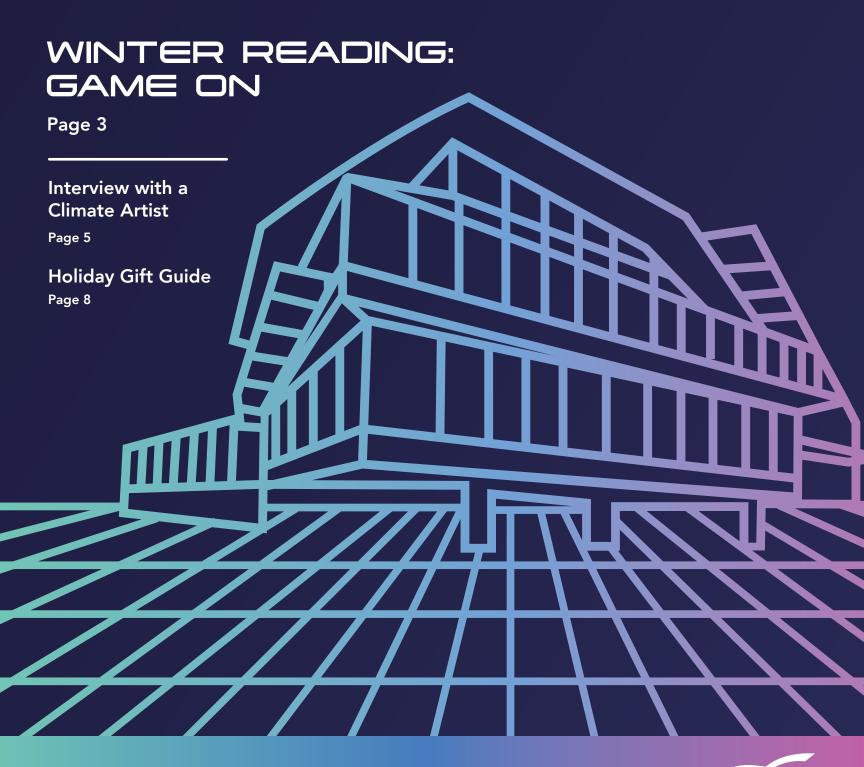
NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER ISSUE

December - February 2024



Notes from the Executive Director

Rummy. Spoons. Mancala.
Risk. Clue. Yahtzee. Those
are just a few of my favorite
games that I played
growing up. Now my
husband and I often play
backgammon or cribbage
and love Settlers of Catan,
Ticket to Ride, or Euchre when

we are hanging out with friends.

"Game On" is this year's theme for our Winter Reading Challenge, which starts December 1. When thinking about this theme, I realized that games have played just as big a role in my life as reading. I also love books that are about solving riddles and clues like *The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* and books where you have to find something like *Where's Waldo?* or *I Spy*.

Games are an easy way to bring an element of play into your life. Play is important for people at every age and helps improve brain function while it reduces stress and anxiety. As the days get shorter, this is something I am always in need of.

This winter, I encourage you to participate in our Winter Reading Challenge and also to look for ways to find opportunities for games and play. If you don't know where to start, consider checking out a board game or video game from our 3rd floor. If you need a recommendation, ask at one of our service desks. And if you have any suggestions for good games or puzzle books, I'd love to hear your recommendations!

Kate Hall Executive Director

Library Information

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NEWS & UPDATES

WE WELCOME OUR NEW TRUSTEE

In November, we welcomed Northbrook resident Nimesh Patel to the Library Board. Nimesh was appointed to fill a Board vacancy and will serve on the Library Board until May 2025.

UPDATE ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Community Survey. We will be taking all of the feedback we received and starting to work on a plan that incorporates our strategic priorities.

YOUTH SOLO COMPETITION

Musicians (both voice and instrument) ages 11-18 are invited to enter our first Youth Solo Competition for the chance to perform a recital in the Auditorium. Entries must be submitted by Thursday, January 11 at www.northbrook.info/solo-competition.

FINALS CAFE: JANUARY 13-16

Final exams can be a stressful time, so we invite local high school students to study for finals at the library and provide them with brain-boosting snacks and pizza in the Pollak Room. Turn to page 14 to see our full schedule of snacks and activities. Seating and parking may be limited on these days.

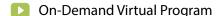
NEW UKRAINIAN COLLECTION

We have recently added a collection of over 40 fiction and nonfiction Ukrainian language books to our 2nd floor World Language area, and we'll continue to add new titles throughout the year. Chinese, Korean, Polish, Russian, and Spanish language books can also be found in our World Language area.

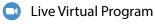
TECHNOLOGY DONATIONS

From December 1-30, Angaza Center, a nonprofit that provides technology education to secondary students in rural Africa, will have a bin in our lobby for donations of laptops, tablets, smartphones, and chargers.

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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Program







In-Person Program

CR Library Card Required





WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Dec. 1 – Jan. 31 (All Ages)

Sign up, read books, and earn great prizes!

Level up your reading this winter to earn an special, limited-edition mug, perfect for sipping your favorite hot beverage, and the chance to win our weekly gift card drawings and Grand Prize drawings.

