

NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

January & February 2021

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Notes from the Director



I have rewritten this article several times because the world keeps throwing curveballs. But such is life in 2020. As I write this, we are experiencing a significant COVID surge in Illinois, and we have reclosed

the building while still offering curbside pickup, homebound delivery, and virtual programs.

But we are making good use of the time and are prepping for our lobby remodel. When the work is finished, we'll be able to offer you safer ways to check out materials and a more streamlined check-in system, along with high demand titles for you to grab and go. You can learn more about the project on page 3.

Normally at this time we would be getting ready to welcome hundreds of high school students to the library for Finals Café. This year, we're excited to offer them Finals Care Packages to let students know we're thinking about them as they study at home. We look forward to seeing them back in person again.

I don't know what the new year will bring, but I know that whatever it is we will be here to continue to provide you with access to resources and information. I hope you and yours have a safe new year.

Kate Hall
Executive Director


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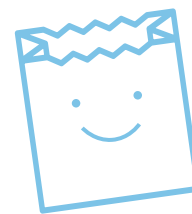
NEWS & UPDATES

NEW EDI SYMBOL & WEB PAGE

In this newsletter, we introduce our new **EDI** symbol. You will see this symbol next to the title of programs that focus on themes of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Although providing these programs is not new, we believe that making it easier for people to find them helps support our efforts to create a more inclusive and equitable library space for the community. Learn more at www.northbrook.info/edi.

CELEBRATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING FOR FINALS

Although we can't invite students to the library to study, our new Finals Care Packages provide a safety-conscious version of our traditional finals week celebration. We invite high school students to stop by to pick up a Finals Care Package filled with goodies to enjoy as they stay safe and stay home during finals week. You can find more information and pickup times at www.northbrook.info/teens.



BORROW ITEMS FROM NEAR AND FAR

Although we temporarily suspended our interlibrary loan service for safety reasons, we have recently reinstated it based on new studies that show that the transmission rate of COVID-19 from materials is very low. You can now place holds on items from other libraries and receive them through curbside pickup.

PAUSING OUR ANNUAL CRAFT SWAP

Due to our indoor curbside pickup services, we will not have enough space available to host our craft swap this year. We look forward to welcoming it back next year.

SHARE YOUR NORTHBROOK STORY

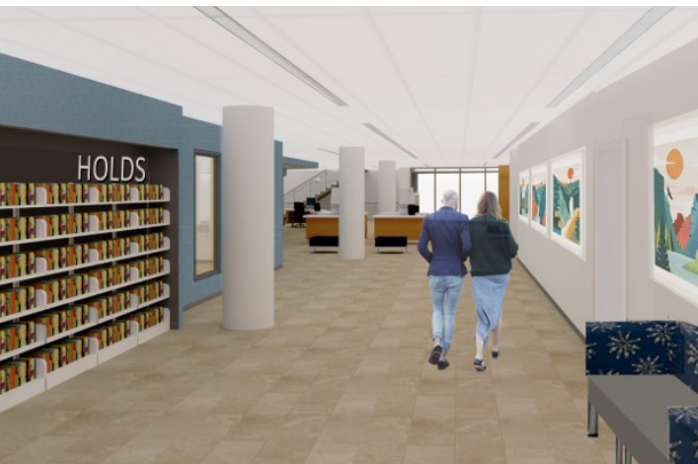
Do you have a story to share about what Northbrook life was like in 2020? The Northbrook Historical Society is looking for photos, videos, and written content for its local history collection. Send materials to Northbrook Historical Society, 1812 Chapel Court, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 or email northbrookhistory@gmail.com. You can also sign up with Northbrook Voices, an oral history website, to tell your pandemic stories, immigrant stories, or other interesting stories about life in Northbrook. Visit www.northbrookvoices.org to learn more.

FEATURE ARTICLE

LOBBY REMODEL

In November, we took the first step in modernizing how we check out and check in library materials. We worked with a company to place 2" square RFID tags on every item we own. These tags (like the ones many retailers use) open up a world of possibilities that we are excited to share with you.

This remodel—in response to patron feedback that the lobby felt uninviting and underutilized—will make the lobby more welcoming and safety conscious, with the addition of additional grab and go collections, self-service hold shelves, and new user-friendly self-check machines.

