/15: Dystopia  
5/20: Fantasy  
Discuss your favorite books and share recommendations!

## Teen Art Party

Grades 9-12, Mon., 3/25, 4-5pm  
Create, eat, and socialize!





# Niños y Familias

## & Teens

### Barbie Watch-along\*

Grades 6-12  
Tues., 3/26, 4-6pm  
Ken't get enough of the Barbie craze? Join us for one more showing!

### Vision Board\*

Grades 9-12  
Tues., 4/9, 4:30-5:30pm  
Make a collage on a stretched canvas!

### Teen Financial Workshop\*

Grades 9-12  
Thurs., 4/11, 5-6pm  
Meet experts from Great Lakes Credit Union to learn about financial readiness.

### Graduation Cap Decorating\*

Grades 8 and 12  
Tues., 4/30, 4-5pm



### Let's Taco Tuesday

Grades 6-12, Tues., 5/14, 4-5pm

### DIY Felted Soap\*

Grades 9-12  
Tues., 5/28, 4:30-5:30pm

### Kohl Children's Museum

Mobile Learning Lab  
Ages 2-8, with caregiver  
Tuesdays, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21,  
10:30am-12:30pm  
Make new friends while you explore and play!

### Challenge Hour: March Madness\*

Grades 3-8, Tues., 3/19, 4-5pm  
Challenge yourself with tabletop basketball and create your own basketball game.

### Holi Celebration\*

Grades K-8, Mon., 3/25, 4-5pm  
Celebrate the Hindi festival of Holi. Create your own powder paint and have a paint party.



### Shining Stars\*

Grades K-2, Mon., 5-5:45pm  
3/25: Spring Crafts  
4/15: DIY Musical Instruments  
5/20: Math Challenges

### Easter Crafts\*

All Ages, Thurs., 3/28, 5-5:45pm  
Craft a Peeps house and a chick handprint card.

### Earth Day Crafts\*

Ages 3-7, Tues., 4/16, 5-5:45pm  
Create an Earth Day flower and watercolor craft.

### Money Smart Week Scavenger Hunt

Grades K-8, 4/15-4/21  
Celebrate Money Smart Week by participating in our department scavenger hunt. Pick up a log at the Children's desk and win a free prize.

### Be Money Smart\*

Grades 1-3, Thurs., 4/18, 5-5:45pm  
Play some wacky money games and decorate a piggy bank.

### DIY Slime\*

Ages 4-8, Wed., 4/17, 5-5:30pm

### TCC- GAME CLUB\*

Grades K-5, Fridays, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 3:30-5pm  
Play Pokemon and make crafts.

### Salsa Month Celebration\*

All Ages, Thurs., 5/2, 6-7pm  
Taste some delicious salsas while playing Loteria!

### Baby-Sitters Club PJs Party\*

Grades 3-8, Tues., 5/7, 4-5pm  
Wear your favorite PJs and party with your favorite book series.

### Make Your Own Pizza\*

Ages 4-8, Wed., 5/15, 5-5:45pm

### Planting Roots: Garden Prep\*

Grades 3-8, Tues., 5/28, 4-5:30pm  
Helps us prep the garden for our summer gardening program.

### Lego Club

All Ages, Saturdays, 2-4pm  
Imagine and create with Legos!

### Sunday Afternoon Movies

Sundays, 2:00pm  
3/10: *Vivo*  
4/14: *Wish*  
5/12: *Migration*



### Autism Awareness Month Bags

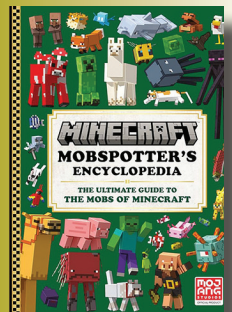
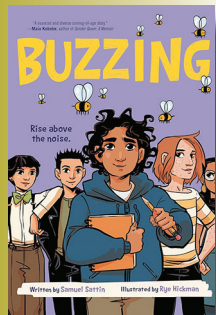
Grades K-8, 4/1-4/30  
In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, pick up a blue bag with a new book and other giveaways.

### Autism Awareness Parent and Child Workshop

All Ages, Tues., 4/2, 4-5:30pm  
Join us for a parent/ child workshop to learn about autism and meet local support agencies.

### Sensory Storytime\*

Mondays, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6-6:30pm  
This inclusive program will feature stories, songs, and activities in a low-light and soothing environment.





HelpNow offers personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) from kindergarten through college. Students can communicate with live, online tutors (in English or Spanish) using an interactive, virtual whiteboard to chat, write, draw, copy/paste text or images, and graph homework problems.

JobNow features live online coaches who, among other things, assist in resume/cover letter preparation, and help patrons prepare for job interviews. In addition, patrons have 24/7 access to interview tips and career resources.

Mango is an online language learning system that teaches English speakers real conversation skills for practical communication in 38 languages (from Arabic to Vietnamese).

Go to <https://www.waukeganpl.org/resources-a-z/> on our website to view all our online resources.

