

NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

January & February 2022



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Special hours: 1/1 (Library closed all day), 1/21 (Library opens at 11am)

Notes from the Director



In January 2020, we started to hear about COVID-19, but it was not impacting our lives yet. Fast forward two years and everyone's life has been impacted.

I was recently looking back at some of the early decisions the library made. At

the time, we thought it would be a few weeks or a month before we could return to in-person programming and regular services. But, of course, that was not the case.

We are now starting to emerge from having COVID-19 dominate every decision in our lives. We began offering some programs in the building this past September, and we resumed in-person technology classes in November. We know not everyone is ready to return to in-person programming, so we will continue to offer virtual programming.

We are also moving forward in other areas as well. In November, the Library Board welcomed new trustee, Stacy Oliver. We are also working closely with the Village to move forward with the Climate Action Plan, which was adopted by the Library Board earlier this year.

I don't know everything that 2022 will bring, but I know that the library will continue adjusting to meet the needs of the community. I hope you and yours have a safe new year.

Kate Hall,
Executive Director

Library Information

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Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 1-5pm

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NEWS & UPDATES

IN-PERSON CONCERTS, MOVIES & TECH CLASSES ARE BACK

Over the last few months, we began resuming some of our in-person programs, including movies and concerts in the Auditorium, tech classes in the Interactive Classroom, and teen programs in Youth Services. If you are ready to return to in-person programs, we remind you to familiarize yourself with our current safety guidelines. If you still prefer to attend virtually, many library programs will continue to be available via Zoom.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRUSTEE

We would like to welcome Stacy Oliver to the Library Board. Stacy was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Kayhan Parsi and will serve until Spring of 2023, which is the remainder of his term.

EDI COMMUNITY ADVISORS

We are seeking community members who have underrepresented identities and are interested in serving as community advisors to our Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) Committee. If you have an identity that you think should be included in this advisory group, please visit www.northbrook.info/edi-advisors to fill out a short survey.

NEW SELF-SERVICE BOOKSHOP

While the Friends will still have volunteers staffing the Bookshop during daytime hours, they are also making it possible to browse the Bookshop and leave your payment in a secure box.

GET FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



If you are a steward of a Little Free Library, the Friends' Bookshop would like to offer you ten free adult fiction paperbacks for your library. Please email your contact information and a photo of your Little Free Library to friends@northbrook.info and they will let you know how to pick up the books.

KEY

- On-Demand Virtual Program
- Special Needs Program
- Live Virtual Program
- NPL Card Required
- In-Person Program
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

ADULT PROGRAMS

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FEATURED EVENTS

We are excited to announce evenings with these notable authors, presented through Illinois Libraries Present.

An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia EDI



Silvia Moreno-Garcia, the bestselling author of *Mexican Gothic*, will discuss her newest book, *Velvet Was the Night*. Moreno-Garcia will discuss her genre-defying mashups of cultural noir and Lovecraftian horror.



Wednesday, January 26,
7:00-8:00pm

An Evening with Jasmine Guillory EDI



Jasmine Guillory is the bestselling author of several romance novels, including *The Proposal*, *The Wedding Date*, *While We Were Dating*, and more. Guillory will discuss the importance of writing Black heroines, her pivot from lawyer to full-time writer, and writing during hard times.



Wednesday, February 16, 7:00-8:00pm

Zero Waste 101

Go beyond recycling with practical tips to reduce waste, save money, and address climate change in daily life.
Wednesday, January 19, 7:00-8:00pm

What to Know About Long Term Care

Jeff Garbaciak will discuss factors to consider when looking into long term care and explain what the government covers.
Monday, January 31, 7:00-8:00pm

Don't Pay the Sticker Price for College

Parents of all income levels are invited to learn how need-based financial aid, merit-based financial aid, and tax-saving strategies can help reduce the cost of college.
Monday, February 7, 7:00-8:30pm

