

# NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

May & June 2021



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NORTHBROOK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Notes from the Director



Our lobby renovation is nearing completion! On Monday, June 7, we will welcome you back into the newly renovated space as we continue to follow state and federal safety guidelines.

As part of our commitment to building a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive organization, our renovated lobby will feature an “All are Welcome Here” sign and space that can be easily navigated by people with disabilities. Signage in multiple languages will also help patrons find what they are looking for, whether it is the new self-checkout machines or Popular Picks materials.

Summer is also the time for Summer Reading and this year’s theme, *Reading Colors Your World*, invites residents of all ages to explore new worlds, cultures, and ideas as they read books to win prizes. Check out some great summer reads and discover new authors in our new Spotlight display, which will be available in the lobby starting June 7.

We also invite you to our first drive-through Summer Reading Kick-Off event in our parking lot on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6. We will have reading logs and giveaways for adults and kids.

Kate Hall  
Executive Director


## Library Information

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# NEWS & UPDATES

## MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce Kelly Durov as our new Assistant Director. Kelly served as the library’s Youth Services Manager since 2015 and her career in library leadership spans 20 years. Learn more about Kelly at [www.northbrook.info/kelly-durov](http://www.northbrook.info/kelly-durov).

## LOBBY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We’re excited to be nearing completion on our lobby renovation project, and plan to unveil the lobby on Monday, June 7. Stop by to check out the new automated sorting machine, our new self-service hold area, and two new browsable collections.

## OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

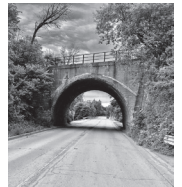
We are planning three in-person outdoor programs for children in June. Learn more in the “Meet Us Outside” section on page 11. Proper distancing and masks will be required for these outdoor events.

## ACCESS LINKEDIN LEARNING CONTENT

Our Lynda.com service was recently upgraded to LinkedIn Learning, which provides access to more than 16,000 courses on a wide variety of topics in management, leadership, marketing, social media, and more. Get started at [www.northbrook.info/linkedin-learning](http://www.northbrook.info/linkedin-learning).

## VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT

Enjoy photos from last summer’s Plein Air festival, presented by the Northbrook Arts Commission. From May through June, visit [www.northbrook.info/art-exhibit](http://www.northbrook.info/art-exhibit) to view these stunning photos of Northbrook life.



## NEW NORTHBROOK VOICES WEBSITE

The Northbrook Voices website is new and improved. This goal of this joint effort between the Northbrook History Museum and the Northbrook Public Library is to preserve the stories of residents in their own words. It now contains the audio stories of more than 150 community members, including many you may recognize. Listen to the voices of Northbrook and learn how you can share your own story at [www.northbrookvoices.org](http://www.northbrookvoices.org).

## FOUND A LIBRARY ITEM YOU CHECKED OUT A YEAR AGO?

Don’t be afraid to return overdue library materials, no matter how long they’ve been checked out. We no longer charge overdue fines and we would be very happy to check them in and put them back on the shelves, no questions asked!

# SUMMER READING

READING **COLORS** YOUR WORLD


All Ages • June 1 – August 15

SIGN UP, READ BOOKS, WIN PRIZES!



## **DRIVE-THROUGH KICK-OFF EVENT**

IN THE LIBRARY'S PARKING LOT



**Saturday, June 5  
6-8pm**

**Sunday, June 6  
9am-Noon**

Featuring giveaways for kids & adults.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library

## SUMMER READING HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

### ADULTS

Log four or more books to earn a colorful mouse pad and be entered into a drawing for a Chicago Botanic Garden membership.

### TEENS

Log reading to earn a free book, coupons to local businesses & drawing tickets for a chance to win Apple AirPods or gift cards.

### KIDS

Log reading to earn coupons, prizes & more, including a free book for completing the program.

### BABIES

Even babies can earn prizes, including a board book, for completing our fun Baby Bingo early literacy activities.

Sign up and track your reading online starting June 1

[www.northbrook.info/summer-reading](http://www.northbrook.info/summer-reading)



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Scan with  
your phone's  
camera

You can also sign up & log reading by phone or email starting June 1.

