

NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL ISSUE

September - November 2025



ONE BOOK
ONE NORTHBROOK

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and meet the author!**

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On the cover: Mina Zikri, conductor and Music Director of the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, holds this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection, *Symphony of Secrets*



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Notes from the Executive Director



This fall, we invite everyone in the community to read together with One Book, One Northbrook as we explore Brendan Slocumb's *Symphony of Secrets*, a musical mystery about a professor who uncovers dangerous secrets about a famous composer.

As someone who loves music but can't carry a tune—*my piano teacher always praised my diligence, never my talent*—I'm thrilled we chose a book that celebrates the universal language of music.

Why do a community-wide read? Reading the same book creates a chorus of voices throughout our community. It gives us opportunities to discuss the book's themes of music, identity, and determination, with each conversation adding new notes to our understanding.

Whether you are a mystery fan, a music lover, or a music virtuoso, I hope you'll read with me and the rest of Northbrook. I can't wait to hear what resonates with you in this musical mystery!

Kate Hall
Executive Director

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NEWS & UPDATES

September is a perfect time to get your library card

To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, everyone who signs up for a library card in September will be automatically entered into a prize drawing. Stop by our lobby during open hours to sign up or visit northbrook.info/card to get started.

Back-to-school success

Students can get a library card that provides free printing, online homework help, and much more. Find out about all the library has to offer Northbrook students at northbrook.info/students.

Help stock the Food Pantry

Please consider dropping off non-perishable food in our lobby from September 1–30. All donations will go to the Northfield Township Food Pantry to support local families in need.

Thanks for helping us bloom

Thank you to the Northbrook Garden Club for planting flowers around our outdoor spaces. We appreciate their time, talent, and dedication to making the library even more welcoming!

Accessibility Hour at the Library

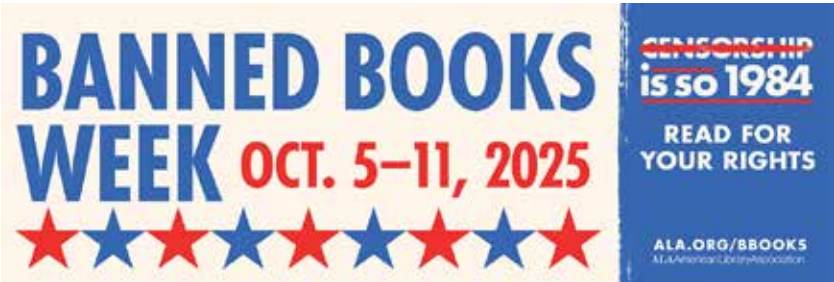
Individuals and families with disabilities are invited to visit the library on Sunday, October 12 at 12:00pm, one hour before we open, to enjoy library resources and a sensory-friendly activity.

Friends Book Sale and exclusive members-only event

Shop the last Friends Book Sale of the year on Oct. 24 & 25 from 10am-4pm. Friends of the Library members are also invited to attend an exclusive members-only event on October 22. (*Details on pg. 19.*)

Be someone's hero: donate blood

Donate blood at the library on Tuesday, November 18 from 1-5pm.



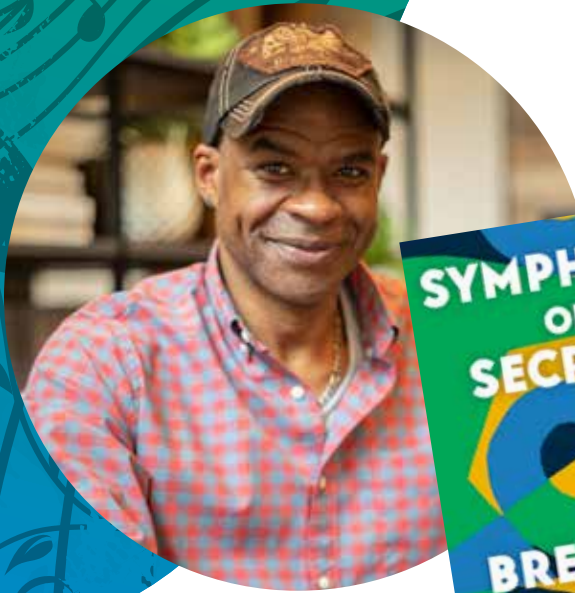
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- Live Virtual Program
- In-Person Program
- Earth Friendly Program
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Program
- Supported Program
- Library Card Required
- One Book, One Northbrook Program



ONE BOOK ONE NORTHBROOK

Read the book, join the conversation,
and meet the author!



We invite you to read *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb, and then to explore its themes with a series of programs in October.

In this gripping mystery, America's most famous composer is hiding a shocking secret, and his descendants will stop at nothing to prevent it from being discovered.

You can check out a copy from the library, buy one at The Book Bin, or enjoy it online with Libby.

Enjoy an evening with author **Brendan Slocumb** on Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00pm. This event will also be live-streamed.

Get your book signed! Bring your own copy or purchase one at the event.

One Book, One Northbrook Programs



Look for this symbol throughout this newsletter to find our One Book, One Northbrook programs.

- OCT. 4** One Book Kick-off & Live Concert,* 10:30am-1pm, Pollak Room & Lobby 🧑 | Page 5
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- OCT. 9** Synesthesia: When Your Senses Cross Neurologically, 1pm, Online 🗣️ | Pg. 4
- OCT. 14** Book Discussion: *Symphony of Secrets*, 7pm, Civic Room 🧑 | Pg. 6
- OCT. 15** **Author Event: An Evening with Brendan Slocumb, 7pm, Auditorium (and online)** 🧑 🗣️ | Pg. 6
- OCT. 18** The Art of Sound: Exploring Music with Graphic Notation, 1pm, Pollak Room 🧑 | Pg. 4
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Learn more and register for our
One Book programs at
northbrook.info/onebook



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Adult Programs

Registration is open for all programs on pages 4-10

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.


Featured Programs

A History of Jewish Desserts

Local author Arianna Brooks regales us with the humorous history of rugelach, babka, and Jewish apple cake. 


Monday, September 8, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room

Oakton Literacy Class

Open to English-speakers and those who want to practice speaking English. 


Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept. 15 – Dec. 15
12:30-3:30pm OR 6:00-8:45pm
Interactive Classroom

Viewing the Night Sky: The Constellations and Beyond

NASA Solar System Ambassador Sean Fisher-Rohde discusses the science and stories of constellations, and how you can identify them in the sky using free phone apps. 


Sunday, October 5, 2:00-3:00pm
Auditorium

Exploring Forgotten Works and Musical Practices

Discover lost compositions by legendary composers and explore fascinating topics like musical attribution and appropriation. 

Monday, October 6, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room


Private Session With a Financial Planner

Schedule a private 50-minute session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management. 

Thursdays, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 & Nov. 13
9:30am-12:30pm, Study Room 12


BANNED BOOKS WEEK PROGRAM

Books on the Chopping Block

To celebrate our freedom to read, professional actors from Chicago's City Lit Theater Company will join us to read excerpts from the ten most frequently challenged books in the U.S. in 2024. 


Wednesday, October 8, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room

Synesthesia: When Your Senses Cross Neurologically

Maike Preissing, neurodivergent psychologist, synesthesia artist, and podcast host, will join us on Zoom to share her personal journey and insights into the science of the brain with synesthetic perception. 


Thursday, October 9, 1:00-2:00pm
Online

Lincoln on Leadership

A professional Abe Lincoln lookalike presenter will portray our 16th president and explain the 16 principles that characterized his leadership approach. 


Thursday, October 16, 2:00-3:15pm
Pollak Room

The Art of Sound: Exploring Music with Graphic Notation

Learn how basic sounds can become the foundation for larger musical ideas, and explore the expressive potential of graphic notation—a creative, visual approach to writing music. 

Saturday, October 18, 1:00-2:30pm
Pollak Room


Going to Extremes: A Travel Journalist's Tour of the Most Adventurous Outposts

Peter Mandel will join us on Zoom to share stories and photos from his most extreme journeys around the globe. 

Monday, November 3
7:00-8:15pm, Online


Northbrook: Celebrating 125 Years

Learn how our vibrant community evolved from a rural settlement, and celebrate Northbrook's 125th anniversary, and the 50th anniversary of the Northbrook History Museum.

In partnership with the Northbrook Historical Society. 


Tuesday, November 4, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Pollak Room

All About Bats

A local bat researcher describes Illinois native bats, how they benefit the ecosystem, how they're studied, and what you can do to support them. 

Monday, November 10, 7:00-8:00pm
Pollak Room

Vietnam War: A Soldier's Story


John McGraw, a local Vietnam War veteran, will discuss the historical context behind U.S. involvement in the conflict, the draft, and his experiences as a combat infantryman, including earning a Bronze Star for valor. 

Thursday, November 13, 2:00-3:00pm
Pollak Room

 Indicates this program is part of our One Book, One Northbrook series


Things that go bump in the night

Why I Love Horror: A Spirited Conversation with Five Popular Local Horror Authors

Join Becky Siegel Spratford (*Why I Love Horror: Essays on Horror Literature*) for a spirited conversation with five local horror authors: Cynthia Pelayo (*Vanishing Daughters*), James Kennedy (*Bride of the Tornado*), Nick Medina (*The Whistler*), S.A. Barnes (*Cold Eternity*), and Ananda Lima (*Craft: Stories I Wrote for the Devil*). Book purchases and signings will also be available. 

Tuesday, September 30, 7:00-8:30pm Pollak Room

Northern Chicago and the North Shore's Creepy Sites and Stories

Explore the North Shore's most mysterious, creepy, and haunted sites, including the ghosts of Sheridan Road, the mysterious Schweppe Mansion, eerie happenings in Lincoln Park, and other haunted sites across Lake County. 

Monday, October 27, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

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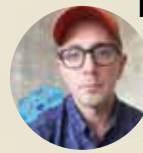
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One Book Kick-off & Jazz Concert*

Saturday, October 4, 10:30am-1:00pm
Pollak Room (Drop-In)

Drop by for live jazz,* crafts, pizza, and the chance to win a copy of *Symphony of Secrets* or tickets to attend a Northbrook Symphony Orchestra concert.

* Enjoy a jazz performance featuring saxophonist George Grunditz and his trio from 11am-12pm.



Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns

A nostalgic conversation with 'Steve' from the beloved TV show, *Blue's Clues*. 🗣️

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00-8:00pm, Online



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

An intimate conversation with 'Nessarose' from the blockbuster movie, *Wicked*. 🗣️

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00-8:00pm, Online



J. Kenji López-Alt

An evening with the bestselling cookbook author, food columnist, and chef. 🗣️

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00-8:00pm, Online



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

Health & Wellness: Mind & Body

Chair Yoga

Gentle yoga to help increase flexibility and balance. 🧘

Fridays, September 5 – November 21,*
10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room

* Registration opens on August 1 for September, October, and November sessions. No Chair Yoga on November 28.



Essentrics

Build strength and mobility while respecting natural limitations. For all ages and abilities. 🧘

Thursday, September 11
1:00pm-2:00pm, Pollak Room

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Intro to Telehealth

Learn about online health resources, common healthcare website portals, and how the library can support your access to remote healthcare. 🧘

Friday, September 12, 2:00-3:00pm
Civic Room

Medicare 101

Medicare Open Enrollment Starts Oct. 15. Join independent insurance broker Robin Dawson to learn what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and what your out-of-pocket costs may be. This program will be helpful for anyone planning to enroll, currently enrolled, or who is assisting a loved one in finding the best plan. 🧘

Thursday, September 18
7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

OsteoFit Fusion

Safe and gentle flexibility exercises to improve strength, balance, and coordination. 🧘

Thursday, October 16
10:00am-11:00am, Pollak Room

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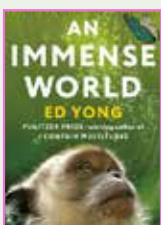
QiGong

Rooted in Chinese medicine, QiGong uses slow, flowing movements to boost balance, flexibility, strength, and mental clarity while reducing stress. 🧘

Thursday, November 13
10:00am-11:00am, Pollak Room

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Sustainable Living



Environmental Book Discussion 🌱

Join Mardi and Jake to discuss *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong. In partnership with Go Green Northbrook.* 🌱

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00-8:00pm
Civic Room

* A limited number of copies will be available at the Reference desk.