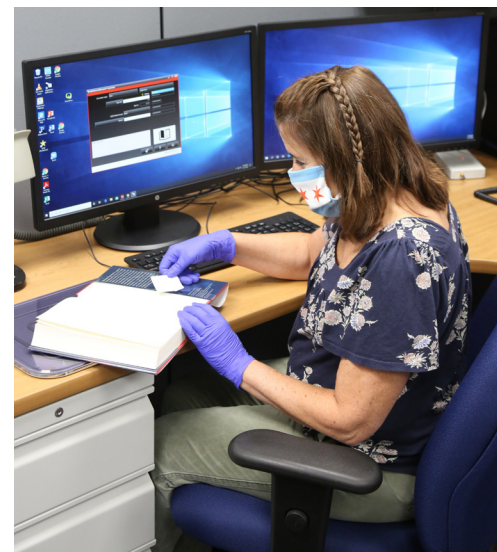


Along with the RFID project, in February, we will begin remodeling parts of the first floor that were not updated in 2015, when we improved our meeting rooms and updated our auditorium.

It also paves the way for a machine that will check-in and sort returned items, which will help us get items back onto the shelves and into patrons' hands more quickly.

Although this may seem an unusual time to be renovating the library, the project has been planned for almost two years, and the financing was lined up prior to the pandemic.

By renovating now, we were able to secure very competitive pricing for the project and remain good financial stewards of taxpayer money.

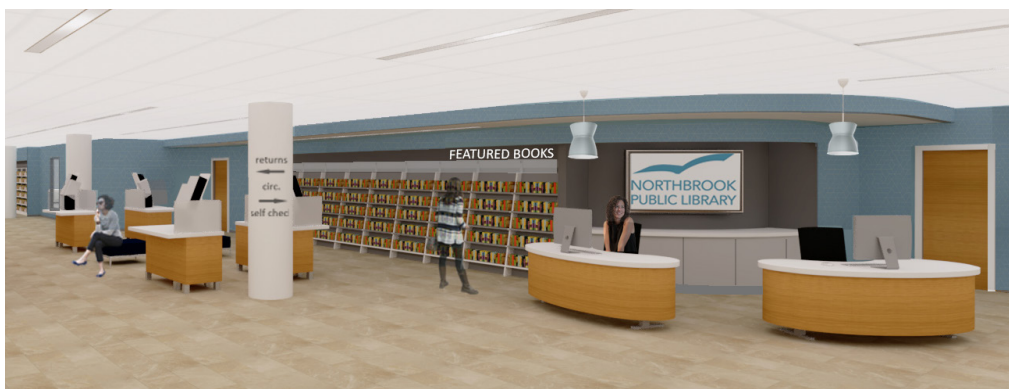


Here is what you can look forward to when the remodel is completed:

- New welcome area with a staff member to greet and assist you as you enter
- More collections in the lobby for you to browse and check out
- New, easy-to-use, socially distanced self-check machines
- Ability to return multiple items at once and watch as they are checked in by the automated sorting machine
- New self-service hold shelves for an express holds experience

The project will begin in February and wrap up by early May.

We will post regular updates to www.northbrook.info/lobby-remodel and send out updates by email. You can sign up to receive these email updates at www.northbrook.info/email.



KEY FACTS

Construction length:
3.5 months

Architect:
Product Architecture and Design

Construction manager:
Pepper Construction

Expected start:
February 2021

Expected completion:
May 2021

ADULT VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Joyful January:

Mindfulness Practices

Learn mindfulness strategies to help manage stressful emotions and strengthen mental focus. The instructor will introduce new strategies each week, so you're welcome to sign up for one or more sessions.

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27,
7:30-8:30pm

Sports, Politics, and Race **RS** **EDI**

Veteran sports journalist, Mike Bass, discusses how our current political, social, and public health circumstances are changing professional sports.

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00-8:00pm

Essentials to Understanding the Lunar New Year **RS**

Join Yvonne Wolf to better understand Lunar New Year with celebratory activities you can do at home.