#### Adults

847-272-2830  
fictionmedia@northbrook.info

#### Teens/Kids/Baby

847-272-4300  
youthservices@northbrook.info

# ADULT VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Cyber Sleuthing Your Family Tree

Genealogist and librarian Tina Beard will demonstrate the use of subscription databases and free genealogy websites to trace your family tree.

[Saturday, May 8, 1:00-2:30pm](#)

### Driving Forces: 100+ Years of Women and Automobiles **EDI**

Barbara Barrett presents a series of female automotive pioneers who influenced the automobile industry.

[Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

### Private Session with a Financial Planner

Sign up for a 50-minute private, online session with a financial expert from Dickholtz Wealth Management. One appointment per person.

[Thursdays, May 13 & June 10, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am & 12:30pm](#)

### Social Security Explained

Elizabeth Kurowski will explain how Social Security works and what factors to consider when deciding when the right time is to take Social Security.

[Thursday, May 13, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

### Protecting Dark Skies

Explore the beauty of dark skies, the effects of light pollution on humans, wildlife, and plants, and dark-sky friendly lighting practices. In partnership with Go Green Northbrook.

[Tuesday, May 18, 7:00-8:15pm](#)

### 1943: A Year in Yitskhok Bashevis' Literary Career **CR EDI**

This lecture will examine the year 1943 in Bashevis' literary career in the context of his output as journalist and fiction writer, and relationship to his two siblings. This event will be held live by the Chicago YIVO Society.

[Sunday, May 23, 2:00-3:00pm](#)

### Vintage Weddings and Showers

Join us for a humorous presentation about some favorite trends for weddings and showers from mid-century through the 1980s.

[Monday, May 24, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

### Chicago: An Illustrated Timeline

Author Ellen Shubart discusses her new book and the story of Chicago from its trading beginnings to its role as an American megacity.

[Tuesday, May 25, 6:30-8:00pm](#)

### Understanding How Board Games Can Help You Stay Connected

DePaul professor Paul Booth will explore the peculiar rise in popularity in board gaming as a hobby during the pandemic and how people are using board games to find social outlets in a time of physical distancing.

[Thursday, May 27, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

### Gardening Myths & Misinformation: Barriers to Good Gardening

A horticulturalist dispels some of the common garden myths and sets the record straight.

[Wednesday, June 9, 7:00-8:30pm](#)

### How to Have Conversations About Race **EDI**

Lifelong equal justice advocate Van Gilmer will lead a discussion to help participants build skills to navigate conversations concerning race.

*In partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore (RAIN).*

[Tuesday, June 15, 7:00-8:30pm](#)

### The Power of Nonviolent Struggle for Social Change **EDI**

Throughout history, social movements have tapped into the creative power of nonviolence to win human rights and political freedoms. Learn about the history and philosophy of nonviolent action for social change.

[Wednesday, June 16, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

### Aretha Franklin's Amazing Grace **EDI**

Join author Aaron Cohen as he brings to life this meticulously researched account of Aretha Franklin's 1972 recording of Amazing Grace at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

[Wednesday, June 23, 7:00-8:00pm](#)

## Never miss your favorite author's latest book!

When you sign up for our Automatic Holds service, we'll place a hold for you on new titles released by the bestselling authors of your choice, including Brit Bennett, Jodi Picoult, Gregg Hurwitz, and more.

[www.northbrook.info/automatic-holds](http://www.northbrook.info/automatic-holds)



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

# Summer Reading Starts June 1!

[www.northbrook.info/summer-reading](http://www.northbrook.info/summer-reading)

Adults who log four or more books will earn a colorful mouse pad and be entered into a drawing for a one year membership to the Chicago Botanic Gardens!

We also invite you to celebrate with us at our **drive-through kick-off event on June 5 & 6.** We'll have a special giveaway for all attendees. Turn to page 3 for details.



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## BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

### Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

May 12: *The Razor's Edge*

by Somerset Maugham

June 9: *Washington Black* **EDI**

by Esi Edugyan



### Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am

May 18: *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez **EDI**

June 15: *The Glass Hotel*

by Emily St. John Mandel



### Books Untapped

A book club for readers who like discovering under-the-radar titles. Join us to discuss

*Women Talking* by Miriam Toews.