Tree Identification Walk 🌳

Join a tree expert from Openlands to walk the park, identify trees, and discuss proper tree care in an urban environment. Space is limited. 🌱

Friday, October 17, 9:30-10:30am, Village Green

Adult Programs

Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

Book Groups & Discussions


Books will be available at the Fiction & Media desk one month before each discussion unless noted otherwise.




One Book, One Northbrook Book Discussions

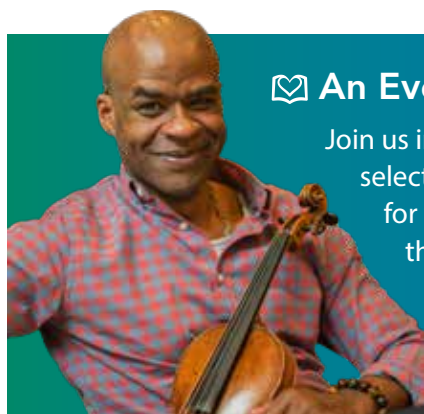
Come discuss this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection, *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb with us. You can check out a copy at the library or read or listen to it on Libby.

Online Book Discussion: *Symphony of Secrets*



Join librarian Caitlyn Hannon to discuss *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb on Zoom. 
Tuesday, October 7, 11:00am-12:00pm, Online

In-Person Book Discussion: *Symphony of Secrets*

Join librarian Lori Siegel to discuss *Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb at the library. 
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room



An Evening with *Symphony of Secrets* Author, Brendan Slocumb

Join us in welcoming Brendan Slocumb, the author of this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection, *Symphony of Secrets*. Brendan will discuss his writing process, share his inspiration for writing the book, and answer questions from the audience. A book signing will follow the program, and copies will be available for purchase. If you can't be there in person, this program will also be livestreamed on YouTube.  

Wednesday, October 15, 7:00pm-8:00pm Auditorium or Online via YouTube



Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online

Sept. 10: *If On a Winter's Night a Traveler* by Italo Calvino

Oct. 8: *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson

Nov. 12: *Amadeus* by Peter Shaffer



Classic Great Books with

Robert Waterbury 

Mondays, 10:00-11:30am, Civic Room

Sept. 15: *Look Homeward Angel*

by Thomas Wolfe

Oct 20: *Doctor Faustus*

by Christopher Marlowe

Nov. 17: *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online


Sept. 16: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Nov. 18: *A Forty Year Kiss* by Nickolas Butler*

* Author Nickolas Butler will join the

Nov. 18 discussion 

Next Chapter Book Club


Provides opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read and discuss a book and make friends in a relaxed setting, accompanied by trained facilitators. Books are distributed at each session. 

Saturdays, September 13 & 27,
October 11 & 25, and November 8 & 22
1:30-3:00pm, Interactive Classroom

NORTHBROOK WRITES *In partnership with StoryStudio Chicago*

Our writing workshops provide the chance to learn from talented authors, spark your creativity, and connect with other writers.

Food Writing with Nicole Schnitzler

Join writer Nicole Schnitzler to look at examples of food writing and be inspired to write about your own culinary-literary journeys. Through examples and guided prompts, you'll learn how food writing can help you tell personal, powerful stories. 

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00-8:15pm, Online



Concerts

Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

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Fine Arts Fall

Enjoy classical concerts on
Sundays from 2:00-3:00pm



Tango with Winnie

Be transported to Argentina with classic tango music for double bass, violin, piano, and bandoneon. 🧑

Sunday, October 12, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Auditorium

Folias Duo

Flutist Carmen Maret and guitarist Andrew Bergeron perform an original blend of classical, jazz, and world music, including works inspired by the Great Lakes. 🧑

Sunday, October 26, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium

Chicago Recorder Trio

Enjoy "A Musical Potpourri," with recorder music spanning eight centuries and five octaves. 🧑

Sunday, November 2, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium

Wenting Shi

Pianist Wenting Shi performs a dramatic solo program, where each piece becomes a vivid character and every note a flicker of emotion. 🧑

Sunday, November 9, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium



Danny Lai

The CSO violist and Northbrook resident joins pianist Kuang-Hao Kuang for a program featuring works by Schubert and Shostakovich. 🧑

Sunday, November 16, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium

Victor Asuncion

The renowned pianist performs with cellist Alexander Hersh. 🧑

Sunday, November 23, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium



Cielito Lindo Concert

With a fresh look and youthful energy, the Lucero family plays traditional mariachi instruments and performs both traditional and non-traditional music of Mexico, Latin America, and the United States. 🧑

Saturday, September 20

10:30-11:30am, Auditorium

Synergy Virtuosi Concert

Featuring an all-female quintet, this performance celebrates the artistry and legacy of Black women composers, past and present, including Florence Price and Jessie Montgomery. This program highlights the often-overlooked voices that have shaped the history of American music. 🧑

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00-8:00pm Auditorium

Cosponsored by the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library and the Music Performance Trust Fund

Blues, Bluegrass & Jazz

Bluegrass Concert

Covington Bluegrass Band

Kick back and enjoy an evening of acoustic bluegrass, folk, and classic country with this talented father-and-son-led quartet. 🧑

Monday, September 15, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium

Jazz Concert

Petra Van Nuis

Jazz vocalist Petra Van Nuis will serenade you with timeless favorites from the Great American Songbook, joined by pianist Dennis Luxion, guitarist Andy Brown, and bassist Jake Vinsel. 🧑

Monday, October 13, 7:00-8:00pm Auditorium

Blues Concert

Donna Herula Blues Band

Donna Herula, a Chicago Blues Hall of Fame inductee, is a singer, songwriter, and resonator slide guitarist

with a passion for playing blues, folk, and Americana. Donna was recently awarded "Best Traditional Blues Artist" and "Best Acoustic Blues Album" for her album

Bang at the Door. 🧑

Thursday, November 6
7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium



See bottom of page 2 for program key.