Wednesday, February 3, 7:00-8:30pm

Lincoln as Storyteller **RS**

Abraham Lincoln (as portrayed by Kevin Wood) shares some of his favorite stories and jokes, with a good dose of both the nation's history and the President's personal story.

Thursday, February 11, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Buying & Selling on eBay **RS**

Create an account, search for items and place bids on eBay in session 1. Session 2 covers what you need to know to start selling items on eBay.

Thursdays, February 4 & 11, 7:00-8:30pm

Emancipation to Inauguration: Chicago Heroes **RS**

From the "shotgun shack" to the White House, Chicago historian and radio personality Clarence Goodman will tell stories of the Black musicians, publishers, politicians, and other Chi-Town heroes who helped to shape American culture.

Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:30pm

BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

Environmental Book Club **RS**

Can the zero-waste lifestyle make a comeback during COVID? Read a zero-waste book of your choice and share three new habits you'll start this year. Contact the Reference department for a list of suggestions or find a book on hoopla or Libby.

Tuesday, January 12, 10:30-11:30am

Stranger Than Fiction Book Discussion: Your Pick **RS**

Join us to share your favorite nonfiction titles (in five minutes or less), and hear about our recommendations, too! Contact the Reference department for a list of suggestions or find a book on hoopla or Libby.

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Ben Goluboff Book Discussion **RS**

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

January 13: *My Name is Red*

by Orhan Pamuk

February 10: *The Awakening*

by Kate Chopin



Nancy Buehler Book Discussion **RS**

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am

January 19: *Garden of Evening*

by Tan Twan Eng

February 16: *The Art Forger*

by Barbara Shapiro



Books Untapped **RS**

When We Were Vikings

by Andrew David MacDonald

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel **RS**

Join Fiction & Media librarian, Lori Siegel to discuss *The Editor* by Steven Rowley.

Tuesday, February 9,
7:00-8:00pm



ONE-STOP SHOP FOR YOUR FRESH READS

Get fresh reading recommendations added to your curbside pickup list at www.northbrook.info/5-fresh-reads

PODCAST Brunch CLUB

like book club, but for podcasts

Podcast Brunch Club **RS**

Love podcasts? Join us to hear about and discuss noteworthy content focused on a new topic each month. We'll also share a curated list of episodes with you for you to enjoy.

Thursdays, January 28
& February 25, 2:00-3:00pm

RS All programs are virtual and advance registration is required. After you register, we will email you information on accessing the program. If you have questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

CONCERTS

Lakeshore Rush Ensemble **RS**
Featuring one half of the EStrella Piano Duo, and composed of Chicago musicians, Lakeshore Rush is a mixed instrument ensemble performing a wide repertoire of music.
Sunday, January 24, 3:00-4:30pm

EStrella Piano Duo **RS**
Enjoy exciting music played with amazing skill and interpretation on 1 piano with 4 hands by Svetlana Belsky and Elena Doubovitskaya.
Sunday, January 31, 3:00-4:30pm

Mark Streder and Rachel Peterson **RS**
Vocalist Rachel Peterson and pianist Mark Streder perform an afternoon of vocal jazz and cabaret standards.
Sunday, February 21, 3:00-4:30pm

Michael Pecak and Hannah DePriest **RS**
This accomplished piano and soprano duo strikes just the right note with its wonderful interpretations of French and German art songs.
Sunday, February 28, 3:00-4:30pm

LECTURE


Appreciating Classical Music **RS**
Classical music specialist, librarian Madison Carroll, leads a seminar on classical music, featuring a new topic each month.
Tuesdays, January 5 & February 2, 7:00-8:30pm

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for January and February virtual programs.
Make sure to register to get the new program link.

Current Events **RS**
Thursdays, January 7 &
February 4 & 18, 10:00-11:30am


Chair Yoga **RS**
Fridays, January 8-February 26,
10:00-11:00am


Israeli Discussion Group **RS**
Thursdays, January 14 & 28;
February 11 & 25,
10:00-11:30am


Private Session with a Financial Planner **RS**
Sign up for a 50-minute private online session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management.
Thursdays, January 14 & February 11,
9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm

TECH TUESDAYS **RS**

Get help using eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, and hoopla. Please have your portable device and any user IDs and passwords (Apple ID/password or Amazon account) handy.
Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm



If you can't make it to Tech Tuesday, you can also call or email us for help.