We also invite you to make your best guess at the estimation jars at our Fiction & Media and Youth Services desks for the chance to win special game-themed prizes, like a pickleball set!



Starting December 1, you can sign up and track your reading at www.northbrook.info/winter-reading

Track your reading online or on your smartphone with the





Track the books you read to earn a mug and a chance to win a \$100 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card.



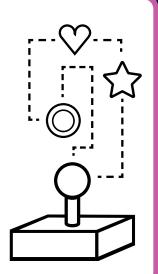
(Grades 6-12)

Get a free book for signing up. Then track your reading to earn a mug and a chance to win our Grand Prize drawing.



(Birth - Grade 5)

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FEATURED PROGRAMS

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Mindfulness Kit (All Ages) 59

Our Mindfulness Kits are designed for individuals with sensory processing challenges. Practice calming your mind with stretches, breathing exercises, and other calming activities.

Register by Sunday, December 3 to pick it up in Youth Services from Dec. 4 - 8.

End-of-Life Options

Planning and talking about the end-of-life process can help you make the choice that's best for you. A social worker and hospice volunteer will explain options for alleviating suffering at the end of life, including medical aid in dying.

Thursday, January 18 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

Sustainable vs Fast Fashion ¥

The host of the Clotheshorse podcast will explain how fashion choices impact everything from the air we breathe to the water we drink, and how to be an informed consumer.

Monday, January 22 7:00-8:00pm, Online

State of the Village Address

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, this annual event will feature a presentation by Village President Kathryn Ciesla, who will share the important issues, challenges, successes, and goals for the upcoming year. Friday, January 26
9:00-10:30am, Auditorium

GAME ON

History of the Northbrook Speed Skating Club

Explore the remarkable legacy of the Northbrook Speed Skating Club, learn how Northbrook earned its esteemed title as the "Speed Skating Capital of the World," and its enduring impact on this popular winter sport.
Tuesday, January 30, 2:00-3:00pm

Pollak Room

The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope & Resilience

Learn about the incredible dogs who survived the nuclear disaster in this heartwarming and emotionally uplifting presentation from animal behaviorist Stephen Quandt.

Monday, February 5 7:00-8:00pm, Online

Racial Challenges: Breaking Barriers Beyond Perceptions [1]

Black professionals who live and work in predominantly white areas share their experiences of the persistence of racial challenges. In partnership with RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore)

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



In partnership with StoryStudio Chicago

Stories from Objects with Vince Francone

Join author Vince Francone as we examine the way writers find inspiration from everyday objects and seemingly banal aspects of daily life.

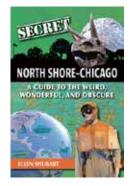
Monday, January 15

Monday, January 15 7:00-8:30pm, Online

Laughing Through the Tears— Incorporating Humor in Nonfiction with Ines Bellina

Writer Ines Bellina will show you techniques on how to master the use of comedy in nonfiction.

Monday, February 12 7:00-8:30pm, Online



Secret North Shore: The Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure

From train robberies to Tiffany windows, Chicago's North Shore has scores of interesting stories. While known for its tree-lined streets and quaint downtowns, hidden along the way are unusual sites and spots that will surprise even lifelong locals. Join local author Ellen Shubart to learn some fun facts about these communities.

Wednesday, February 21, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

Murder, Mayhem & The Mob The Mob's Influence on Popular Culture Organized crime and the Windy City are intertwined, from literature to film to music to slang. For an offer you can't refuse, join Chicago historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman to learn more about the role the mob plays in America's popular culture. Thursday, December 7, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

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FEATURED PROGRAMS (Continued)

Decorating for Lunar New Year: An Introduction to the Chinese Art of Paper Cutting [1]

Educator Yvonne Wolf explains the art of Chinese paper cutting and how to make your own art to celebrate the Year of the Dragon.

Templates will be provided. Amonday, January 29
7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room



Lunar New Year Festival Show [1]

The Northbrook Chinese American community invites you to celebrate the Lunar New Year with a special variety show featuring performances by adults and children, including Soaring Eagle Kung Fu, singers, dancers, and more. Saturday, February 17, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

Visualizing Climate Change: Alisa Singer's Environmental Art

Have you ever walked by the entrance to the Collaboratory and noticed the vibrant, glimmering art on the wall? If so, you've seen the work of Northbrook resident Alisa Singer. But did you realize her beautiful art also conveys an important message?

Alisa's journey from law to climate change artist began in 2014 when she retired from a career as a corporate attorney and began looking for a project she was passionate about. After doing some research, Alisa noticed that climate change projections made by scientists 30 years ago were "startlingly accurate and almost too conservative." She also recognized that graphs and data can often be difficult to digest, even when people care about climate change and the environment.

So Alisa decided to put her artistic skills to use and translate climate change data into digital art. "It's the perfect way to pull viewers in and allow them to take their time processing the data," she explained.