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



### Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Join Lori to discuss *The Whisper Network* by Chandler Baker.

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



## NORTHBROOK WRITES

### Giving & Taking Constructive Feedback with Cyn Vargas

Award-winning writer Cyn Vargas will help you learn what real constructive feedback is, how to effectively share your feedback with others, and what to do with the feedback you receive.

Saturday, June 5, 1:00-2:30pm



**Find out what's new (to read) at the library: mystery, science-fiction & more**

Subscribe to our email list to get monthly emails about new fiction and non-fiction titles available at the library. Sign up at [www.northbrook.info/email](http://www.northbrook.info/email).

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## CLASSICAL CONCERTS

Sponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

### Susan Warner & David Griffin

Lyric Opera Orchestra and Chicago Symphony members David Griffin and Susan Warner perform with their talented family of musicians.

Sunday, May 2, 3:00-4:30pm

### Frank Babbitt

A quartet featuring Lyric Opera Orchestra violist Frank Babbitt will perform chamber music for violin, cello, and piano.

Sunday, May 9, 3:00-4:30pm

### Christopher Laughlin

Respected classical guitarist and educator, Christopher Laughlin, performs a concert in various chamber settings.

Sunday, May 16, 3:00-4:30pm

### Fifth House Ensemble

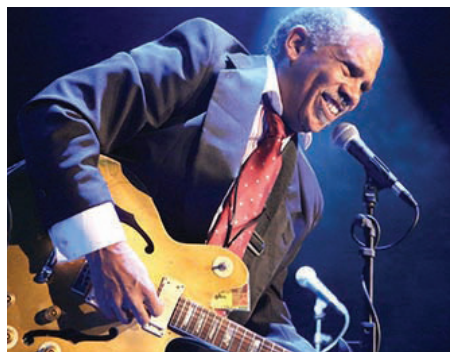
This Chicago-based nationally recognized chamber ensemble will perform a concert of works by women composers who participated in their Fresh Inc Festival.

Sunday, May 23, 3:00-4:30pm



Christopher Laughlin

## JAZZ/BLUES CONCERTS



Maurice John Vaughn

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Enjoy an evening of good time blues with Maurice John Vaughn and his band. A triple threat on guitar, saxophone, and vocals, Maurice is an Alligator recording artist who has backed many legendary blues guitarists in the Chicagoland area.

Thursday, May 6, 7:00-8:00pm



### Petra Van Nuis Duo

Enjoy the extraordinary jazz vocal stylings of Petra Van Nuis and pianist Dennis Luxion.

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

Photo by Donna Kroeger

## MUSIC LECTURES

### Appreciating Classical Music

Classical music specialist, librarian Madison Carroll, leads a seminar on a different music topic each month.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

May 4: Your Music Questions Answered!

June 1: Music for Cartoons & Animation

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for May and June virtual programs.

Make sure to register to get the new program link.

### Current Events

Thursdays, May 6 & 20; June 3 & 17, 10:00-11:30am



### Chair Yoga

New recordings to watch on-demand each Friday in June & July



### Israeli Discussion Group

Thursday, May 13 & 27; June 10 & 24, 10:00-11:30am



# MOVIES VIRTUAL SCREENINGS

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](mailto:feedback@northbrook.info).

## May Film Series: Focus on Cinematography

### Watch on-demand

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 ([www.northbrook.info/hoopla](http://www.northbrook.info/hoopla)) or Kanopy ([www.northbrook.info/kanopy](http://www.northbrook.info/kanopy)) on your own.



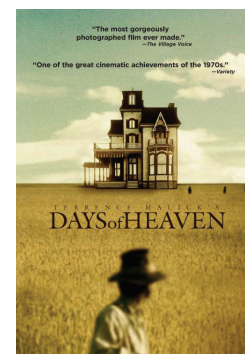
**May 5**  
***The African Queen***  
(1951)  
Rated PG  
Available on [kanopy](#)



**May 12**  
***Doctor Zhivago***  
(1965)  
Rated PG-13  
Available on [hoopla](#)



**May 19**  
***The Bookshop***  
(2017)  
Rated PG  
Available on [kanopy](#)



**May 26**  
***Days of Heaven***  
(1978)  
Rated PG  
Available on [kanopy](#)

## Film & TV Discussions

### What Are You Watching?

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

Monday, May 10, 7:00-8:00pm

Before joining these film discussions, download the Kanopy app to watch these films on your TV, computer, or other device. Get started at [www.northbrook.info/kanopy](http://www.northbrook.info/kanopy).