WINTER READING

BLIZZARD BINGO



There's still time to add prizes to your Adult Winter Reading prize box!

After you win your first game of bingo, we'll add a Book Bin gift card to your prize box. Complete up to 3 games of bingo and we'll add a small prize to your box for each row.

If you fill your whole card (complete every square on the board), we'll add a *one-of-a-kind knit winter hat featuring the library's logo* to your prize box and enter you into a drawing for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to a Northbrook restaurant!

THROUGH JANUARY 31 * ALL AGES
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MOVIES VIRTUAL SCREENINGS

RS All programs are virtual and advance registration is required. After you register, we will email you information on accessing the program. If you have questions, please call 847-272-6224 or email feedback@northbrook.info.

An Evening With Film Director Frances Causey



Conversation and Q&A with Frances Causey, Director of *The Long Shadow* **RS** **EDI**

Join us for a live online conversation and Q&A with director Frances Causey. In her documentary, *The Long Shadow*, she traces her family's legacy of white privilege, placing it in the context of the history of anti-Black racism in the United States that began with slavery and continues to impact our society today.

Wednesday, February 24, 7:00-8:00pm

Registration is available starting January 2.

Cosponsored by multiple Illinois libraries and held in partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN) and Together is Better Alliance (TiBA).



Visit thelongshadowfilm.com/libraries from February 19-26 to watch the film online, or watch it anytime on Kanopy.

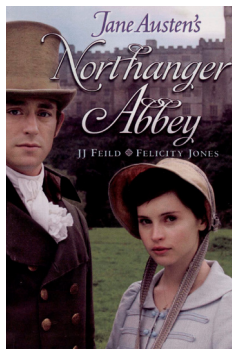
January Film Series: From Page to Screen **RS**

2:00pm & 7:00pm

After you register, we'll send you a link to watch a prerecorded introduction to the film produced by our Fiction & Media staff, and a link to watch the film on hoopla or Kanopy on your own.



January 6
Of Human Bondage
1934 | Not Rated
Available on [kanopy](#)



January 13
Northanger Abbey
2007 | Rated PG
Available on [hoopla](#)



January 20
Sophie's Choice
1982 | Rated R
Available on [kanopy](#)



January 27
A Man Called Ove
2015 | Rated PG-13
Available on [kanopy](#)

Film Discussions

Prior to these film discussions, you can use your library card to enjoy the films at home on Kanopy on your computer, TV, or favorite device by downloading the Kanopy app. Learn more at www.northbrook.info/kanopy.

Film Discussion:

Embrace the Serpent **RS**

This film focuses on the devastation of land and its people through colonialism. In Spanish with English subtitles. Watch the film at home and then join a discussion with Aaron from Fiction & Media.

Monday, February 8, 2:00-3:00pm



Available on [kanopy](#)

What Are You Watching? **RS**

Join a panel of Fiction & Media librarians for a lively discussion of some of the buzzworthy movies and TV shows they've been obsessing over recently, and share some recommendations of your own!

Monday, February 15, 7:00-8:00pm

MAKER VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

! For the latest information about the Collaboratory, please visit www.northbrook.info/collaboratory or call 847-272-2098.

TEEN/ADULT MAKER (AGES 13-ADULT)

Digitizing Vinyl Records **RS**

Staff will demonstrate how to digitize vinyl records using the equipment in the Peltz Digitization Suite.

Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:00pm

Accordion Envelope **RS**

Create an accordion envelope that you can fill with photos and other goodies to send to others.

Thursday, January 21, 4:00-5:00pm

Makerspace Tour **RS**

Take a virtual tour of our makerspace to learn about our machines and projects.

Wednesday, January 27, 5:30-6:30pm

Fiber Arts Meetup **RS**

Do you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, quilt, spin, or weave? Join us to talk about what you do and what you're working on with other makers.

Wednesday, February 10, 1:30-2:30pm

Intro to Hitfilm Express **RS**

Staff will demonstrate HitFilm Express, a free video editing software that you can use to make videos.