Alisa's Environmental Graphiti® art made its debut in 2015 at a Ravinia fundraiser but has since spread to global exhibitions and has even been featured on several UN climate reports. It is currently on display across the United States as well as closer to home at Loyola University Chicago, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum—and, of course at Northbrook Public Library.

Our display at the library is unique in that it is Alisa's only rotating exhibit. Changed every few months, the pieces come from Alisa's own personal collection, which have been printed on metal using the ChromaLuxe process to help them retain their gleam.

When asked about the country's current response to climate change, Alisa said that while she's not wholly optimistic about the urgency with which it is being addressed, she's encouraged that businesses and financial institutions are starting to acknowledge the threat it presents.

In the future, Alisa would like to increase awareness by having her art displayed outdoors around the community. Until then, you can experience it on our 2nd floor and on her website, environmentalgraphiti.



Alisa Singer positions her art at the library

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BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Dec. 13: Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich Jan. 10: Silas Marner by George Eliot **Feb. 14:** Augustus by John Williams Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online

FRIENDS

Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Dec 12: Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Jan. 16: Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

Feb 20: Go As a River by Shelley Read Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Online

FRIENDS

Bestsellers and Beyond

Join Librarian Lori Siegel on Zoom for her reviews of various books perfect for your reading list or to share with your book group. Thursday, December 14, 2:00-3:00pm, Online

Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Dec. 5: The Kingdoms of Savannah by George Dawes Green

Feb. 13: This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room &

Classic Great Books with Robert Waterbury

Dec. 18: Life of Samuel Johnson by James Boswell

Jan. 18: Faust, Part 1 by Goethe

Feb. 19: On the Origin of Species by Charles Darwin

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

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Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

The best-selling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone and co-host of the "Dear Therapists" podcast joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season. Wednesday, December 6, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

Watch The Nutcracker, A Stage Recording

Enjoy The Nutcracker at home performed by the United Kingdom's internationally renowned Royal Ballet. The recorded performance can be viewed on Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17. Registrants will receive an email with a special link to the performance.

December 16-17, On-Demand

Speculating About Our Al Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu & Martha Wells

The best-selling science fiction writers will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future and in science fiction writing.

January 11, 7:00-8:00pm, Online

A Conversation with Julia Quinn

Best-selling author Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about *Bridgerton* and all things romance.

Tuesday, February 20 7:00-8:00pm, Online



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga 💄

Fridays, Dec. 1 – Feb 23*
10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room
* No chair yoga on Jan. 19 & 26

Private Session With a Financial Planner

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

Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8 9:30am-12:30pm, Study Room 12 (2nd Floor)

AARP Driver Safety Course &

Tuesday & Wednesday December 12 & 13 12:00-4:00pm, Pollak Room

CONCERTS

Register now for all Adult programs on pages 4-12

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CLASSICAL

Duo Forzando

This violin and piano duo brings dynamically contrasting programs and daring performances, featuring works by Mozart, Piazzolla, Esmail, and Ponce.

Sunday, December 3, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Franco Pomponi

Acclaimed for the rich, expressive beauty of his voice, baritone Franco Pomponi has performed at many of the world's most prestigious opera houses and concert halls. He will perform Schumann's Dichterliebe and Vaughan-Williams' Songs of Travel.

Sunday, December 10, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Varo String Quartet

The Varo String Quartet presents The String Quartet through the 20th and 21st Centuries featuring works by Shostakovich, Debussy, Shaw, and Hyla.

Sunday, January 21, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

LYNX Project [1]

The LYNX Project Amplify Series presents original compositions of classical music based on poems by (primarily nonspeaking) autistic poets. They will perform a sampling of works commissioned by over 40 writers and composers.

Sunday, January 28, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Family Concert: Rona Horn Quartet

An exciting performance by four French horns that will entertain the whole family! This is the perfect concert for kids to learn more about French horns.

Sunday, February 4, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Christopher Laughlin

Guitarist Christopher Laughlin performs classical and flamenco guitar solos, plus some classic rock songs arranged for guitar and special effects. Sunday, February 11, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Alexa Muhly

Violinist Joan

Violinist Joanna Nerius, violist Willie McIellan, pianist Sooka Wang, and cellist Alexa Muhly will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, and Bolcom.

Sunday, February 18, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium

Folias Duo

This flute and guitar duo combines European classical music with jazz, world music, and improvisation, resulting in meticulously crafted and scenic pieces. Sunday, February 25, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium



Andy Pratt

Enjoy a performance of jazz standards from singer/guitarist, Andy Pratt. Between songs, Andy will share interesting anecdotes about the songs and composers. **A** Monday, January 8, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium

MUSIC LECTURES

Appreciating Classical Music

Join librarian Madison Vienna on Zoom to explore a different classical music topic each month.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm, Online

December 12: History of the Orchestra

January 9: Chopin 🖘

February 6: The Evolution & Revolution of the Modern Musician

Holiday Gift Guide



We hope you enjoy this handy list of titles suggested by library staff. We've also included the list at www.northbrook.info/giftguide.

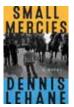
Please consider purchasing books from The Book Bin (1151 Church St.), a Northbrook institution that has served our community for more than 50 years.