Germany and Israel: a Story of Guilt and an Unlikely Friendship

German historian Anette Isaacs will discuss how Germany faced its Nazi legacy and how the difficult process of coping with collective guilt evolved into a blossoming friendship and economic bonds between the countries.
Thursday, February 10, 7:00-8:30pm

Let's Talk: Understanding Gender Identity EDI

Learn the basics of gender identity and personal pronouns, and gain practical tips for supporting transgender, non-binary, and gender questioning folks. Presented by Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook.
Wednesday, February 16, 7:00-8:15pm

Black Television Comedy: From *Beulah* to *Black-ish* EDI

Assistant Professor Adrien Sebro examines the history of Black representation in TV sitcoms and how shows like *Sanford and Son*, *Good Times*, *The Jeffersons*, and *Living Single* addressed social issues.
Tuesday, February 22, 7:00-8:15pm
In partnership with RAIN (Racial Awareness in the North Shore) and League of Women Voters of Glenview-Glencoe.

CHICAGO HISTORY

Binga: The Rise & Fall of Chicago's First Black Banker EDI

Retired Sun-Times editor Don Hayner recounts the gripping story of Jesse Binga, Chicago's first black banker, who rose from poverty to wealth and influence in Chicago's Black Belt (now Bronzeville) before facing a vicious backlash.
Monday, January 24, 7:00-8:00pm

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Private Session With a Financial Planner

Schedule a private 50-minute session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management.
Thursdays, January 13 & February 10
9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm
Study Room 12 (2nd Floor)

Financial Planning For Family Members With Disabilities EDI

A financial planner with over 25 years of experience helping special needs families will explain how you can plan for an emergency and ensure the future care and support of your child or family member with a disability.
Wednesday, February 9, 7:00-8:00pm



Chicago Roller Skating History EDI



Author and historian Marcie Hill will talk about Chicago's roller skating history and highlight its role in the phenomenon, which involved classism and racism, and the staying power of one of the world's most popular activities.
Wednesday, February 9, 7:00-8:00pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

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MUSIC LECTURES

Appreciating Classical Music

Explore a different topic each month with librarian Madison Vienna.  


▶ Intro to the Masterclass

Thursday, January 6, 7:00-8:30pm
Auditorium

▶ Beethoven's Influence

Tuesday, February 1, 7:00-8:30pm
Auditorium

33 1/3 Essential Albums: From Elvis in Memphis

Author Eric Wolfson will discuss his book, *From Elvis in Memphis*, and share the historical significance of this 1969 album, which established Elvis Presley as a true rock and roll artist. 


Thursday, January 13, 7:00-8:00pm

CONCERTS




Enjoy select concerts in the Auditorium

Tango with Winnie

Be transported to Argentina with classic tango music for double bass, violin, piano, and bandoneon. Similar to an accordion, the bandoneon is considered to be the voice of tango music. 


Sunday, January 23, 3:00-4:30pm
Auditorium

Apas Piano Trio

Pianist Jimin Yun, violinist Isabella Lippi, and cellist Nazar Dzhuryan perform compositions by Franz Schubert and Bedřich Smetana. 


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

Madison Vienna in Concert

Chamber music for clarinet and strings performed on the classical 6-key clarinet. 


Sunday, February 6, 3:00-4:30pm
Auditorium

Ethos Duo

Sevgi Giles and Marina Hoover perform music for cello and piano. 

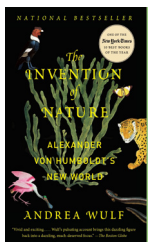
Sunday, February 20, 3:00-4:30pm
Auditorium

Aviva & Liel


Take a trip around the world with music from Argentina, France, Spain, and Romania performed by violinist Aviva Chertok and Israeli-Canadian classical guitarist Liel Amdour. 