Wednesday, February 10, 4:00-5:00pm

E-Commerce Photography **RS**

Learn how to professionally photograph your items to sell online.

Thursday, February 18, 4:00-5:00pm

Meet the New 3D Printer **RS**

Get a tour of the library's new 3D printer, the Ultimaker S5, and get your 3D printing questions answered.

Tuesday, February 23, 4:00-5:00pm

TAKE & MAKE

(AGES 13-ADULT)

Materials will be available for registered attendees to pick up at the library to take home. A Northbrook Library card is required to register for Take & Make programs.

Quilled Greeting Card **CR RS**

Learn about paper quilling and make a lovely greeting card. Materials will be available for registered attendees to pick up at the library. Northbrook library card required.

Wednesday, February 17, 4:00-5:00 pm

creativebug®

Need help with your new sewing machine? We recommend the "Sewing Machine Basics" class taught by Liesl Gibson. You can access Liesl's class, and more than 1,000 others taught by recognized experts, all available to you with your library card. Visit www.northbrook.info/creativebug to get started.



TEEN VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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FINALS Care Packages

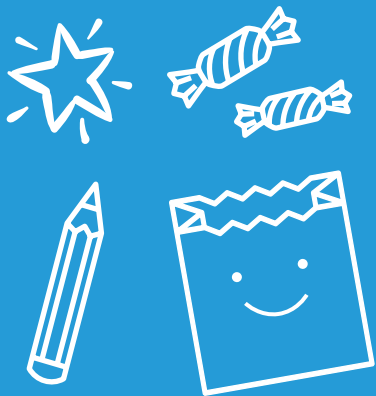
(Grades 9-12)

This year we encourage all high school students to study for final exams at home. We'll be distributing Finals Care Packages during finals week outside the library.

We invite you to stop by to pick up some treats and gifts to enjoy at home while you study. Good luck!

Pickup days: January 9-12

Visit www.northbrook.info/teens for details and pickup times.



Teen Readathon (Grades 6-12) **RS**

How much can you read in 72 hours? Put yourself to the test! On January 15, we'll meet to discuss our reading plans and recommend books to each other. On January 18, we'll talk about how it went, what we read, and what we liked. *If you come to both sessions, you'll be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Book Bin Gift certificate.*

Kick-off Meeting

Friday, January 15, 4:00-5:00pm

Followup Meeting

Monday, January 18, 4:00-5:00pm

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12) **RS**

Join the Teen Advisory Board and help us plan library programs and complete service projects for service hours. All meetings will be held virtually and projects will be done from home.

Tuesday, February 9, 5:00-6:00pm

Books & Bytes (Grades 6-12) **RS**

Join us for a discussion of *Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland, available online at hoopla with your Northbrook Library card. *Recommended for Grades 9 and up.*

Friday, February 26, 5:00-6:00pm



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www.northbrook.info/winter-reading

Keep going! There's still time to add prizes to your prize box!



THE NORTHBROOK TEEN ZINE CONTEST RETURNS!

We'll start accepting submissions for Northbrook Teen Zine Volume 3 on February 1. We invite teens in grades 6-12 to submit their original short stories, poems, drawings, and photos for a chance to win a \$50 gift card and have their work featured in Volume 3 of the publication.

Learn more at www.northbrook.info/teen-zine.

YOUTH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS



Family Concert: Animal Farm **RS**

Join Farmer Dave from Animal Farm for an interactive and engaging virtual concert that blends original music, movement, and educational comedy. Animal Farm's music explores themes of self-expression, community, and the environment through the eyes of our furry, feathered, scaly, and shell dwelling friends.

Friday, January 15, 12:00-12:30pm

Y-Art: Make a Heart Mobile (Grades K & Up) **RS**

Learn how to make a mobile for Valentine's Day using things you can find around your home: a wooden branch, string, magazines, scissors, and glue. This program is brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy.