# Adult Classes

## Drop in Computer Assistance

Monday-Friday, 10am-12pm

Let us help you with your computer needs from basic computer skills to building a resume.

lunes-viernes, 10am-12pm

Permítanos ayudarle con sus necesidades informáticas, desde conocimientos informáticos básicos hasta la creación de un currículum.

## Computer Workshops

Tuesdays, 4-5pm

3/5: Email Basics

3/19: Internet Safety & Printing

4/2: Microsoft Office Basics

4/16: Brainfuse Online Tutoring

5/7: Typing Club

5/21: Research and Downloadable Resources

Library staff will teach you a new technology skill using several free library resources.

## Identity Theft Workshop\*

Wed., 4/17, 1:15-2:45pm

Learn how to protect yourself from identity theft and online scams with Yaw Kesse from the Office of the Comptroller.

## Adult Financial Workshop\*

Thurs., 4/18, 5-6pm

Get your financial questions answered by Great Lakes Credit Union experts.

## Create, Craft, Connect with Creativebug!

Keep your hands active and your mind engaged with Creativebug. Immediate access to 1,000+ award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Learn how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screenprint, bake, and more. Creativebug is your go-to resource for high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. For more information visit <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/waukeganpl>



## Staff Pick: Sam

*"She Loves to Cook and She Loves to Eat"*

by Sakaomi Yuzaki

I relate to Nomoto so much, as someone who loves cooking and wants to make big elaborate dishes. It also has a great message about finding yourself and people who will accept you instead of forcing you into a mold.

## Clases de Pre-GED en Espanol

sábados, 3/2-5/25, 1-4:15pm

Asiste a este curso para estar listo para la clase de GED. Este curso se enfoca en la materia de matemáticas.

## Clases de GED en Espanol

lunes, 3/4-5/20, 6-7:30pm

Asiste a este curso que te preparara para obtener tu GED. Este curso se enfoca en todas las materias.



## Clases de Inglés Conversacional

miércoles, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/03, 4/10,

4/17, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5-6pm

Te invitamos a practicar y conversar en inglés. Te daremos estrategias que te ayudarán con la ansiedad para que poco a poco tengas más confianza en ti mismo/a.

## Seminarios para la Ciudadanía/ Citizenship Workshops: HACES\*

Wed., 3/13, 10-6pm

Register for these workshops and let the experts help you with your process in becoming a US Citizen. For registration please call Martha Hernandez at 224-946-1823.

For more information, visit [haces.org](https://haces.org).

miercoles, 3/13, 10-6pm

Regístrese para estos talleres y deje que los expertos le ayuden en su proceso para hacerse ciudadano. Si tiene alguna pregunta o para registrarse llame a Martha Hernandez 224-946-1823. Para más información, visite [haces.org](https://haces.org).

## Clases de Ciudadanía: Mano a Mano\*

martes, 3/26-6/25, 6-7:30pm

Venga a la clase para que Mano a Mano puede prepararte para el examen de la ciudadanía. Si tiene alguna pregunta o para registrarse, llame a Jorge Sanchez al 224-908-0435.

## Illinois Libraries Present

Virtual Program (Zoom), 7-8pm

This library collaborative brings virtual events with bestselling, esteemed, and diverse speakers to libraries across Illinois.

Wed., 3/20, Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wed., 4/3, The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Tues., 5/7, The Many Lives of Kal Penn



# Adults/Adultos

## Gentle Yoga

Fridays, 10:15-11:15am

Learn to strengthen your muscles and mind.

viernes, 10:15-11:15am

Únete a nosotros para fortalecer nuestros músculos y mente.



## Conviértete en Propietario

domingos, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 2-4:45pm

Acompáñanos a estos eventos acerca de comprar tu propia casa, mejorar tu crédito, y a manejar tu dinero. Los profesionales de Realty of Chicago, PreferredRate, y Allstate contestaran tus preguntas.

## Goodwill AbilityOne

Wed., 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 12-3pm

Meet the staff from Goodwill's AbilityOne team and learn about their job and career services for people with disabilities.

## Lotería

Fridays, 3/8, 4/12, 4-6pm

Have a good time playing a popular Hispanic game and win prizes along the way.

viernes, 3/8, 4/12, 4-6pm

Únete a nosotros para pasar un rato divertido jugando este juego.

## Keep Calm & Crafs/ Mantenga la calma y haga manualidades\*

Saturdays, 1:30-3pm

3/9: Jewelry Making/Fabricación de joyas

4/13: Learn to Crochet/Aprender a crochet

Enjoy a relaxing time crafting and meeting new people.

Pasar una tarde de relajación mientras haces manualidades y conoces gente nueva.



## I Meant to Read That Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Discuss a popular book each month. Visit the Adult Services desk to receive a copy and sign up!

3/12: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

and Victoria Christopher Murray

4/9: *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

5/14: *Natural Beauty* by Ling Ling Huang

## Paint Your Own Windchimes\*

Wed., 3/13, 2-3pm & 5-6pm

Ring in the Spring with your very own windchime.

## Super Smash Bros Tournament

Thursdays, 3/14 and 5/9, 4-5:30pm

Battle against other players and win prizes.

## Writing Group

Thursdays, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 6-7pm

A group for writers of all levels and types to come together to discuss the craft and get feedback.