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Silent Films *with live piano accompaniment*

Presented in the Auditorium on Wednesdays in September at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



September 3*
Why Be Good?
1929 (81 minutes)



September 10
The Black Pirate
1926 (88 minutes)



September 17
The Red Kimono
1925 (77 minutes)



September 24*
Our Hospitality
1923 (65 minutes)




Pianist David Drazin improvises the perfect score for each film, and is one of the few silent film pianists around the country. *Don't miss this unique experience!*



* Join us for coffee and light refreshments in the Pollak Room at 1:00pm, before the 2:00pm screening of *Why Be Good* on September 3, and at 6:00pm, before the 7:00pm screening of *Our Hospitality*, on September 24.

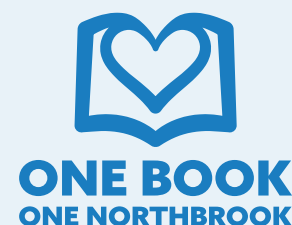


Chevalier EDI


Inspired by the remarkable true story of Joseph Bologne, the son of an enslaved African woman and a French plantation owner, who rose to improbable heights in 18th-century French society as a celebrated violinist, composer, and fencer. His extraordinary life included a love affair and falling out with Marie Antoinette and her court. *Chevalier* explores themes that connect with *Symphony of Secrets*, our One Book, One Northbrook selection. 

2024 (111 minutes) Rated R

Wednesday, October 29, 7:00-9:00pm, Auditorium



Saturday First-Run Films

Presented in the Auditorium on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00pm, **followed by a discussion led by film professor Zbigniew Banas.** 



September 13
The Friend
2024
(119 minutes)
Rated R



October 11
The Life of Chuck
2024
(111 minutes)
Rated R



November 8
Ballad of Wallis Island
2025
(99 minutes)
Rated PG-13



September 27
A Minecraft Movie
2025
(101 minutes)
Rated PG




October 25
Snow White
2025
(109 minutes)
Rated PG



November 29
Lilo & Stitch
2025
(108 minutes)
Rated PG

Saturday Family Films


Presented in the Auditorium on the last Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. 

Movies

Register now for all movies

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November Film Series: World Cinema

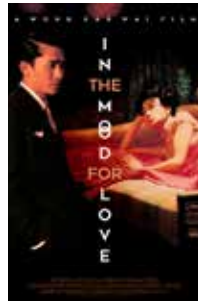
Presented in the Auditorium on Wednesdays in November at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



November 5
Phoenix
2014 (98 minutes)
Rated PG-13



November 12
Amélie
2001 (122 minutes)
Rated R



November 19
In the Mood for Love
2000 (98 minutes)
Rated PG

No film
screening
on Nov. 26



Northbrook International Children's Film Festival
Saturday, November 15
2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium




* Join us for coffee and light refreshments in the Pollak Room at 1:00pm, before the 2:00pm screening of *Phoenix* on November 5.

Documentary Films & Discussions




A Binding Truth

A remarkable story of race, forgiveness, truth, and understanding as two former high school classmates with the same last name realize their connection isn't simply a coincidence but instead reflects a shameful chapter in our nation's history. 

In partnership with RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore)
Thursday, September 11, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Auditorium



The Automat with Director/Producer Lisa Hurwitz


This film recounts the lost history of the iconic restaurant chain Horn & Hardart, which served affordable food to millions for more than a century. Featuring interviews with Mel Brooks, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Colin Powell, and Elliott Gould, it illustrates how the company both served the public with great food and also treated its employees with fairness and integrity. **Rated PG** 

Tuesday, October 28, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium


 A Q&A with Director-Producer Lisa Hurwitz will follow the film.



Environmental Documentary Film Screening & Discussion: Every Little Thing

Author and wildlife rehabber Terry Masear's goal is to save every injured hummingbird in Los Angeles. This heart-expanding Sundance hit introduces audiences to Terry's diminutive patients through breathtaking slow-motion photography and emotional storytelling. **Not Rated** 


Saturday, November 1, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

 A discussion will follow the film.



Film Discussions

Virtual Film Discussion with Margo


Watch at home and then join Margo on Zoom to discuss it. The DVD is available at the library, or you can stream the film on Kanopy. 

Stranger Than Fiction (2006)

Rated PG-13

Thursday, October 16
7:00-8:00pm, Online

Film & Discussion with Aaron

Come watch this special Halloween film in the Auditorium, introduced by Aaron from our Events Production department. 

Late Night with the Devil (2023)

Rated R

Thursday, October 30
7:00-8:45pm, Auditorium

Tech & Business Programs

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

Register now for all programs on pages 4-10

Microsoft

Excel Basics

Create, modify, and format spreadsheets. 🧑

Tuesday, September 16

6:30-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Excel Formatting

Format data and cells to make clear, clean, useful spreadsheets. 🧑

Tuesday, September 30, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

Excel Formulas & Functions

Explore formulas and functions, absolute references, and conditional formatting. 🧑

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30-8:00pm

Civic Room

PowerPoint Crash Course

Create beautiful slideshow presentations with transitions, animations, graphics, and media. 🧑

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00-8:30pm, Interactive Classroom

Excel Pivot Tables

Reorganize and summarize data in a new spreadsheet or database table to create a desired report. 🧑

Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

Excel VLookup

Use the VLookup function to compare two lists. 🧑

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom

Excel Charts & Graphs

Add visual interest and tell stories by displaying numbers and data sets in chart or graph format. 🧑

Tuesday, November 11, 6:30-8:00pm

Civic Room

Artificial Intelligence

Exploring Generative AI Tools and Prompts

Join us in person or online for this hands-on workshop for beginners. You'll learn how to use popular AI tools and create effective prompts to use in everyday tasks. 🧑💻

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-8:00pm

Interactive Classroom **OR**

Friday, October 3, 1:00-2:30pm, Online

ChatGPT for Job-Seekers

AI can help you job hunt, but it can also hurt your chances if used the wrong way. Discover smart ways to use ChatGPT for resumes, interviews, and more with tips from a hiring insider. 🗣️