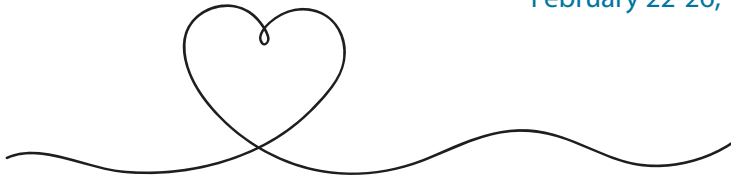
Saturday, February 13, 10:00-11:00am



Family Concert: Nanny Nikki **RS**

Get ready to sing and dance! Nanny Nikki will delight kids of all ages as she brings classic children's songs to life. Register by 9:30am any day this week to receive a link to this special prerecorded concert.

February 22-26, 11:00am



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 4-12) **RS**

Adventure awaits! Embark on a tabletop adventure led by your daring Dungeon Masters.

Thursdays, January 7 & February 11
4:00-5:30pm

Create & Build Challenge (Grades 1-5) **RS**

Are you up for a challenge? We'll post a new video challenge each month that tests your creative/artistic skills, engineering/problem-solving skills (or both)!

Mondays, January 18 & February 15

Game Night (Grades 4-12) **RS**

Play online games like Among Us, and Jackbox, plus virtual versions of popular tabletop games.

Wednesdays, January 20 & February 24,
4:00-5:30pm

How to Be a Dungeon Master (Grades 4-12) **RS**

Learn how to run a game of Dungeons & Dragons along with some tips to help you get started with running the game and crafting the adventures.

Wednesday, February 3, 4:00-5:00pm

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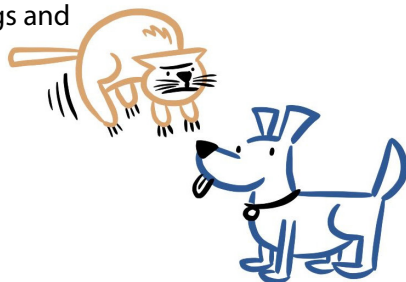
Andertoons Drawing Workshops (Grades K-6) **RS**

Have fun drawing in these workshops led by professional cartoonist Mark Anderson. Participants will learn to see things differently and explore problem solving, design thinking, individuality, and curiosity.

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

January 19: Cats & Dogs

Draw all different kinds of dogs and cats and then decide what happens next. Will they have a ninja fight? Go roller skating? It's entirely up to you!



February 23: What Did the Groundhog See?

We know he looks for his shadow one day a year, but what else does he see the rest of the month!?

You tell us!



YOUTH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

Korean Language Storytime (All Ages) **RS**

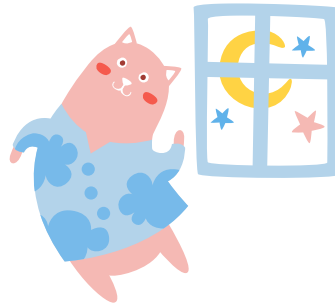
Enjoy virtual stories and activities. For Korean-speaking families and those interested in the language.

Fridays, January 8 & February 12, 4:30-5:00pm

Pajama Stories (Families) **RS**

Put on your coziest pajamas and join us for stories, songs, and a relaxing bedtime mindful exercise.

Tuesdays, January 26 & February 23
6:30-7:00pm



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

TUES, WED & THURS

January 12 - February 18
10:00-10:15am

Register by 9:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday for the link to the week's program.

Storytime (All Ages)
Stories and songs for all ages.

Toddler time (Toddlers)
Nursery rhymes, movement activities, and a book.

Wee Play (Birth-24 Months)
Music, rhymes, giggles, and a book. You'll be able to view the pre-recorded program from Tuesday through Friday.

WEE PLAY IN A BAG: PLAN A PLAYDATE WITH YOUR BABY



When you register for one of our prerecorded weekly Wee Play programs, we'll reserve one of our "Wee Play in a Bag" kits for you, which containing a board book, suggested action rhymes & songs, a music prop, and suggested music to stream.

You can use the kit to play along at home with the week's Wee Play video for a fun playdate with your baby! Register by the Friday before the program each week to schedule your kit pickup.

Weekly, January 12 – February 18

MESSY PLAY AT HOME

What better time than winter, when you're cooped up inside, to engage in some messy play, or sensory play, with your little one? It's fun, easy, and there are endless variations to try.

Combine the play with talk, and you have a powerful early literacy moment.