### CinemaSpeak

Watch at home and then join us for a discussion of *Prince Avalanche* starring Paul Rudd and Emile Hirsch.

Rated R (2013)

Available on [kanopy](#)

Thursday, June 10, 7:00-8:00pm



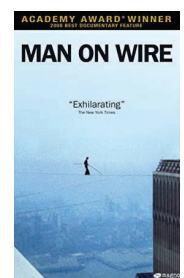
### Film Discussion: Man on Wire

In 1974, tightrope walker Philippe Petit pulled off one of the greatest illegal high-wire acts of all time. Join us to discuss this Oscar-winning documentary that explores what has been called "the artistic crime of the century."

Rated PG-13 (2008)

Available on [kanopy](#)

Wednesday, June 16, 2:00-3:00pm



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## TECH FOR EVERYONE

### Tech Tuesdays

Bring your technology questions to us every Tuesday. Get help with eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, streaming TV and movies, and more.  
Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm

### Appy Hour

Find free apps for fitness, reading, productivity, music streaming, and photo editing.  
Wednesday, May 19, 10:00-11:00am

### Computers & Coffee: Incognito Mode

Learn how to improve your online privacy with VPNs, password managers, browser extensions, and more.  
Wednesday, June 16, 10:00-11:00am

“ I recently requested help from the Tech Tuesday gurus and after demonstrating the issue on a Zoom PowerPoint session, they solved the problem. My compliments and a big THANK YOU to both of them. ”



### SCORE Mentoring

Schedule a virtual 1:1 meeting with a SCORE mentor who can help you start or grow your business. Regular meetings occur on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. Connect with a mentor at [www.northbrook.info/score](http://www.northbrook.info/score).

### How SCORE mentors can help small business owners and entrepreneurs

SCORE mentoring pairs entrepreneurs and small business owners with experienced local mentors who can provide expertise and practical business advice.

Mentors volunteer to help others by sharing their experience and knowledge in running successful small businesses.

We recently reached out to a local business owner who has been meeting regularly with SCORE mentors for assistance with his small manufacturing business.

He told us his SCORE mentor has a manufacturing background and has been helpful with answering his questions about staffing, marketing, and growing his business.

Meetings are typically scheduled for an hour and are held virtually. You can use this time to share your business goals and challenges, and ask your mentor questions.

## LinkedIn Learning is now available with your library card

Learning is a lifelong process, and we are happy to be able to provide LinkedIn Learning to our cardholders.

### Why use LinkedIn Learning?

- **Learn at your own pace.** Select courses relevant to your career in areas like business, technology, marketing, and more.
- **Pursue your passions.** Grow and develop in the areas you care about with courses on social media, drawing, and music theory.
- **Maintain your privacy.** Your identity and learning data will not be shared with LinkedIn or with the library.

### Start learning something new

[www.northbrook.info/linkedin-learning](http://www.northbrook.info/linkedin-learning)





# MAKER VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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](mailto:feedback@northbrook.info).



For the latest information about the Collaboratory, please visit [www.northbrook.info/collaboratory](http://www.northbrook.info/collaboratory) or call 847-272-2098.

## TEEN/ADULT MAKER (AGE 13-ADULT)

### Design for Laser Cutting

Demonstration on using Gravit to design for laser cutting.

Wednesday, May 5, 6:00-7:00pm

### Intro to Citizen Science

Discover the various science research you can be a part of, from galaxy identification to air & water quality monitoring.

Thursday, May 20, 4:00-5:00pm

### Intro to Open Broadcaster Software

Staff will demonstrate how to use OBS, a free software for capturing and live streaming video from your computer.

Friday, May 21, 5:00-6:00pm

### Intro to Ham Radio

Learn how ham radio works and how to become licensed. In partnership with the North Shore Radio Club.