Monday, October 6, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

In partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collab

Android Basics

Learn tips for getting the most out of your Android device. 🧑

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00-8:30pm

Interactive Classroom

Password Management

Explore the many different ways to save and manage your passwords, from composition notebooks to paid password management software. 🗣️

Wednesday, November 5, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

Master the Photos App on Your Apple Devices

Learn to manage, organize and edit your photo library using the Photos app on your iPhone, iPad, or Mac. Please bring your Apple device to the class. 🧑

Thursday, November 6, 6:00-8:00pm, Civic Room

Create Your Own Digital Photo Book

Turn your memories into a custom photo book using tools like Google Photos or Canva in this hands-on, two-part workshop. Perfect for creating travel albums and family keepsakes. 🧑

Fridays, November 7 & 21, 3:00-5:00pm, Civic Room

Career Help

Job Seekers Help (Drop-In)

We can help with job search sites, crafting a polished resume, and more. Registration is not required. 🧑

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 13, 2:00-4:00pm, Reference desk

You can also explore live and on-demand career workshops through our partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collaborative. Find them at careercollab.org/workshops.

Tech Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm, Reference desk

Drop by for help with your tech questions, like accessing eBooks, streaming media, email, social media, and more. Please bring your device and any passwords. Registration is not required. 🧑



Meet Our New Board Members

Adam Bazer & Bryce Budin

Adam and Bryce were sworn in at the May Board Meeting, joining the five other elected Northbrook residents who represent the community on the Library Board.

Meet Adam Bazer

Before moving with his family to Northbrook in 2020, Adam grew up in Highland Park and later lived in Chicago for many years with his wife, a Northbrook local, and their two children. In addition to his love of the written word, Adam is passionate about movies and holds an undergraduate degree in filmmaking. He attributes his film background, especially the process of transforming ideas into final products, to leading him to his career in product design. Today, Adam serves as the Senior Director of Knowledge Product Development for the American Hospital Association within their professional membership group division.

Adam believes that libraries play an important role in strengthening communities. "There is very little that isn't working well in our world that can be made just a little bit better at a public library," he explains. "Amid an epidemic of loneliness, the library is a place for interaction with others around shared pursuits. And in this digital age, libraries are one of the few remaining bastions of the physical, be it books, music, or maker tools."

One of the reasons Adam decided to join the Library Board of Trustees was to honor his father, who passed away after a long battle with dementia. Adam attributes his lifelong love of reading to his father. "My dad was a voracious reader. He had the ability to thoroughly read a paperback without making the tiniest crease in the spine, and we could never figure out how he was able to do that," he explains. Adam and his wife also believe that engaged citizenship begins with voting, but must also include active involvement. They model this for their children to demonstrate that change happens when people get involved, and the best way to advocate for the change you believe in is to be involved.

As a trustee, Adam hopes to draw on his product design experience to support the library's strategic plan, ensuring it reflects community needs and future trends, remains a responsible steward of public funds, and continues to serve Northbrook effectively.



Meet Bryce Budin

Bryce and her husband Evan moved to Northbrook 12 years ago with their two children, who now attend Northbrook Junior High School. But Bryce was no stranger to Northbrook. "I grew up going to the Northbrook Public Library," she explained. "And some of my most cherished childhood memories are the hours I spent browsing and playing in the children's area of the library."

Today, her entire family actively uses the library. Bryce believes libraries are thriving centers of learning, culture, and community engagement. They play a vital role in providing equal access to information, supporting lifelong learning, fostering community engagement, and inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

Bryce said she was motivated to become a Trustee to be "an advocate for the freedom of access to information, contribute to the strategic planning and decision-making processes that will shape the future of our library, and give back to the community that has given so much to me and my family."

And because Northbrook Public Library has played a significant role in her own life, she wanted to help provide those same opportunities to others.

With 20 years of experience as an attorney focusing on intellectual property, technology transactions, data privacy, and generative AI, Bryce brings a wealth of legal expertise to the Board. She has a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan.

During her term as a trustee, Bryce hopes to support and help shape the library's strategic plan to ensure it reflects community needs and future trends, and remains a responsible steward of the community's tax funds.

What Adam enjoys reading

Adam said he's on a fiction kick and is devouring the works of Emily St. John Mandel and Claire North. He also loves to read poetry and is currently reading the works of Emily Dickinson and Rainer Maria Rilke.

What Bryce enjoys reading

Bryce said her favorite genres are historical fiction and memoirs.

TEEN/ADULT MAKER (AGE 13–ADULT)

All materials provided unless noted otherwise. Limit of one registration per library card, per program. The **CR** symbol indicates a Northbrook Library card is required to register.




Registration for Maker programs opens on the 1st of the month before the program.
(For example, registration for all October programs opens on September 1.)

Glass Fusion


Maximum one registration per Northbrook Library card. Limit of one glass fusion program per calendar year.

Glass Fusion: Wall Hanging **CR**

Create a wall hanging. 


Thursday, September 4
6:00pm–8:00pm, Pollak Room A

Glass Fusion: Nightlight **CR**

Create a fused nightlight. 

Thursday, Oct. 16 **OR** Thursday, Oct. 30
6:00pm–8:00pm, Pollak Room A


Glass Fusion: Candle Holder **CR**

Create a fused candle holder. 

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:00pm–8:00pm
Pollak Room A **OR** Tuesday, Nov. 18
6:00pm–8:00pm, Civic Room


Sewing

Intro to the Serger **CR**

Learn how to use the library's serger. 


Saturday, Sept. 6, 10:30am–12:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Hemming Pants by Hand **CR**

Learn the basics of hemming pants by hand. We will provide all material. 


Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:30am–12:00pm
Civic Room

Sewing Machine Basics **CR**

Limited to new attendees. Class will be taught on the library's sewing machines. 

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10:30am–12:00pm
Interactive Classroom


Intermediate Sewing Machine **CR**

Prior experience using sewing machines required. Class will be taught on the library's sewing machines. Limited to new attendees. 

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10:30am–12:00pm
Interactive Classroom


Maker Programs (that could make great gifts)

Macrame Coasters **CR**

Learn basic macrame techniques to create a decorative coaster. 