Here are some easy ideas for you to try with your little one!

Water Play—not just for the bathtub!

Fill a container with 2-3 inches of water and put in a few little plastic spoons, a sponge, and any other items that your child can use to scoop and pour water. Vary it each time by adding ice cubes, snow, or bubbles and different manipulatives. Floating balls are a blast! There is so much to talk about.

Sensory Bins—simple and fun

In a big bowl, tray, tub or box, create different sensory experiences. For a baby under one, cornmeal (so gritty!), uncooked pasta, or cooked spaghetti feel so interesting. For toddlers, try creating a sensory bin of a variety of uncooked dried beans. Feels so cool! Put in containers to scoop and pour. When you need a variation, try uncooked rice and uncooked pasta, or bury toys as a surprise. Put in something with a contrasting texture like pom poms.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

From the Board President

Many libraries have Friends groups that support their sponsoring institutions financially. While it is true that public libraries receive generous tax allotments, additional revenue is always welcome to expand programming, enhance the building, and purchase hardware.

As a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library receive funds through solicited memberships (tax-deductible) and Bookshop sales. While donations made directly to the library are not tax-deductible, Friends membership dues and donations are fully tax-deductible.

We have over six hundred subscribers who pay membership dues from \$10 to \$1,000 annually. These memberships allow the Friends to grant library funding requests of approximately \$30,000 annually.

Our Bookshop has low pricing, with very few items costing more than a dollar. The shop has zero overhead with free use of space, volunteer labor, and book donations from the patrons and the library itself. In an ordinary year, it takes in over \$1,000 monthly. Of course, the Bookshop is currently closed, awaiting the full re-opening of the library.

With the Bookshop temporarily closed, there has never been a more pressing need for new and continuing membership. Your support will allow us to continue to fund future requests for items like the lobby shopping carts and programs like Fine Arts Fall and Winter Reading. Look for the Friends logo throughout the newsletter to see all of the programs we support.

Until the Bookshop reopens, here are some other organizations that are accepting book donations. Please visit the website or call the organization for more information.

Goodwill www.amazinggoodwill.com/stores

Bernie's Book Bank (youth books) www.berniesbookbank.org/book-drop-locations

Open Books www.open-books.org/donate-books

Book Driver www.bookdriver.net/book-driver-chicago

Little Free Libraries (find one near you): www.littlefreelibrary.org

Sincerely,

Bill Schildgen

New & Returning Members *as of November 10, 2020*

PATRON (\$500) Joanne Hanwell, Dorothy & Herbert Leviton (Leviton Family Foundation)

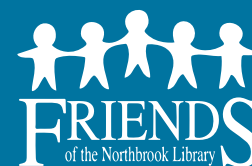
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Friends' Used Bookshop Hours:

The Bookshop is currently closed.

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Partnering with Local Businesses *for Success*

As a library we have a long history of partnering with local businesses.

For example, last year we purchased items and services from over 40 Northbrook businesses, including furniture, vehicle repair, signage, maintenance, materials for programs, and prizes for our Summer and Winter reading programs.

We have an obligation to give back to those businesses which provide critical tax dollars to our community. It's a reciprocal relationship that benefits everyone.

There are over 4,000 businesses in Northbrook, and our Board is committed to using local businesses for library purchases as often as possible.

We focus on selecting Northbrook businesses for all purchases under \$25,000. (By state law, purchases over this amount are required to go out to bid and will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.)

If you own a business in Northbrook and would like to learn more about working with the library, please contact our Finance and Operations Manager, Anna Amen, at aamen@northbrook.info.

The library also provides valuable resources to local businesses, including a dedicated librarian who can help with:

- A business library card
- Research tools, including databases, books, and magazines
- A "work away from home space," including meeting and study rooms, access to WiFi, printers/scanners, computers, and software*
- The Collaboratory, which offers tools to create, design, and prototype*
- The Peltz Digital Media Lab for producing audio and video*
- Classes on tools and technology
- One-on-one general assistance

* Certain in-person services are not available due to current COVID-19 restrictions.



We encourage you to continue to support Northbrook businesses whenever possible. The tax dollars from local sales help to support our library, schools, and infrastructure.