Fiction Books



The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi by S.A. Chakraborty

In this tale of magic and mayhem on the high seas, a pirate comes out of retirement to rescue a friend's granddaughter from a sorcerer.



Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane

An intense and moving work of crime fiction, set during a summer of racial unrest in Boston, when a white woman's daughter disappears on the same night that a young Black man is killed.



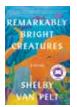
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

A humorous cozy mystery featuring a senior sleuth who finds a body in her Chinatown tea shop and befriends all her suspects.



Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea

Inspired by the World War II experiences of the author's mother, this story of two women from different backgrounds serving in the Red Cross is an uplifting portrait of friendship and valor in harrowing circumstances.



Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

A heartfelt and engaging story of a captive octopus who longs for escape and a grieving woman working at the aquarium who form a bond and are able to help each other find peace.



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

A weighty and absorbing saga of an Indian family in the coastal region of Kerala who are afflicted by a malady that includes an aversion to water.





The Cook's Book by Bri McKoy

This foolproof, upbeat kitchen companion helps home cooks go beyond simple recipe reading and gives them the skills they need to master the art of confident cooking.



Under Alien Skies by Philip Plait

A far-out experience for the armchair traveler, touring the universe with stops at the Moon, Mars, a nebula, a black hole, and more, complete with color photos and illustrations.



Why We Love Baseball by Joe Posnanski

A celebration of the most magical moments in baseball, from Little League to the Majors, reminding casual fans and experts alike why the sport is America's pastime.



Wake Up with Purpose by Sister Jean Schmidt

A remarkable memoir filled with history, wonder, and common-sense wisdom from a 103-year-old nun and college basketball fan at Loyola Chicago.



Brave the Wild River by Melissa Sevigny

The riveting tale of two pioneering women who embarked on a historic botanical survey by boat down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon.



My Name Is Barbra by Barbra Streisand

This long-anticipated memoir by the superstar of stage, screen, and song will be a welcome gift for her many fans.

Jeens



Her Radiant Curse by Elizabeth Lim

Two sisters fight to save each other when a betrothal contest goes wrong, and a great evil is unleashed.
(Grades 7 & up)



Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley

Perry Firekeeper-Birch, a Native American teen, must do everything she can to bring her ancestors back to their rightful resting place. (Grades 9–12)



The Brothers Hawthorne by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The games are not over yet—the Hawthorne brothers can't stay away from the twisted clues and mysteries that test just how far they will go. (Grades 6 & up)



Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute by Talia Hibbert

A quirky, conspiracy-theory content creator and a perfect football star put themselves to the test by surviving the outdoors, and each other. (Grades 9–12)





Children's Book of Music by DK Publishing This book is packed with facts and photos talking about music all around the world. You will even discover how instruments are made! (Grades 3–6)



Lei and the Fire Goddess by Malia Maunakea An action packed adventure where a 12 year old girl discovers her grandmother's Hawaiian folk tales and legends are true. (Grades 4–6)



The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary D. Schmidt

The smallest kid in class is given the challenge to recreate the mythical challenges of Hercules and learns he is not alone. (Grades 4–6)



The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac Barnett The First Cat and the Moon Queen must travel to find a cure after the moon queen is poisoned with her soup! (Grades 3–6)

Early Chapter Books



Cat on the Run 1: Cat on the Run in Cat of Death! by Aaron Blabey

What happens when the world's biggest cat video star gets accused of a crime she didn't commit? She becomes a cat on the run, that's what. (Grades 2–4)



The Handbook of Forgotten Skills by Elaine Batiste and Natalie Crowley

Unlock hours of fun in this illustrated guide to classic fun and handy skills for a new generation. (Grades 2–5)





The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale by Jon Klassen Brave girl Otilla finds herself lost in the dark forest after escaping a terrible danger and comes upon a cabin where she's hosted by a skull who's afraid of something, too. (Grades K–3)



Cat Sees Snow by Laura Gehl; illustrated by Fred Blunt

Perfect for kids at the beginning of their reading journeys! Cat sees snow. Dog cannot blow the snow. Pig is slow in the snow. Can they still have fun in the snow? (Grades K–2)

Picture Books



Woo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by Sandra Boynton

An extremely exuberant chicken has an important message to share in this entertaining rhyming book that reminds readers that trying your best is reason enough to celebrate. (Ages 4 & up)



Eric Loves Animals: (just like you!) by Eric Carle

Explore the animal kingdom through the eyes of bestselling author and illustrator Eric Carle with this alphabetized treasury of animal illustrations. (Ages 2–6)



How to Count to One: (and don't even THINK about bigger numbers!) by Caspar Salmon

A hilariously bossy picture book about counting that children will love to try and outsmart! (Ages 3–6)



Tap! Tap!: Dance! Dance! Dance! by Hervé Tullet

Read, play, and DANCE as your hands become the dancer and the book the dance floor in this out-of-the box picture book. (Ages 3–6)





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Italian Film Festival Screening



The Invisible Witness

In this award-winning crime mystery, a successful young entrepreneur is accused of a murder he did not commit. In Italian with English subtitles. **2018** (102 minutes). **Not Rated**

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30pm Auditorium

In Partnership with Italian Film Festival USA

The Nutcracker, A Stage Recording



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This program is presented by Illinois Libraries Present.