Thursday, September 11, 6:00–7:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Citrus Pressed Tea Towels **CR**

Decorate tea towels by making stamps out of citrus. 


Tuesday, September 16, 6:00–7:00pm,
Pollak Room A

Artisan Wire Ring (Age 18+) **CR**

Learn how to make a wire ring in this hands-on class. Must be 18 or older. 


Thursday, September 25
6:00–8:00pm, Pollak Room

UV Resin Floral Pendants **CR**

Learn how to layer and cure UV resin with dried flowers. 


Tuesday, October 3, 6:00–7:15pm
Interactive Classroom

DIY Hardcover Book Sleeve **CR**

Learn how to create a hardcover book sleeve for any paperback book using bookbinding materials. Materials provided. 


Wednesday, October 8, 6:00–7:30pm
Civic Room

Embossed Metal Pendants **CR**

Create a pendant using metalworking techniques repoussé and chasing. 


Thursday, October 9, 6:00–7:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Wire Bending Bonsai Trees **CR**

Learn the art of wirebending by making bonsai trees in tiny planter pots. 


Tuesday, October 28, 6:00–7:00pm
Pollak Room A

Simple Bi-Fold Leather Card Wallet **CR**

Learn basic leather-working techniques to create a simple bi-fold card wallet. 


Tuesday, November 4, 6:00–7:00pm
Civic Room

DIY Candle Pouring **CR**

Make your own scented soy wax candle in a 6oz container. Candles will need to cool overnight and will be available to pick up the following day. 

Wednesday, November 5, 6:00–7:00pm
Pollak Room B


Preserving Fall Leaves **CR**

Learn to identify and preserve leaves, and use them to create an art piece. 

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00–7:00pm
Civic Room


Digital Media No patron media will be digitized in these classes.

Digitizing Records and Cassettes

Learn to digitize vinyl records and audio cassettes using equipment available in the library. 

Thursday, September 18, 6:00–7:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Digitizing Photos/Negatives

Learn how to convert photos & negatives into digital files. 

Thursday, October 23, 6:00–7:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Digitizing Hand Lettered Artwork **CR**

Learn how to use Adobe Illustrator to digitize and enhance hand-drawn lettering. 

Thursday, November 20, 6:00–7:00pm
Interactive Classroom

YOUTH MAKER

All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

Try & Fail: Bridge Builder (Grade 4-6)

We give a design challenge, and you use experimental and design thinking to accomplish it. 🧑

Wednesday, September 17
4:15-5:15pm, Pollak Room B

Make Your Own Electromagnets (Grade 4-6)

Use simple components to create magnets able to turn on and off. How much can your magnet carry? 🧑

Wednesday, October 15, 4:00-5:00pm
Pollak Room A

Sewing Machine Basics: Tote Bag (Grade 3-6)

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine to create a tote bag.* 🧑

Tuesday, October 21
4:15-5:45pm, Interactive Classroom

Sewing Machine Basics: Drawstring Bag (Grade 3-6)

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine to create a drawstring bag.* 🧑

Wednesday, November 12
4:15-5:45pm Civic Room

* Our Sewing Machine Basics classes are limited to one per calendar year. We'll provide the sewing machines for you to learn on.

Fiber Arts: Knitting (Grade 4-8)

Learn how to knit! Participants are encouraged to sign up for all 3 classes. Supplies provided. 🧑

Wednesdays, September 24, October 1 & October 8
4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Looking for more maker projects? Use your library card to access thousands of fine art and handcrafting classes taught by design experts and artists at creativebug.com/lib/northbrook



NORTHBROOK REPAIRS

Saturday, November 1, 1:00-3:30pm
Pollak Room

At Northbrook Repairs, skilled volunteers will do their best to help you repair a household item, free of charge. At some of our past events, lamps, toys, clothing, bags, and bicycles have been repaired. 🧑🌱

Don't toss it, repair it!

Please bring your item to the Pollak Room and register when you arrive.

Be prepared to wait with your item for your turn to meet with a volunteer. (No drop-offs.)

Can I bring it? Your item must be small enough for you to carry. (Please don't bring anything that is leaking, dangerous, contains gasoline, or that has a strong odor.)

Limit 1 item per person.

After your repair, you may return to the end of the line with an additional item.

We cannot accept items for repair after 3:00pm.



For questions about Northbrook Repairs, visit northbrook.info/repairs or call 847-272-2098.

Teen Programs

Teen program registration opens on the 1st of the month before the class. (For example, registration for October programs opens on September 1.)

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

Book Ballots (Grades 6–12)

Make your voice heard and help other teens discover great books! Vote online for your favorite book for a chance to win a **\$50 Book Bin gift certificate**. We'll draw one winner from all ballots received.

To cast your ballot, visit northbrook.info/book-ballot or scan the QR code.

Online voting is open from November 1 – 30



Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join the Teen Advisory Board to help us plan teen programs, complete service projects, and eat pizza. You'll earn one volunteer hour for each meeting you attend. 🧑

Tuesdays, September 9, October 14 & November 11
5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

Strategies for a Smarter College Search

Heidi King, a national college expert from College Inside Track, explains how changes to ACT/SAT testing and FAFSA may impact your family. She will also share new strategies to give you the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize scholarships and financial aid. 🗣️

Tuesday, September 30, 7:30-8:30pm, Online

Snack Wars (Grades 5-9) **NEW!** EDI

Want to put your taste buds to the test? Try sweet and salty snacks from other countries, or snacks you've never had before. We'll try each snack, chat about them, and rank them! 🧑

Wednesday, October 22, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

BOOKS & BITES

Books & Bites (Grades 6-12)

Join us for a book discussion and enjoy some snacks. **The first 8 registered teens will receive a free copy of the book.** 🧑



Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff **EDI**

(Recommended for grades 7 & up)

Thursday, September 25, 5:00-6:00pm
YS Activity Room



A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass **EDI**

(Recommended for grades 6 & up)

The themes of this book tie into our One Book, One Northbrook selection. See page 3 for more information. 🧑

Thursday, October 30, 5:00-6:00pm
YS Activity Room



Teen Movie Night **WICKED** (Grades 6-12)

Join us to kick off Thanksgiving break by wearing your green and pink and singing along to *Wicked* on the big screen! We'll also enjoy some snacks during a brief intermission.