Sunday, February 27, 3:00-4:30pm
Auditorium

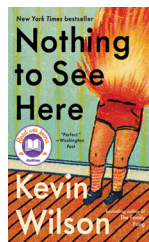
BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS




Environmental Book Club

Discuss *The Invention of Nature* by Andrea Wulf, an award-winning biography about explorer Alexander von Humboldt, the man who changed the way we think about nature. 

Tuesday, January 25, 10:30-11:30am



Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Discuss *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson, recently named a Best Book of the Year by New York Times Book Review. 

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

Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am 

January 12: *The Nickel Boys* by
Colson Whitehead 

February 9: *Love in a Cold Climate*
by Nancy Mitford



Great Books with Robert Waterbury

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

Selections from *Great Conversations I* 

January 17: *Self-Reliance* by
Ralph Waldo Emerson

February 21: *Out of the Cradle Endlessly
Rocking* by Walt Whitman

Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am 

January 18: *Send for Me* by
Lauren Fox 


February 15: *Morningside Heights*
by Joshua Henkin



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS


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

Current Events

Thursdays, January 6 & 20;
February 3 & 17
10:00-11:30am 




Chair Yoga

Get a link to a new class to watch on
demand each Friday. 



Israeli Discussion Group

Thursdays, January 13 & 27;
February 10 & 24,
10:00-11:30am 



TECH FOR EVERYONE

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EXCEL



Learn a new skill in the Interactive Classroom

Excel Basics

Work with numbers and data and learn to format cells. 🧑

Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

Excel Formatting

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

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Excel Formulas & Functions

Use formulas and functions, apply absolute references, and explore conditional formatting. 🧑

Tuesday, January 25, 6:30-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Excel Pivot Tables

Use pivot tables to reorganize and summarize columns and rows of data in to generate a desired report. 🧑

Thursday, February 10, 6:30-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Excel VLookups

Use the VLookups function to compare two lists in a spreadsheet. 🧑

Thursday, February 17, 6:30-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Excel Charts & Graphs

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

Thursday, February 24, 6:30-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

WORD

Word Basics

Create, save, open, and print Word documents. 🧑

Wednesday, February 2, 7:00-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

Word Formatting

Format and align text, apply bullets or numbers, and adjust spacing within your documents. 🧑

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00-8:00pm
Interactive Classroom

POWERPOINT

PowerPoint Crash Course

Explore transitions, animations, graphics, and media to create engaging slideshow presentations. 🧑

Thursday, January 27, 7:00-8:30pm
Interactive Classroom

PHOTO EDITING

Photo Editing with Pixlr

Learn to crop, resize, and add effects to photos with this free online tool. 🧑

Wednesday, February 23
7:00-8:00pm, Interactive
Classroom



DO YOU NEED A LIBRARY CARD?

If you live in incorporated Northbrook, you can get a library card at no cost.

It's easy to sign up or renew your card. Just bring your ID and proof of your current address to the library.

We can also email you a temporary card that allows you to access our eResources and digital downloads for up to a month.

Visit www.northbrook.info/get-a-card to learn more about getting a library card.

Tech Tuesdays

If you're feeling frustrated with your device, let us help! We can help you with accessing eBooks, streaming media, email, settings, and more. Remember to bring your device and any passwords you will need. Registration is not required for this drop-in program. 🧑


Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm | Reference Department (2nd Floor)

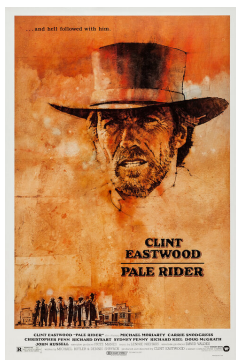


MOVIES

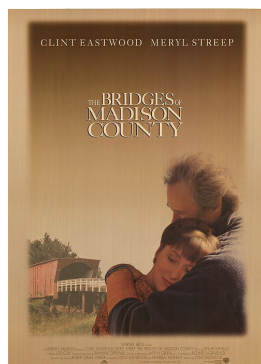
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January Clint Eastwood