Super Bowl Film Screening



80 for Brady

Inspired by a true story, four friends take a wild trip to see their hero, Tom Brady, play in the 2017 Super Bowl. 2023 (98 minutes). Rated PG-13
Thursday, February 8, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

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Film Discussions

Use your library card to stream the film or check it out at the library and then ioin us on Zoom to discuss it.

Film Discussion with Aaron

Dirty Pretty Things 2003 | Rated R
Available to stream on Hoopla.

Monday, December 4
7:00-8:00pm, Online

Raising Arizona 1987 | Rated PG-13 Available to stream on Hoopla.

Monday, February 26
7:00-8:00pm, Online

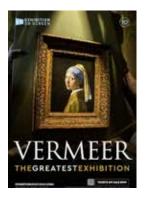
Film Discussion with Margo

Return to Seoul 2022 | Rated R Available on DVD and Blu-Ray.
Thursday, December 14
7:00-8:00pm, Online

Frances Ha 2012 | Rated R ☐ Available to stream on Kanopy. Thursday, February 8 7:00-8:00pm, Online

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

Vermeer: The Greatest Exhibition



In the spring of 2023, Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum opened the largest Vermeer exhibition in history, which drew visitors from around the world during its 16-week run. This remarkable film lets you experience a private view of this once-in-a-lifetime exhibit on the big screen, accompanied by the director of the Rijksmuseum and the curator of the show.

With loans from across the world, this major retrospective brings together Vermeer's most famous masterpieces, including Girl with a Pearl Earring, The Geographer, Woman Holding a Balance, and many others.

2023 (90 minutes) Not Rated

Thursday, February 22, 2:00-4:00pm, Auditorium

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SATURDAY FIRST-RUN FILMS

Presented in the Auditorium on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00pm. A FRIENDS



No film scheduled Saturday, January 13

December 9 The Miracle Club 2023 (90 minutes) **Rated PG-13**



February 10 Golda* 2023 (100 minutes) Rated PG-13

SATURDAY FAMILY FILMS

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



December 30 Elemental* 2023 (102 minutes) **Rated PG**



January 27 TMNT: Mutant Mayhem* 2023 (99 minutes) **Rated PG**



February 24 Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie* 2023 (92 minutes) **Rated PG**

* Not confirmed at press time

JANUARY GAME ON Series

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

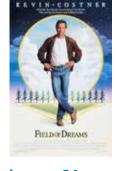


January 3 Pat and Mike 1952 (95 minutes) **Not Rated**



January 10 WarGames 1983 (114 minutes) **Rated PG**





January 24 Field of Dreams 1989 (107 minutes) **Rated PG**



January 31 Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves 2023 (134 minutes) Rated PG-13

What Northbrook was watching most

These movies were checkedout most by Northbrook Library card holders in 2023.

- 1. The Fabelmans
- 2. A Man Called Otto
- 3. The Banshees of Inisherin
- 4. The Whale
- 5. Top Gun, Maverick

Margo's "Hidden Gems" of 2023

We asked Fiction & Media librarian Margo Hill to recommend five must-see movies available to check out or stream on Kanopy or Hoopla with your library card.



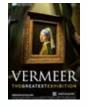
The Quiet Girl DVD, Kanopy Rated PG-13



Polite Society DVD, Blu-ray **Rated PG-13**



Past Lives DVD, Blu-ray **Rated PG-13**



Close to Vermeer BlackBerry DVD, Kanopy, Hoopla



DVD Rated R

TECH & BUSINESS PROGRAMS

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TECH CLASSES

Advance registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise.

Register now for all Tech programs

Note: All tech classes will be held in the Interactive Classroom

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel Basics

Create, modify, and format spreadsheets. __

Thursday, January 18, 6:30-8:00pm

Excel Formatting

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

Thursday, January 25, 6:30-8:00pm

Excel Formulas & Functions

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

Thursday, February 1, 6:30-8:00pm

Excel Pivot Tables

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

Thursday, February 15, 6:30-8:00pm

Excel VLookups

Use the VLookup function to compare two lists. &

Thursday, February 22, 6:30-8:00pm

Excel Charts & Graphs

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

Thursday, February 29, 6:30-8:00pm

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

PowerPoint Crash Course

Create beautiful slideshow presentations with transitions, animations, graphics, and media. Luesday, February 27, 7:00-8:30pm



BUSINESS & CAREER

Applicant Tracking Systems or Bust

In this 2-part series, career coach Lauren Milligan will explain how to improve your job search and résumé and beat résumé filters.

Part 1: Learn to avoid applicant tracking system pitfalls to ensure your résumé is seen. □
Tuesday, February 13, 7:00-8:30pm, Online

Part 2: Find the perfect keywords to incorporate into your résumé and LinkedIn profile. Tuesday, February 20, 7:00-8:30pm, Online

This Lake Cook Career Collab partner program is hosted by Indian Trails Public Library.