## Rosalind Franklin University Health Mobile Clinic

Thursdays, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 1:30-4:30pm

Receive free health services such as blood sugar screenings, and flu vaccine. Participants will receive a free covid care kit.

jueves, 3/21, 4/18, 5/16, 1:30-4:30pm

Recibe servicios de salud gratuitos como chequeos de la azúcar en la sangre, la vacuna contra la influenza etc.

## Ray Bradbury Story Hour

Wednesdays, 3/27, 4/24, 5/29, 5:30-6:30pm

Discuss a short story by Ray Bradbury.

## Adult Coloring Hour

Thursdays, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 5:30-6:30pm

Relax with coloring pages and refreshments.

## Decorate Your Own Birdhouse\*

Wed., 4/10, 2-3pm & 5-6pm

Decorate a birdhouse for any feathered friend.

## Arab Americans in Fashion

Wed., 4/24, 5-6pm

Join us as we celebrate some of the most influential Arab Americans in the fashion industry. Learn about Rami Kashou, Nadia Aboulhossn, Caroline Seikaly, and Joseph Abboud and their contributions to the fashion world.

## Watercolor Paint Party\*

Wed., 5/8, 2-3pm & 5-6pm

Explore your creativity by painting with watercolors.



## Community Health Fair

Sat., 5/18, 2-4pm

Learn about all the different health services available in the community. The first 25 participants will receive a door prize!

## Exploring Fiddler on the Roof

Wed., 5/29, 5-6pm

Learn how the musical Fiddler on the Roof changed the game and why the story is still important today.

## Bingo Binge at the Branch

Mondays, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 2:30-3:30pm

Play Bingo and win prizes.

Location: Hinkston Park Branch

## Movie Musicals

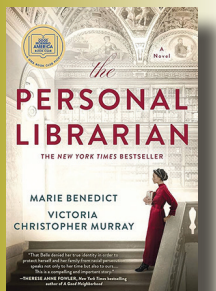
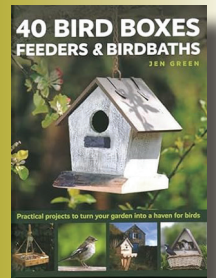
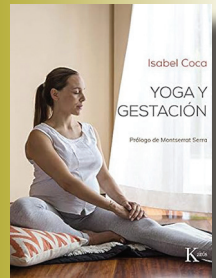
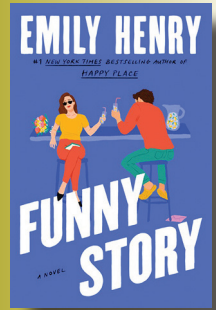
Mondays, 1-4pm

3/18: *The Sound of Music*

4/15: *Singing in the Rain*

5/20: *The Music Man*

Watch a movie, enjoy refreshments, and sing along if you dare!





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viernes 10am-6pm  
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Saturday-Sunday Closed  
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sábado-domingo cerrada

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Biblioteca Cerrada  
March 31 Easter Sunday  
May 26-27 Memorial Day

Board of Trustees Meetings  
March 20, April 17, May 15

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usar en materiales.

For accommodations at an  
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allowing seven days' notice to  
best serve you.

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especiales para un evento o clase,  
comuníquese con nosotros, con  
siete días de anticipación.

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### Strategic Plan Update: 2024-27

Our Vision. Our Mission.  
Library staff and Trustees are proud to  
support our community by connecting  
everyone to information, materials,  
and experiences that foster a love of  
reading, learning, and exploration. We  
are thankful to all who contributed  
feedback and ideas as we developed a  
new strategic plan. Our 2024-27 plan is  
focused on building vibrant community  
outreach opportunities and responsive  
services, ensuring our building is  
accessible, comfortable, and equipped  
with the latest technology, and creating  
a strong and sustainable organization.  
Improved library catalog and access  
to materials, expanded mobile  
services and activities at our schools,  
specialized collections and more  
art and cultural programs, access to  
health, legal, and finance professionals,  
renovated youth spaces, and a new  
MakerSpace are all on the horizon.  
Waukegan Public Library is committed  
to being a trusted place where you can  
gather, discover, and grow.



### Summer Reading: Adventure Begins at Your Library

May 24 - July 27

We welcome community members of all  
ages to participate in summer reading  
challenges and earn special prizes along  
the way. Explore books, develop new  
interests, attend enriching programs,  
and experience dynamic special events  
beginning May 24!

Damos la bienvenida a miembros de  
la comunidad de todas las edades para  
que participen en desafíos de lectura  
de verano y ganen premios especiales  
a lo largo del camino. ¡Explore libros,  
desarrolle nuevos intereses, asista a  
programas enriquecedores y experimente  
eventos especiales dinámicos a partir del  
24 de mayo!



### Friends of the Waukegan Public Library Updates

Year-Round Sale Shelves

Purchase used books and other items  
year-round from the new book sale  
shelves on the main floor. Pay by cash or  
credit card.

Summer Concert Series

Get ready to rock and roll all summer  
long! Join us every Friday (except July  
5th) in June, July, and August from 12-  
1pm rain or shine for a variety of  
musical entertainment.