Saturday, May 22, 10:00-11:30am

### Fiber Arts Meetup

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

Wednesday, June 9, 1:30-2:30pm

### Intro to 3D Printing

Demonstration of how our 3D printers work. Learn how to optimize prints and ask questions!

Friday, June 18, 4:00-5:00pm

### Beginner's Guide to Music Production

Learn about the best hardware and software for those new to making music.

Thursday, June 24, 4:00-5:00pm

### Digitization Room Overview

Gain an overview on how to use the space to convert vinyl, VHS, film, and more into digital files.

Tuesday, June 29, 6:00-7:00pm

## TAKE & MAKE

### (AGE 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.

### Macrame Rainbow CR EDI

Celebrate Pride this June by creating your own macrame rainbow wall hanging.

Tuesday, May 4, 4:00-5:00pm

### Glass Fusion CR

Learn glass fusion techniques.

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm

May 18: Wall Plaque

June 22: Dish

### Macrame Bird Feeder CR

Make a bird feeder and learn how to make your own seed mix.

Wednesday, May 26, 2:00-3:00pm

### Circle Woven Coasters CR EDI

Weave a simple coaster on a circular loom, an innovation created by Sakichi Toyoda.

Tuesday, June 8, 4:00-5:00pm

### Layered Vinyl Stickers CR

Make stickers using the Cricut.

Wednesday, June 23, 2:00-3:00pm

# TEEN VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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## Summer High School Volunteer Applications

Do you want to volunteer with the library this summer? Download a packet with everything you need to know, including the application and details regarding assignments and dates at [www.northbrook.info/teens](http://www.northbrook.info/teens).

**Applications open** Saturday, May 1  
**Applications due** Sunday, May 23

Summer volunteers must be attending high school in the fall of 2021.

## Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6–12)

It's our last Teen Advisory Board of the school year. Help us get ready for summer reading and complete service projects for service hours.

Tuesday, May 11, 5:00-6:00pm



## FINALS Care Packages

(Grades 9-12)

We're partnering with GNCY to distribute Finals Care Packages outside the library. Come pick up some treats and gifts to enjoy at home while studying for finals!

Saturday, May 29, 10:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday, May 30, 1:00-4:30pm

## Debut Author Christina Li Credits the Library as a Key to Her Success



Northbrook Public Library was one of the first places author Christina Li gravitated toward when her family moved here from Michigan.

"I went to the library all the time whenever I could," said Christina. "It was a mile from my house and I'd go there to study. Lots of people from high school went there to congregate. It's such a beautiful building."

"I had never encountered such a large children's collection before," Christina said from a video chat interview recently. "There was this fantastic wall of YA books. And chances were if a book had just come out, the library would have it. That was definitely really helpful when I was developing my skills as a writer and reader."

She credited the library in the acknowledgment section of her new book, *Clues to the Universe*, writing "Libraries and librarians make the world go round. To the Northbrook Public Library, for always having such an amazing collection of books."

*The author remembers being "blown away by the library's strong children's collection."*

Since its release in January, *Clues to the Universe* has been winning praise from reviewers and young adult authors. Published by Quill Tree Books, a HarperCollins imprint, the middle grade novel tells the story of an unlikely friendship between two 12-year-olds who are navigating grief and loss in their own ways.

Like Christina, the story's protagonist, Ro, is Chinese American. Growing up, Christina said she didn't see a lot of Asian American representation in children's books until she learned about authors like Linda Sue Park and Grace Lin.

"Their books really changed my life," she said. "I'm really glad people these days are embracing more and more books by authors with diverse viewpoints and books written by marginalized authors."

She is currently under contract to write another middle grade contemporary fiction novel, tentatively set to be published in 2023.

Christina, a senior at Stanford University, had finished writing four other novels before *Clues to the Universe*, her first published novel.

The whole journey of getting published started in the summer of 2017, when she began thinking about the story. While attending her classes, she'd write in bursts and outline plot lines.

"Then when it was summer it was go time. I would work on drafting and revising everything," she said.

Christina attended Shabonee Elementary School, Wood Oaks Junior High, and Glenbrook North High School. At age 18, she moved to San Diego with her family.

Her memories of living in Northbrook are intricately tied to spending a lot of time at the library, and she is thrilled to know the same library she treasured in her youth will be stocking up on copies of her work.