Looking for more career workshops?

Access career workshops (live & on-demand) through our partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collaborative. You can find 12 on-demand workshops, including *Over 40 & Hired* and *Steps to Success: Job Placement for People with Disabilities*. Find them at www.careercollab.org/workshops.

Cut the Cable

Say goodbye to your cable bill! Learn the basics of streaming TV and movies to your TV with a media streaming device (Roku, Chromecast, Apple TV) and an internet connection.

Thursday, December 7 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

Tech Talk: A.I.

Learn how different types of artificial intelligence, such as ChatGPT, are changing schools, business, and popular culture.

Monday, February 5, 1:00-2:00pm Pollak Room

Tech Tuesdays

Tech Tuesday will be taking a break in December. It will return on Tuesday, January 23.

Drop by for help with accessing eBooks, streaming media, email, social media, and more. Please bring your device and any passwords. Registration is not required for this drop-in program.

Tuesdays, January 23 – February 26, 3:00-5:00pm, Reference Desk



MAKER PROGRAMS

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Registration for Maker programs begins on the first day of the month before the program date. Due to the holiday, February program registration will begin on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00am.

TEEN/ADULT MAKER (Age 13-Adult)

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

Beginners Laser Cut Necklace G

Learn how to etch and cut a simple acrylic necklace using Corel Vector.

This class is limited to those who have no prior experience with Corel Vector.

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00-7:30pm,
Collaboratory

DIY Candle Pouring

Make a scented soy wax candle in a 6oz container. To let them cool, candles will be available for pickup the following day. Wednesday, January 24, 6:00-7:00pm Interactive Classroom

DIY Mini Macrame Wall Hanging @

Learn basic macrame techniques to create a mini wall hanging. Laure Tuesday, January 30, 6:00-7:30pm Interactive Classroom

Laser Cut Wood Earrings @

Learn to etch and cut a pair of wood earrings using Corel Vector software. Luesday, February 6, 6:00-8:00pm
Collaboratory

Crochet a Hat @

Learn to crochet a hat. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. Wednesday, February 7, 6:00-7:00pm Interactive Classroom

DIY Chandelier Earrings @

Learn jewelry techniques to make a pair of chandelier earrings. \$\rightarrow\$

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00pm-7:30pm Interactive Classroom

Digitizing Media

Digitizing Slides @

Learn to digitize slides in the Peltz Digitization room. ♣ Thursday, January 25 6:00-7:00pm, Collaboratory

Digitizing VHS Tapes @

Watch a demo on digitizing VHS tapes in the Peltz Digitization Room. Limit one registration per card, per class. A Thursday, February 8, 6:00-7:00pm

Sewing Skills

Sewing Machine Basics

Learn sewing machine basics in this hands-on class. Sewing machines provided.

Saturday, January 27, 10:30am-12:00pm Interactive Classroom

Intermediate Sewing Machine

For those who have taken basic sewing classes. Sewing machines provided. Saturday, February 24, 10:30am-12:00pm Interactive Classroom

Virtual Glass Fusion

Limit of one glass fusion class per calendar year. Maximum of one registration per card/per class.

Mosaic Round Dish @

Wall Hanging @

Kit pickup is available one week before the program.
Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30pm Online

YOUTH MAKER All materials provided unless noted otherwise.

Dragon Suncatcher with Cricut (Grade 6-8) [10]

Make a Lunar New Year-inspired holographic suncatcher. ♣ Wednesday, January 31 4:30-6:00pm Interactive Classroom

DIY Felt Dragon (Grade 6-8)

Interactive Classroom

Learn hand-sewing techniques to create a Lunar New Year-inspired felt dragon.

Wednesday, February 14 4:30-6:00pm, Interactive Classroom

FrankenToys (Grade 3-5)

Take apart old or broken toys and use their pieces to create new toys from your imagination. ♣ Wednesday, February 21 4:30-5:30pm, Pollak Room A

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FINALS CAFE (GRADES 9-12)



Each year we welcome Northbrook students in Grades 9-12 to drop by and study for final exams at the library, and we'll be serving up some serious study motivation with snacks and pizza in the Pollak Room at designated times (details below). Students are also welcome to bring their own snacks—just nothing messy or smelly.

Finals Cafe Schedule (Saturday – Tuesday)

Saturday, January 13, 9:00am-4:30pm, Pollak Room Pizza served at 2:00pm

Sunday, January 14, 1:00-4:30pm, Pollak Room Pizza served at 2:00pm

Monday, January 15 & Tuesday, January 16 3:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room *Pizza served at 7:00pm*

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join the Teen Advisory Board! Eat pizza, help us plan teen programs, and complete service projects. \$\times\$

Tuesday, December 12, 5:00-6:00pm, YS Activity Room Tuesday, February 13, 5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room



Teen Movie Night (Grades 7-12)

Come sit back and enjoy *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* (Rated PG-13) on the big screen on your day off of school! Pizza and soda will be served after the movie.