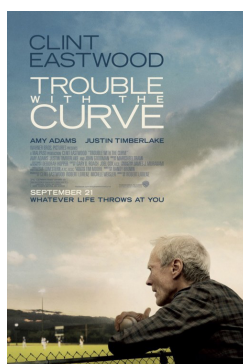
Presented in the Auditorium on Wednesdays at 2:00pm 



January 12
Pale Rider
1985 (115 minutes)
Rated R
Presented in Digital




January 19
The Bridges of Madison County
1995 (135 minutes)
PG-13
Presented in Digital



January 26
Trouble with the Curve
2012 (111 minutes)
PG-13
Presented in Digital

Film Discussions

CinemaSpeak

Watch at home and then join us for a discussion of *Columbus* on Zoom. 


Thursday, February 3, 7:00-8:00pm

2017 | Not Rated

Available to stream on [kanopy](#) with your library card and also in our DVD collection. Learn about Kanopy at www.northbrook.info/kanopy.



Film and Discussion: *Little Children*

Watch at home and then join Aaron from Fiction & Media on Zoom to discuss this drama starring Kate Winslet and Patrick Wilson. 

Thursday, February 17, 7:00-8:00pm

2006 | Rated R

Available to stream on [kanopy](#) with your library card and also in our DVD collection. Learn about Kanopy at www.northbrook.info/kanopy.



STREAM MOVIES & MORE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD



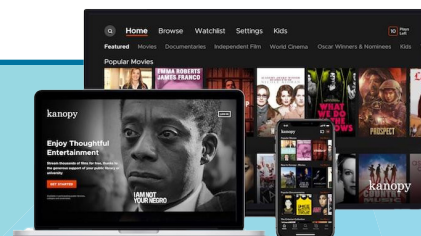
Watch ad-free movies and TV shows on-demand on your TV, computer, or favorite device. All you need to get started is your library card. Learn more and start streaming at www.northbrook.info/movies.

kanopy

Kanopy provides critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries, foreign films, and more, including films from MGM, Lionsgate, and the Criterion Collection.

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YOUTH SERVICES

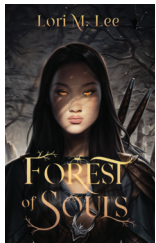
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TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join the Teen Advisory Board to help us plan library programs and complete service projects for volunteer hours. 🧑

Tuesday, February 8, 5:00-6:00pm
Interactive Classroom



Books & Bites: Forest of Souls Book Discussion (Grades 6-12)

Join us for a discussion of *Forest of Souls* by Lori M. Lee. The first 7 registered teens will receive a free copy of the book, and all attendees

will receive a bag of snacks to enjoy at home.

Recommended for grades 7 and up. 🧑

Friday, February 25, 5:00-6:00pm, Civic Room



FINALS CARE PACKAGES @ GBN

(Grades 9-12)

January 4 – 7 at Glenbrook North Library

GBN students are invited to pick up a Finals Care Package at the GBN library the week before finals (Tues. 1/4–Fri. 1/7). The care packages contain goodies and supplies to help with your studying.



For details visit www.northbrook.info/teens



SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Cooks & Books: A Family Cooking Class (Grades K & Up, w/Caregiver)

This family cooking class features a different book and themed snack each month. We'll send you an ingredient list when you register. 🍴

Saturdays, January 15 & February 19

11:00am-12:15pm

Create Club: Monster Glove Plushies (Grades 4-8)

Join us to learn to make a stuffed monster with a glove and simple sewing. 🧑

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

Interactive Classroom

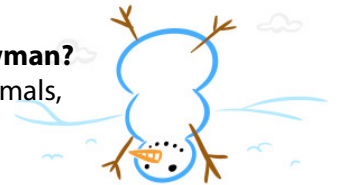
Andertoons Drawing Workshops (Grades K-6)

Join us for these fun and creative drawing workshops led by professional cartoonist Mark Anderson. 🎨

Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm

January 18: Do You Want to Draw a Snowman?