2024 (180 minutes) Rated PG 🧑

Tuesday, November 25, 5:30-8:30pm, Auditorium



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode

If you love all things *Wicked*, you won't want to miss this conversation with Marissa Bode, the actress who plays Nessarose in *Wicked* and *Wicked 2*. 🗣️

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00-8:00pm, Online



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

↖️ You might also be interested in this!

Youth Programs

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Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

Special Events



Cielito Lindo Concert (Families) EDI

With a fresh look and youthful energy, the Lucero family play traditional mariachi instruments and perform both traditional and non-traditional music of Mexico, Latin America and the United States. 

Saturday, September 20, 10:30-11:30am, Auditorium



HALLOWEEN STORYFEST

(ALL AGES, DROP-IN)

Join us for a Halloween celebration filled with stories, crafts, and fun. Stop by anytime after 3:30pm. (Storytime begins at 4:40pm). 

Friday, October 24, 3:30-5:00pm
YS Department

Costumes encouraged!



Northbrook International Children's Film Festival

Northbrook International Children's Film Festival (Ages 5-10, with Caregiver)

Kids are invited to enjoy a curated selection of award-winning short films from around the world, including Japan, UK, France, Iran, Belgium, Spain, and the U.S.

After the screening, attendees are invited to vote for their favorite film and have the chance to meet some of the film directors! 

Saturday, November 15, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

Co-hosted by the Chicago-based International Children's Media Center

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Youth Programs

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ADA Requests: We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request an accommodation, including captioning or American Sign Language services, please indicate the accommodation when you register online or call 847-272-6224 at least 72 hours before the event.

School-Age Programs

Family Chess (Families, Drop-In)

Join us for an afternoon of chess with friends and family. Chess master, Arjun Vishnuvardhan, will be on hand to offer tips and strategies. All materials will be provided. 🧑

Sundays, September 7, October 12 & November 9

2:00-3:30pm, Pollak Room



Chess Club (Grades K-6)

Learn new moves, strategy, and checkmates at our monthly club. Materials and instruction will be provided. 🧑

Mondays, September 8, October 6 & November 3

6:00-7:00pm, YS Activity Room



Around the World (Grades K-3) **EDI**

Travel the globe with us as we learn about different countries through stories, maps, crafts, and games. 🧑

Mondays, September 8 & November 17

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

September 8: Mexico November 17: Germany

Create Club (Grades 4-8)

We'll provide all the supplies you need to get creative and try something new. 🧑

Tuesdays, September 9 & October 14, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

Sept. 9: Perler Bead Pixel Art Oct. 14: Sugar Skulls

Board Game Group (Grades 3-8, Drop-In)

Enjoy classic board and card games, or learn new ones! Each month we'll feature a different board game for you to try, as well as offering old favorites for you to play. 🧑

Thursdays, September 11, October 9 & November 13

4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

September 11: *Ex Libris*

October 9: *Canvas*

November 13: *Wavelength*



Y-Art (All Ages, Drop-In)

Start your Saturday with art! Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. 🧑

Saturdays, September 13, October 11 & November 8

10:00-11:00am, YS Activity Room



Art Pops! (Grades 2-5)

Explore the life and works of iconic pop and contemporary artists and create your own masterpieces in their signature styles. 🧑

Mondays, September 15 & November 24

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Sept. 15: Lizeth Prieto

Nov. 24: Banksy

Andertoons Drawing Workshops (Grades K-6)

Join us on Zoom for these fun online drawing workshops led by a professional cartoonist featuring a different theme each month. 🗣️

Tuesdays, September 16, October 7 & November 18

4:00-5:00pm, Online

September 16: Wild Voices

October 7: The Secret of the Mysterious Whodunit

November 18: Dinosaurs vs. Robots!



Mythological Science (Grades 3-5) **NEW!**

Learn the science behind some of the most famous myths.

We'll learn about STEAM and mythology while engaging in fun educational activities. 🧑

Thursdays, September 18, October 16 & November 20

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

September 18: Poseidon's Power

October 16: Labyrinth Logic

November 20: The Physics of Pegasus

Fiber Arts: Knitting (Grades 4-8)

Learn to knit! Participants are encouraged to sign up for all 3 classes. Supplies provided. 🧑

Wednesdays, September 24, October 1 & October 8

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Hands on History (Grades 4-6) **NEW!**

Travel through time and explore past peoples, cultures, and artifacts that have helped shape how we live today. We'll bring history to life through interactive activities, crafts, and games. 🧑

Mondays, September 29 & November 10

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

September 29: Ancient Structures and Engineering

November 10: Indigenous People, Living Histories

Looking for youth maker classes?

Turn to page 13 to find hands-on classes for you to try!

Youth Programs

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Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Register at northbrook.info/events. For registration questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

School-Age Programs (continued)

Accessibility Hour

Accessibility hour is a supported program for families with disabilities. Visit the Library one hour before we usually open to browse, check out materials, and engage in a sensory friendly activity. 🧑

Sunday, October 12, 12:00-1:00pm

Off-Broadway Fairy Tales (Grades K-2, Drop In)

Come and take turns acting out some of your favorite fairy tales at the library. Children will be able to take on the roles of characters in a playful setting. 🧑

Wednesday, October 15, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room

Nintendo Switch: Pico Park™ (Grades 3-9, Drop-In)

Team up with your friends to get the keys and beat levels in Pico Park! Think creatively about how to work together and reach the goal. 🧑

Friday, October 17, 4:00-5:00pm

YS Activity Room



Noggin Builders (Grades 3-5)

Build, create & explore with these unique, hands-on S.T.E.M. experiences.