Monday, February 19, 5:30-8:00pm, Auditorium



(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.



This Woven Kingdom by Tahereh Mafi (Recommended for grades 8 & up.) ♣ Thursday, February 29, 5:00-6:00pm Civic Room

WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Dec. 1 to Jan. 31 (All Ages)

Level up your reading this winter and earn great prizes, including a book, a mug, and a chance to win our grand prize drawing!

Sign up and track your reading at www.northbrook.info/winter-reading

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Mindfulness Kit (All Ages) 52

Our Mindfulness Kits are designed for individuals with sensory processing challenges. Practice calming your mind with stretches, breathing exercises, and other calming activities.

Register by Sunday, December 3 to pick it up in Youth Services from December 4 - 8.

Winter Storytime & Activities (Families, Drop-In)

Warm up your Saturday morning with this winter-themed storytime. Join us afterward for crafts and treats. Pajamas and cozy clothing are encouraged! 🚨



Saturday, December 16, 10:00-11:00am, YS Story Corner #### FRIENDS

Noon Year's Eve Kit (Families)



Ring in the New Year at home with a Noon Year's Eve kit that includes festive activities and crafts.

Register by Sunday, December 17 for pickup in the Youth Services department between December 26-30.

FRIENDS

Firefly Theatre: Spark's Snow Day! (Families)

Go sledding, ice skating, and more with Spark the Firefly on her very first snow day! This unique theatre experience will capture your child's imagination through music, poetry, and interactive movement. Recommended for ages 2-7.







GAME ON

GIANT Games (Families, Drop-in)

If you love board games as much as we do, come play GIANT-sized versions of classic games. \triangle Wednesdays, December 27 & January 3 9:00am-9:00pm, YS Story Corner

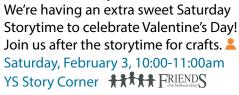
ARTcade (Families, Drop-in)

Drop in and create a craft inspired by your favorite games and characters.

Fridays, December 29 & January 5 10:30am-12:00pm, YS Activity Room

December 29: 8 Bit Art • January 5: Board Game Art

Valentine Storytime & Activities (Families, Drop-In)







Family Concert: Rona Horn Quartet (French horns)

This exciting performance by four French horns will entertain the whole family! This is the perfect concert for kids to learn more about French horns. Sunday, February 4, 3:00-4:30pm **Auditorium**

Story Fest: Lunar New Year (All Ages) EDI

Join us for a Lunar New Year celebration filled with stories, crafts, and fun. Storytime begins at 4:30pm. Register for a spot, then come in any time after 3:30pm. Friday, February 9, 3:30-5:00pm, **Youth Services department** #### FRIENDS

Lunar New Year Festival Show (All Ages, with Caregiver) EDI The Northbrook Chinese American community invites you to celebrate the Lunar New Year with a special variety show featuring performances by adults and children, including Soaring Eagle Kung Fu, singers, dancers, and more. Saturday, February 17, 2:00-4:00pm **Auditorium**



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SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Chess Club (Grades K-6)

Learn new moves, strategy, and checkmates at our new monthly club led by National Chess Masters Arjun & Gauri Manoj of Glenview Chess. All materials and instruction will be provided.

Mondays, December 4 & February 5, 6:00-7:00pm* **YS Activity Room** *No Chess Club in January #### FRIENDS

Y-Art (Families, Drop-In)

Start your Saturday with art! Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. (Art supplies are limited; available first come, first served.) 2

Saturdays, December 9 & February 10* *No Y-Art in January

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, December 12, January 16, & February 20 4:00-5:00pm, Online *** FRIENDS

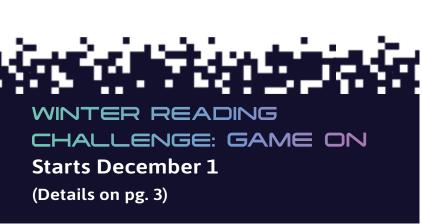


Board Game Group (Grades 4-12)

Try out a different board game each month!

Thursdays, December 14, January 25 & February 22 4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

December 14: Pandemic January 25: Ticket to Ride February 22: Dinosaur Tea Party





SAME ON Nintendo Switch: Mario Party Superstars (Grades 4-12, Drop-In)

Be the mini-game Superstar! Play dozens of different minigames. Bring your friends or meet new people. This program is perfect for gaming newcomers and veterans alike! 2 Tuesday, January 2, 3:30-5:00pm, YS Activity Room #### FRIENDS

Watercolor Class (Grades 4-8)

Relax as you explore working with watercolors in this introductory class. Please wear clothes that can get messy. & Monday, February 19, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

NPL News Club (Grades 3-6)

Learn what it's like to be a journalist! Solve mysteries and interview interesting local leaders at the library. For curious kids who like to check their sources.