"It really feels like it's come full circle. I owe a lot of my success to the Northbrook Public Library."

Learn more about author Christina Li at [www.christinaliwrites.com](http://www.christinaliwrites.com).

Find *Clues to the Universe* in our YS department (JUV FICTION Li, C.).

# YOUTH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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Join us for our **drive-through Kick-off event on June 5 & 6**. Turn to page 3 for details.



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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Hop Along Yogi Kids Yoga

Sing, dance, and strike-a-yoga pose. This class is geared toward kids ages 3–7 but all are welcome to join in the fun!

Fridays, May 7 & June 11, 10:00-10:30am



### Y-Art: Flowers (Grades K & Up)

Check our online calendar for supplies needed for each month's craft. Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy.

Saturday, May 8, 10:00-11:00am

### Wiggleworms

Join an instructor from the Old Town School of Folk Music for a half-hour of virtual live music, movement and fun!

Wednesday, May 19 & Friday, June 18, 11:00-11:30am



## SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

### Cool Reads: Reading & Activity Bag (Grades K–3) **CR**

Sign up to pick up a bag with two cool books, toys, activities, treats, and more. Books will be checked out on your library card and will need to be returned, but you can keep the rest!

Register by Thursday, May 6 at 10:00am

Your bag will be available to pick up starting Thursday, May 6 at 11:00am.

### Create Club: Stone Cactus Garden (Grades 4–8)

Learn to make a collection of faux cacti out of painted stones. Craft supplies will be available for pickup for all registered attendees.

Thursday, May 6, 4:00-5:00pm

### Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 4–12)

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

Thursdays, May 13 & June 10,

4:00-5:30pm

### Cooks & Books: A Family Cooking Class

#### (Grades K & Up, with Caregiver)

This Sticky Fingers Cooking class features a different book and themed snack recipe each month. *You only need to register once per family.*

Saturdays, 11:00am-12:15pm

May 15: *Dragons Love Tacos*

June 19: *The Couch Potato*

### Lake Michigan Rocks! (Grades 1-5)

Registered attendees will be able to pick up a curated collection of Lake Michigan rocks at the library and then join us online to examine, compare, and play games with them as a group.

Sundays, May 16 & June 13,

1:00-2:00pm

### Create & Build Challenge (Grades 1–5)

A new video challenge that tests your creative/artistic skills, engineering/problem-solving skills, or both!

Monday, May 17 (watch on-demand)

### Read & Chill: Themed Box (Grades 4–7) **CR**

Pick a theme and we'll pack a box with two books, games, activities & treats. Books will be checked out on your library card and will need to be returned, but you can keep the rest!

Register by Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00am

We'll let you know when your bag is ready to pick up.

## MEET US OUTSIDE!

These in-person programs require masks and proper distancing. Advance registration is required unless it is listed as a drop-in program.

### Create Club: Splatter Shirts (Grades 4–8)

Prepare to get messy! Bring your own plain white t-shirt to decorate with color dye.

Thursday, June 24, 3:00-4:00pm

Outside the library

### Stories in the Park (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us in the park for fun stories, rhymes, and songs.

Friday, June 25, 10:00-10:30am

North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Rd., (Near the Little Free Library)

### Paint & Relax (Grades 1-5)

Enjoy relaxing music while painting your masterpiece outside.

Tuesday, June 29, 3:00-4:00pm

Outside the library



### 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

May 18: *Dinosaurs vs. Robots*

June 15: *Boom! Pow! Smash!*

### Game Night (Grades 4–12)

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

Wednesdays, May 26 & June 23,

4:00-5:30pm

### Explore and Discover (Grades 1–5)

Explore and discover with librarian-led projects and challenges. Register each child to receive the link to the challenge video and materials for pickup.

Monday, June 21 (watch on-demand)

Register by 10:00am. Materials will be available for pickup starting at 11:00am.

# YOUTH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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](mailto:feedback@northbrook.info).

## STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Spanish Storytime (All Ages) **EDI**

Explore the Spanish language with virtual songs, stories, rhymes, and movement. Bilingual storytime is designed to provide English speakers with a brain-building dose of Spanish. Mondays, May 10 & June 14, 10:00-10:30am

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

Enjoy virtual stories and activities. For Korean-speaking families and those interested in the language. Fridays, May 21 & June 11, 4:30-5:00pm

### Pajama Stories (Families)

It's banjo time! Put on your coziest pajamas and join us for stories, songs, and a relaxing bedtime mindful exercise. Tuesdays, May 25 & June 29, 6:30-7:00pm (watch on-demand)

### Stories in the Park (All Ages, Drop-In)

Join us in the park for fun stories, rhymes, and songs. **This in-person program requires masks and proper distancing.** Registration is not required for this drop-in program.

Friday, June 25, 10:00-10:30am

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## WEEKLY STORYTIMES

June 1 - July 29  
(watch on-demand)

### Summer Stories

(All Ages)

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

### Wee Play in a Bag

(Birth-24 Months)

Music, rhymes, giggles, and a book! You'll be able to view the prerecorded program Tuesday through Friday on-demand.

When you register, we'll reserve a "Wee Play in a Bag" kit for you, (a board book, a music prop, and suggested action rhymes, songs, and music). Register by the Friday before the program each week to schedule your contactless pickup of a Wee Play in a Bag kit.

## Early Literacy Tip

Play with colors with a bird puppet! Cut out the robin and tape it to a craft stick. You or your child can fly the robin around and have it land on objects around your home.

You can also insert the color of the object the bird lands on the last line of the song for a silly end. *Funny robin, that's a [blue chair], not a nest!*



### If I Were a Bird

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song  
And fly about the whole day long  
And when I got tired and needed to rest,  
I'd fly right over to my \_\_\_\_\_ nest.

# Educator's Legacy Lives on Through Books for All

When longtime educator and librarian Karen Wadler died in June 2020, her family decided to honor her by giving back to the community.

As a tribute, they kicked off Grandma Karen's Book Share initiative, creating Little Free Libraries throughout the North Shore community to promote children's literacy and ensure reading materials are accessible for all.

The family worked with Village officials and the library to plan out the details for several new Northbrook locations suggested by the Village, including Engelhardt Park, Village Hall, and Shermer Road Fire Station. The installations also include a fourth Northbrook Little Free Library, located at and managed by Congregation Beth Shalom (3433 Walters Avenue).

The library will be actively maintaining these new three Little Free Libraries and replenishing them with select discarded library books. In addition, the Wadler family has partnered with Bernie's Book Bank and Scholastic for access to new family books.

"The unfortunate effect of the pandemic was that families could not go to the library. This effort is a great way to honor what my mom loved and bring the library to the families," said her son, Jason Wadler.

## Honoring Karen's Selfless Spirit

Before she and her family moved to Deerfield in 1972, Karen's teaching career began in York City. She then taught in Mundelein, Highland Park, and also at Congregation Beth Shalom, where she helped create a new library and served as the head librarian for over 15 years.

Her lifelong passion was working with children, "teaching them, seeing how they learn through books," said her husband, Jeff Wadler.

"To Karen, there was no such thing as a stranger, just a person she had not become friends with yet," Jeff said. "She impacted so many lives of people of all ages, from the kids she taught to their parents, friends, and family, and to everyone she met."



*The new Little Free Libraries honor the life of educator and librarian, Karen Wadler*

The Wadler family's Little Free Library initiative reaches throughout the North Shore including Deerfield, Glencoe, Highland Park, and Lincolnshire.

As of late March, the family raised \$50,000 to fund Little Free Libraries. They plan to install more than 75 libraries by the end of summer across multiple communities.

"We want to make these Little Free Libraries more of an active, family-oriented place," Jeff said. "We hope it could lead to creating fun, reading events that can become a part of the fabric of the community."

*To learn more about the Little Free Libraries managed by Northbrook Public Library, visit [www.northbrook.info/little-free-library](http://www.northbrook.info/little-free-library).*

## Find out what's new (to read) in the Youth Services department!

Subscribe to our email list to get email about new YS titles available at the library four times a year. Sign up at [www.northbrook.info/email](http://www.northbrook.info/email).



## Want to learn the Queen's Gambit?

Brainfuse HelpNow offers live online chess tutoring for all ages with your Northbrook Library card.