Learn to draw Picasso snowmen, snow animals, snow vacations, and snow much more!



February 22: Critter Collectors

Learn to draw collectible cartoon critters based on your suggestions. 14 legs? Sure! 7 tails? Why not!



TAKE-HOME BOOK BAGS



Sign up for a bag filled with 2 cool books, activities & more. The books will be checked out on your library card and the bag will be available for you to pick up for 1 week. Return the books when you're done and keep the rest!

Cool Reads: Reading & Activity Bag (Grades K-3)

Register for your Cool Reads bag by 10:00am on Thursday, January 13. **CR**

Read and Chill: Themed Bag (Grades 4-7)

Register by 10:00am on Tuesday, January 25 for your themed Read and Chill bag. **CR**

YOUTH SERVICES

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Hop Along Yogi Kids Yoga

This fun and interactive kids yoga workout is geared toward families with kids ages 3-7, but all are welcome to join in the fun! 🗣️

Fridays, January 14 & February 11, 10:00-10:30am

Financial Planning For Family Members

With Disabilities **EDI** (Parents)

Learn how to plan for an emergency and ensure the future care and support of their child or family member with a disability. 🗣️

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



Y-Art: To You With Love (Grades K & Up)

Make a cute Valentine's Day heart with googly eyes. You can find the supplies you'll need on the registration page on our online calendar. You only need to register once per family/screen. Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. 🗣️

Saturday, February 12, 10:00-11:00am

STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

Virtual Storytime (Families)

Enjoy new stories and songs each week! Register Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of each week for a link to watch that week's prerecorded storytime. ▶️

January 11-February 17

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

Learn and practice speaking Korean with stories, songs, and rhymes! This bilingual program is for both Korean speakers and kids who are interested in the language and culture. 🗣️

Fridays, January 14 & February 11, 4:30-5:00pm



Where stories and nonfiction connect.



BookFlix pairs interactive, video storybooks with related nonfiction texts to help kids discover the joy of reading while building real-world knowledge and reading skills. For example, it pairs *Bear Snores On* with *A Bear Cub Grows Up*. Some titles are also available in Spanish. To get started with your library card, visit www.northbrook.info/bookflix.



WATCH KIDS' MOVIES & MORE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD



Enjoy unlimited plays in Kanopy's collection for kids, including educational and entertaining TV shows and movies, animated storybooks, and anime favorites. Get started at www.northbrook.info/kanopy.



Make a fun craft with your little one!

Make a different early learner craft each month! Visit the Youth Services desk on the 2nd floor to grab everything you need for the month's craft, including instructions and a reading list!

Spotlight: Get to Know Our Early Literacy Staff and the Services They Provide



Sara Chase (left) & Amanda Lopez (right)

Amanda Lopez, our Early Literacy Librarian, and Sara Chase, our Youth Services Program Coordinator enjoy working together to provide literacy opportunities and experiences for our youngest patrons.

Sara said her love of early literacy grew as she was working toward her Master of Arts in Education. While teaching kindergarten, she developed an appreciation of the importance of early intervention and exposure to books.

Sara's education and experience in the classroom helped her to provide readers advisory and programming for youth ages birth through teen and their parents and caregivers.

Amanda's journey into early literacy began while hosting storytimes at her local bookstore. Drawing on her background in theater, she channeled that energy and creativity into her programs for children.

After working in a neighboring library's Youth Services department, Amanda realized that she wanted to pursue a career that involved working with children, and she went back to school to receive a Master's in Library Science.

As our Early Literacy Librarian, Amanda enjoys sharing her love of reading with our youngest patrons.

"Libraries can help build positive experiences for children around books and storytelling," Amanda says. "These experiences can be in the form of storytimes, book sharing with caregivers, or even just exploring and holding books on their own."

Amanda and Sara look forward to working together to help foster early literacy skills in the community.

Sara suggests one way parents can encourage a love of reading is to join our *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program, which reinforces activities and experiences that are important to early literacy, like singing, rhyming, and sensory play.