Tuesday, November 4, 4:15-5:15pm

YS Activity Room 🧑



Book Discussions



Now Trending Book Discussion (Grades 4-6)

Explore the latest trending titles in our lively book discussion. Snacks will be provided. Books will be available for pick up at the Youth Services desk one month before the program. 🧑

Tuesdays, September 30 & October 28

4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Sept. 30: *The Twits* by Roald Dahl

October 28: *Escape at 10,000 Feet* by Tom Sullivan



Graphic Squad: *Ghosts* (Grades 2-5)

Join us for a graphic novel book discussion and activity. Pick up a copy of *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier at the Youth Services desk, available one month prior to the program. 🧑

Monday, October 27

4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room



Cool Reads (Grades K-2, Drop-In)

Join us for a fun discussion and activities exploring *Sheepwrecked* by Ashley Belote.

The book does not need to be read to attend the program. 🧑

Wednesday, November 5, 4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Saturday Family Films

Enjoy family films in the Auditorium on the last Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. 🧑



A Minecraft Movie

2025 (101 minutes)

Rated PG

Saturday, September 27

2:00-4:00pm

Auditorium



Snow White

2025 (109 minutes)

Rated PG

Saturday, October 25

2:00-4:00pm

Auditorium



Lilo & Stitch

2025 (108 minutes)

Rated PG

Saturday, November 29

2:00-4:00pm

Auditorium

Youth Programs

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Storytimes & Early Childhood

A parent or caregiver is required to attend Storytime and early childhood programs unless noted otherwise.

My First Yoga (Ages 3-5)

Preschoolers will have fun learning basic yoga poses. Please register each child individually. 🧘

Mondays, September 29, October 20 & November 17
11:00-11:30am, Pollak Room



Music & Me with Teacher Dan (All Ages, Drop-In)

Kids will have a blast singing and dancing to songs performed on a variety of instruments. 🎵

Wednesdays, October 29, November 5 & November 19
10:30-11:00am, Story Corner



Wiggleworms (Birth-24 months)

Join us for 30 minutes of songs and music with Old Town School of Folk Music. Classes are limited to 15 babies. Check in at the Youth Services desk to secure your spot. 🐛

Thursday, November 6, 10:00-10:30am OR 10:45-11:15am
Pollak Room



Baby Barnyard Boogie (Birth-24 months)

Join us for a baby dance party with lively music, activities, bubbles, and more! 🎵

Tuesday, October 28, 10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room

Preschool Noggin Builders (Ages 3-5)

Join us for hands-on STEM activities specifically designed for preschoolers. 🧠

Thursday, November 6, 2:00-2:45pm, YS Activity Room



Little Explorers (Ages 2-6, Drop-In)

Calling all Little Explorers! Visit with an adult to examine basic S.T.E.M. concepts through crafts, activities, and dramatic play. 🧐

Friday, November 7, 10:30-11:30am, YS Activity Room



STORYTIMES

Saturday Storytime (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us on the first Saturday of the month. 🧘

Saturdays, September 6, October 4 & November 1
10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

Storytime at the Library (All Ages, Drop-In)

Featuring a new theme each week. 🧘

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 9 – October 23
10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

Babytime (Birth-24 months)

Songs and simple stories to nurture your baby's curiosity while providing caregivers a chance to socialize. Please check in at the Youth Services desk. Space is limited. 🧘

Wednesdays, September 10 – October 22
10:00-10:45am, YS Activity Room

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5, Drop-In)

Stories and activities for preschoolers. 🧘

Thursdays, September 11 – October 23
2:00-2:30pm, YS Activity Room

BILINGUAL STORYTIMES

Our bilingual storytimes are great for both native language speakers and anyone interested in the language and culture.

Korean Language Storytime (All Ages)

Learn and practice speaking Korean with stories, songs, and rhymes. 🧘

Fridays, September 12, October 10, November 14
10:00-10:30am, YS Activity Room

Hebrew Language Storytime

(Ages 2-6, Drop-In)

Drop by to learn about the Hebrew language and culture through stories, songs, and sensory activities. 🧘

Mondays, September 15, October 13, November 10
10:00-10:30am, YS Activity Room

Friends of the Library

Mark your calendar! The Friends of the Northbrook Library are celebrating **National Friends of Libraries Week (October 19-25)** with an exclusive event on Wednesday, October 22.

Friends of the Library Member Exclusive Movie & Reception



All current Friends members are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 22, for a reception followed by a screening of *The Wife* (2017 | Rated R). The film connects to some of the themes from this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection, *Symphony of Secrets*.

Reception: Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00pm in the Pollak Room

Movie: Wednesday, October 22 at 2:00pm in the Auditorium

To become a member of the Friends, visit northbrook.info/friends (or scan the QR code on this page). If you have any questions, email us at friends@northbrook.info. We hope to see you on October 22!

Shop the Friends of the Library Book Sale

Stock up on books for the holidays at our last used book sale of the year on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 from 10am-4pm in the Civic Room. *Friends members are invited to a member-only preview night on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:30pm.*

Do you have a Little Free Library?

If so, the Friends of the Library would like to provide you with 10 adult paperbacks to add to it. To claim the free books, please email your name, address, and a photo of your Little Free Library to friends@northbrook.info.

If you're not sure we have your email address, send an email to friends@northbrook.info and we'll add you to our email list.



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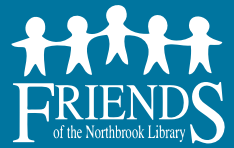
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Used Book Sale
October 24 & 25, 10am-4pm
Civic Room

Bookshop Hours
Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm
Fri: 9am-6pm, Sat: 9am-5pm
Sun: 1-5pm

Friends Board Members
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An Update on Our Strategic Plan Goals & Activities

Our strategic plan is all about serving you better! Here's what we've accomplished so far, and what's ahead.

What's New

Rent our Auditorium. Planning an event? Our 225-seat Auditorium is now available to rent with your Northbrook Library card. (Rental fees apply.)

Improved Accessibility. We've upgraded our ADA parking and modernized our elevators to make the library easier to access and navigate.

New AI Education Programs. We're committed to offering opportunities to learn about using artificial intelligence and how it may impact our lives. (See our AI programs on page 10.)

What's Ahead

Website Redesign. We look forward to providing you a more accessible, user-friendly library website in 2026.

Enhanced Programming. We're working on a plan to offer even more diverse programs for all ages and interests.

These improvements reflect our commitment to **connecting with our community** and **creating spaces to belong**, which are two key areas of our Strategic Plan, developed with input from the community.



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