When you log in, chess tutoring is found at the bottom of the Expert Help options (below Language Lab).

Certified online chess tutors are available Monday – Thursday from 3:00-9:00pm.



Get started at [www.northbrook.info/help-now](http://www.northbrook.info/help-now).

# MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Barbara Unikel to the Library's Board of Trustees. After being sworn in at the meeting on May 20, she will join the six other Northbrook residents who represent the community on the Library Board.

As someone who has spent her life giving back to the educational community, Barbara will now be expanding her scope to give back to the entire community, bringing a wealth of experience and a love of learning to the role.

Barbara received her Doctorate in Leadership and Administration from Loyola University and her master's and bachelor's degrees from National Louis University.

Her career in education includes teaching at Willowbrook School, serving as the Principal of Glencoe's South School, and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Northbrook School District 27.

She later became Vice President of Education at The Chicago Children's Museum and continues to mentor new school administrators.

Barbara and her husband, also a retired educator, have lived in Northbrook for 17 years. She has two children, two stepchildren, and five grandchildren.

A proponent of lifelong learning, she strongly believes that education does not end when you finish school. And while running for the Board position, she embraced the opportunity to learn more about the library, its budget, and how it serves the community.

*"I hope that the life and professional experiences I have had will add to the existing conversation."*

Barbara said she has seen how libraries have evolved throughout her lifetime to serve the changing needs of their communities and was impressed with the way the library responded to the pandemic. For example, the way staff quickly converted in-person programs to virtual formats, boosted homebound delivery, and provided curbside pickup and craft kits.

"The staff has been really innovative in getting materials into the patrons' hands. Even though it wasn't always possible to visit the library, they did the very best to bring what's essential to you."

Barbara said she would like to see the library continue to embrace technology and innovation while still valuing "the written and spoken word in a way that benefits everyone."



Dr. Barbara Unikel

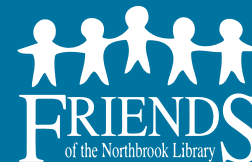
She also stresses the importance of helping the library reach out to the entire community. "It's important to me that we're as inclusive as possible," she said.

Barbara looks forward to bringing her educational perspective to the Board and contributing to the library's success, now and in the future.

"Without question, I think we all bring who we are into everything we do. Education is just part of who I am. I hope that the life and professional experiences I have had will add to the existing conversation."

To learn more about the Library Board of Trustees, visit [www.northbrook.info/meet-the-board](http://www.northbrook.info/meet-the-board).

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



## Get Involved, Become a Friends Board Member

We are seeking new members for the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library Board who are excited to build on the strong foundation this Board has established, help with the leadership of the organization, and share our passion for supporting the library.

If you would like to be more involved in the community, want to work with a group dedicated to the Library and community, love helping organizations thrive by stepping up and taking charge, or are a whiz at fundraising and accounting, we are looking for you!

The Friends of the Northbrook Public Library 501(c)(3) plays an important role in the community. It donates between \$30,000-\$40,000 a year to support library programming and special projects through memberships and book sales at the Friends' Bookshop.

Previously, the Friends Board met every other month at the library. Since March 2020, they have been conducting business via email.

If you are interested or would like to learn more email us at [friends@northbrook.info](mailto:friends@northbrook.info) or visit [www.northbrook.info/friends](http://www.northbrook.info/friends).

### Friends' Used Bookshop Hours:

The Bookshop is currently closed.

[www.northbrook.info/friends](http://www.northbrook.info/friends)

### Friends Board Members

Connie Galliard, Sandra Kaminsky, Kathy Kather, Colleen Keaveny, Joan MacVay, Merrill Medansky, Jane Nickow, Debby Rohde, Larry Schaffel, John Schuman

## New & Returning Members *as of March 16, 2021*

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To learn how to give a commemorative gift or donation through the library,  
 visit [www.northbrook.info/support](http://www.northbrook.info/support) or call 847-272-6224.

# Work in Progress

We're excited about the reopening of the lobby on June 7. In addition to our new automated sorting machine, which you'll be able to watch through a viewing window, the lobby will feature new self-checkout machines, new browsable collections, and more.

See more photos of the project at [www.northbrook.info/remodel](http://www.northbrook.info/remodel).