While babies and toddlers are not yet able to read, absorbing and imitating the rhythms and patterns of the language they hear provides a strong foundation for literacy.

"The great thing about *1000 Books* is how simple it is. It simply asks you to read a book to your child each day. And, if your child has a favorite book, repeat reading counts," Sara says.

"After logging 100 books, caregivers are encouraged to celebrate the milestone with their child, which helps to provide motivation to keep going and reach the next goal."

Visit www.northbrook.info/1000-books to join our 1000 Books program

Other library programs that help to encourage early literacy in babies and preschoolers are storytimes, Summer Reading, and concerts.

"We also offer an array of materials that can help build a love of reading, including picture books, board books, puzzles, Grow a Reader Kits, Early Literacy Kits, and our monthly early learner crafts," said Amanda.



Early Literacy Tip

Early literacy is what happens before a child actually learns to read. Here is a great way to help nurture your child's early literacy!

Grab a scarf and dance like a snowflake as you sing these words to the tune of "Frère Jacques," also known in English as "Brother John."

Scarves are very versatile and can be almost anything. When playing with scarves at home, talk about other things the scarf could be and what you can do with it. This will help your child's creativity and imagination develop.

Song source: *The Early Literacy Kit: A Handbook and Tip Cards*
Diamant-Cohen, Betsy; Ghoting, Saroj Nadkarni

Tune: "Frère Jacques"

Dance like snowflakes

Dance like snowflakes

In the air

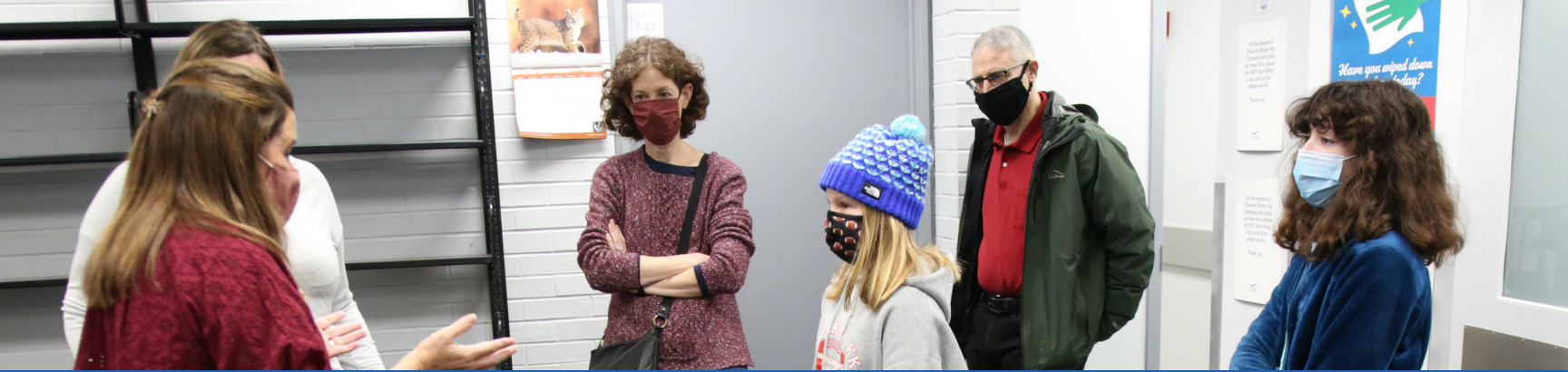
In the air

Whirling, twirling, snowflakes

Whirling, twirling, snowflakes

Here and there

Here and there



Peeking Behind the Curtain: A Behind-the-Scenes Library Tour

To encourage community members to get a library card during Library Card Sign-up Month in September, we held random drawings and gave out prizes to adults, teens, youth, and even babies.

But the prize Executive Director Kate Hall had in mind for the 6 to 12-year-old group was truly unique: a behind-the-scenes tour of the library.