Wednesday, February 21, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

SATURDAY FAMILY FILMS

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



December 30 Elemental* **2023** (102 minutes) **Rated PG**



January 27 TMNT: Mutant Mayhem* **Rated PG**



February 24 Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie* **2023** (99 minutes) **2023** (92 minutes) **Rated PG**

^{*} Not confirmed at press time

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BOOK DISCUSSIONS



Serial Readers Book Discussion (Grades 4-6)

Read the first book in a series and then join us for activities, discussions, and snacks. Copies of the book will be available at the YS desk a month before the program. Lessdays, December 5 & February 6, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

December 5: Homerooms and Hall Passes by Tom O'Donnell

February 6: Framed! by James Ponti

Cool Reads (Grades K-2)

Enjoy a fun book discussion and activities. You don't need to read the book to attend. ▲ Wednesdays, December 13, January 10 &

February 14, 4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room **December 13:** *The Little Polar Bear* by Hans de Beer

January 10: Jumanji by Chris Van Allsberg
February 14: Irving and Muktuk by Daniel Pinkwater



Graphics Squad (Grades 2-5)

Join us for a graphic novel book discussion and craft. Copies of the book will be available at the YS desk a month before the program. ▲ Mondays, December 18 & February 26 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

December 18: The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac Barnett

February 26: Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown



Read to a K-9 Reading Buddy (Grades K-6) K\$\\$9

Independent readers can practice their skills and build confidence by reading to a friendly registered therapy dog from K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore. Use our online appointment scheduler to register for a 15-minute time slot for each child who would like to read to a therapy dog. \triangle

Tuesdays, December 19, January 23 & February 27, 6:00-7:15pm, YS Activity Room





I Survived STEM Challenge (Grades 3-5)

Join us for fun science experiments and challenges based on the book *I Survived The Wellington Avalanche,* 1910 by Lauren Tarshis.

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

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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, with Caregiver)

Preschoolers will have fun learning basic yoga poses. Please register each child individually. ▲ Mondays, December 4 & February 19

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

Learn basic science, math, and engineering concepts through activities, stories, and crafts. \$\rm2\$

Monday, February 5, 10:30-11:30am, YS Activity Room

STORYTIMES

11:00-11:30am, Pollak Room

Saturday Storytime (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us on the first Saturday of the month. Saturdays, December 2, January 6 & February 3

NEW TIME! 10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

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

Featuring a new theme each week. ▲
Tuesdays & Thursdays, December 5–February 1*
10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

*No Storytime on December 26 & 28 and January 16 & 18

Babytime (Birth-24 months)

Songs and simple stories to nurture your baby's curiosity while providing caregivers a chance to socialize.

Wednesdays, December 6-January 31*
10:00-10:45am, YS Activity Room
*No Babytime on December 27 and January 17

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

Stories and activities for preschoolers. 🚨

Thursdays, December 7 - February 1* 2:00-2:30pm, YS Activity Room

*No Preschool Storytime on December 28 and January 18

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

Children will have a blast as they sing and dance to songs performed on a variety of instruments. Wednesdays, February 7, 14 & 21, 10:30-11:00am

YS Story Corner

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) [1]

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

Fridays, December 8, January 12 & February 9 10:30-11:00am, YS Activity Room

Hebrew Language Storytime (Ages 2-6, with Caregiver)

Learn about the Hebrew language and culture through stories, songs, and sensory activities.

Mondays, December 18, January 22 & February 26 10:00-10:30am, YS Activity Room

Spanish Language Storytime with Señora Kus (All Ages, Drop-In)

Explore the Spanish language with songs, stories, rhymes, and movement. Bilingual storytime is designed to provide English speakers with a brain-building dose of Spanish. Friday, January 5, 10:00-10:30am, YS Story Corner

Playful Storytelling: Make a Story Box

- Decorate a small box with your child and label it "Story Box."
- **2.** Place family photos or pictures from magazines into the box.
- 3. At story time, each person takes a picture out of the box (no peeking) and then tells a short story about the picture.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

From the Board President

Dear Friends,

Winter is upon us, and it's a great time for browsing the Friends Book Shop at the library. We have a wide selection of popular and literary fiction (including large print) and non-fiction as well as books for children. Are you traveling this winter? Pick up some paperbacks that you can read and leave at your destination. All the funds that we generate go right back into library programs.

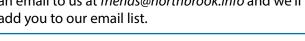
A recent addition to Youth Services, the Nintendo Switch, is an example of how the Friends support our Library. And this season, the Friends continue to sponsor first-run and family films, chair yoga, book discussions, and glass fusion workshops. If you enjoy these programs, please consider becoming a member of the Friends by using the form on this page.

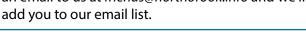
Feel free to send your suggestions or questions to friends@northbrook.info. We are always looking for volunteers, and we'd love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Merrill Medansky Friends Board President

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





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ART EXHIBITS

The Art of Brian Sindler January & February (1st, 2nd & 3rd Floors)

Held in partnership with the Northbrook Arts Commission, this Artist in Residence exhibit features the works of Northbrook artist Brian Sindler.

To Serve and Protect: Northbrook Edition January & February (2nd Floor)

An exhibit of photos of the Northbrook police and fire departments taken by Brad Floden.

Reception on Tuesday, January 23 at 7:00pm

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