Kate planned the kind of VIP behind-the-scenes tour she would have loved as a child. She wanted to show the inner workings of the library and also share what day-to-day life is like as a librarian. She also had a few other surprises planned along the way.

Although a golden ticket wasn't actually involved, the tour prize winner was a Northbrook elementary school student named Leah who happened to be a big fan of the library.

Leah is an avid reader who told us she enjoys reading books by authors who spend time developing the characters. She likes visiting the library to browse for new fantasy books and make projects in the Collaboratory.



To make the day even more special, in addition to Leah's parents, her friend Mia was able to join her on the tour.

The Tour Begins

The first stop was the Collaboratory, where Leah and Mia each had the chance to personalize a water bottle with the custom design of their choice.

Next, the girls were taken to the Tech Services department, where all new items, including books, movies, music, and video games, are delivered and processed. The girls were amazed to hear that over 3,000 items are processed and added to the shelves each month!

To let Leah and Mia experience what it's like to work in the Tech Services department, Kate introduced them to Processing Clerk, Liz Becker, who took them through the life cycle of a book. Liz demonstrated the steps involved in getting a new item ready to go out on the shelves, and the girls each got to process a book, which can now be checked out.

Then Liz explained how we give books new life after their time at the library is finished by donating items to the Friends' Bookshop, Bernie's Book Bank, and other facilities. The girls browsed some of the recent "weeded" books and were able to choose a weeded item to take home with them.

After processing their books, Leah and Mia checked out one of our new self-checkout machines and then got to experience what it's like to work in the Circulation department (behind the viewing window).

The girls were interested to learn that since all library materials contain an RFID tag, the automated sorting machine not only checks in materials, but also sorts them into the appropriate bin, based on the material type. For example, all of the Youth books get sent to one bin, while other types of books are sorted into different bins.

The Underground Tour

After that, the tour headed down to visit the lowest point in the library, the Auditorium's "green room," located 10 feet below ground.

They also visited the projection booth and even got to go on stage to put on an impromptu game show!

And after visiting the lowest point of the library, it was only fitting that the girls and their parents were invited to venture up to the highest point in the library by walking out onto the roof.

From the rooftop vantage point, they were able to get a birds-eye view of Greenbriar Elementary School and Cedar Lane, which provided a fun way to end a truly unique experience.



Leah's favorite book series:

Warriors by Erin Hunter

Wings of Fire by Tui Sutherland

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

Leah's favorite movies:

The Greatest Showman, *Hamilton*, *Black Panther*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

From the Board President

The New Year is a great time for looking back at the prior year and anticipating changes in the year to come, and the Friends' Board has been doing exactly that. Since reopening the bookshop in July 2021, we have reorganized, to make it easier to find your favorite books. The front room now holds hardcover and paperback fiction only, and the back room is now dedicated to non-fiction books.

We are also expanding our services to allow you to shop in the evening. Using our new self-service hours, you will be able to select your books and then simply drop your payment into a secure box.

In 2021, the Friends Board revised our 20-year-old bylaws, positioning us to support the Library effectively and efficiently. And, in response to your suggestions we are excited to begin accepting online debit/credit card payments for new and renewing members. To make an online payment, visit www.northbrook.info/friends. Of course, you can also continue to submit your check by mail if you prefer.

During the pandemic, as the Library shifted from in-person to virtual programs, the Friends continued to sponsor many of those programs, including book discussions, current events, concerts, and more. As the Library continues to serve the Northbrook community, the Friends will be there to help fund those new programs and services. This is our most gratifying accomplishment and goal for the future.

As you think about the year ahead, we invite you to consider volunteering at the Friends Bookshop a few times a month. What could be better than being surrounded by books? (And you get first dibs on the books that are donated!) To learn more about how to participate in Friends of the Library, send an email friends@northbrook.info or visit www.northbrook.info/friends.

Sincerely,

Merrill Medansky

New & Returning Members *as of November 7, 2021*

BENEFACTOR (\$1000) Susan Edelman

GUARANTOR (\$250) Bob & Kristi Dahlke

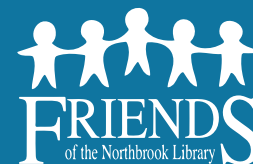
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FAMILY (\$20) Barbara Cintado, Marlene Feibel, Shirley Finken, Sharon & Norman Hersh, Leonid & Flora Kleper, Ann Laudermilk, Diane Murphy, Renee & Barton Osher, Antonio Senegore

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) Cindy Blue, Sigrid Fahrur, Fran Green, Debbie Greenspan, Harriet Metrick, Yasuko Okigawa, Beth Preis, Ruth Sharps, Shelly Trilling, Roberta Weiss, Phillip Zagon



Bookshop Hours

Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm,
Sun: 2-4pm

Friends Board Members

Julie Achler-Hokin, Randee Blair
Claire Bonnema, Evelyn Delmar
Ktrina Elliott, Connie Galliat
Sandra Kaminsky, Kathy Kather
Colleen Keaveny, Merrill Medansky
Margot Molay, Mary Reynolds
Debby Rohde, John Schuman
Tony Senegore, Bryan Smith
Meha Smith, Beth Wolf

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 10am
Civic Room

All members are welcome
to attend the meeting.

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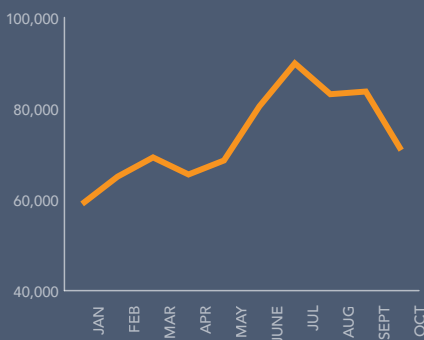
- In our hearts forever Debbie & Shara Bronn from Bruce Bronn
- In memory of Don and Joanne Buss from Dan Buss
- Expanding our Horizons from the Green Family
- Noam Mercado love Grandma & Sara from Anat Laiser
- All our love to Majid Fallah Behabadi from Bardia Fallah Bahabadi

ART EXHIBIT

In partnership with TotalLink2 Community, we are proud to showcase the works of ArtLab for EveryONE artists in January.

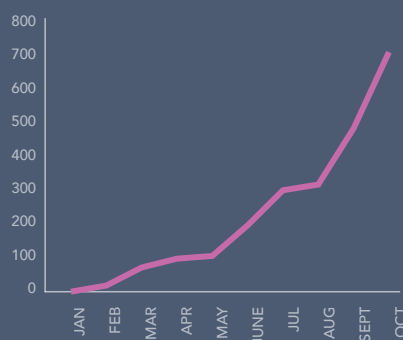
Library Usage Follows Vaccination Trends Data presented is from 1/1/21-10/31/21

Checkouts Physical & Downloadable



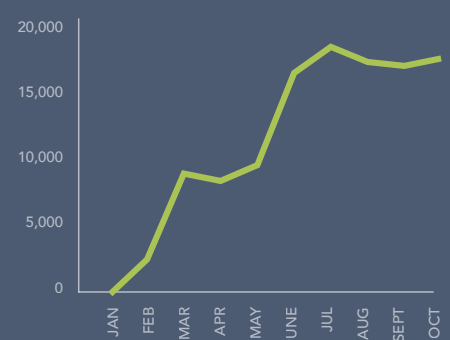
As people feel more comfortable leaving their homes, we see a steady increase in checkouts with a spike that we often see during our Summer Reading months.

Study Room Use



After adding 13 study rooms in March 2020, we are thrilled to see them used by people who need a quiet place to work or study.

Library Visits



After resuming in-person programs in September, we continued to see a steady increase in visitors with a peak during the busy summer months.