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Notes from the Director



November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), and each fall, we host a series of writing workshops and write-ins for the many writers in our community.

I have been participating in NaNoWriMo for the past six years. The goal is to write 50,000 words in 30 days. In full disclosure, I do not always meet that goal, but I always have fun trying.

While writing can be very isolating, our weekly write-ins seek to make it a more communal experience. Through participating in them, I have met some amazing writers who have deepened my understanding of the craft of writing and offered support in equal measure.

After much hard work and many, many revisions, I am very proud to have co-authored *The Public Library Director's Toolkit*, which was published by ALA Editions this spring. Originally a NaNoWriMo project, it is now a real book that people can check out and read.

Whether you are a writer or another type of creator, we welcome you and celebrate your creative successes.

Kate Hall
Executive Director

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Monday-Thursday	9:00am-9:00pm
Friday	9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm-5:00pm

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NEWS & UPDATES

IMPROVING OUR EVENTS AND BOOKING SYSTEM

We know that our current events and room booking system can be challenging. After an extensive search, we're happy to announce that we will be implementing a new event and room booking system before the end of the year. The new system will make reserving a spot in programs easier and give you the ability to manage your reservations. Finding an available meeting room will be more intuitive as well, and Northbrook Library card holders will also have the ability to reserve rooms online. We look forward to hearing your thoughts at feedback@northbrook.info.

DON'T TOSS IT. FIX IT!

On Sunday, November 10, skilled volunteers will try their best to help you repair a small household item at our second Northbrook Repairs. Some of the items repaired last time included lamps, toys, clothing, books, bicycles, and chairs. Turn to page 9 for details.

JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN

To help you get into the holiday spirit, we invite you to learn how to make delicious appetizers (page 4), enjoy a concert (page 5), and holiday-themed films in December (page 7). Children will also have the chance to ring in the new year at our popular "Noon Years Eve" celebration and balloon drop on December 31 at 11:00am (page 13).

DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

On Friday, December 6, we're partnering with Heartland Blood Centers to host a blood drive from 1:00-5:00pm in the Pollak Room. To donate blood, you must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 110 lbs, and be in generally good health (most prescription medicines are acceptable). Please register at one of our service desks or call 847-272-6224.

THE RETURN OF STAR WARS DAY

Join us on Saturday, December 21 to celebrate the upcoming release of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* with the return of our popular Star Wars Day. Fans of all ages are invited, and costumes are strongly encouraged! Turn to page 10 for details.

NEW STUDY ROOMS COMING

To help meet the demand for more meeting space, we're happy to announce that we will be adding a combination of 1-2 and 8-10 person study rooms on the second floor this spring. To make space for the new rooms, we have been gradually reducing (or "weeding") books from various sections on the second floor. This ongoing process helps to make the shelves easier to navigate and is an important part of maintaining a current, healthy, and relevant collection. To learn more, visit www.northbrook.info/weeding-the-collection.

NORTHBROOK LIGHTS

WINTER READING 2019

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

What is Winter Reading?

Our Winter Reading program gives you chances to win great prizes for warming up with some good books during the cold winter months.

How Do I Get Started?

Starting Sunday, December 1, you can sign up at a service desk or online at www.northbrook.info/winter-reading.

WINTER READING FOR ADULTS

Win a free book light when you read four or more books! You will also have the chance to win weekly raffles for gift cards and a **Grand Prize drawing for an iPad Mini!**

Sign up at the Reference desk on the 2nd floor or the Fiction & Media desk on the 3rd floor.

WINTER READING FOR YOUTH

Win a light-up spy pen when you log five literacy activities, like reading for 30 minutes, listening to an audiobook, or telling a story with a flashlight! You will also have the chance to enter a drawing to win prizes and to earn a free book when you complete your goal.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk on the 2nd floor.

WINTER READING FOR BABIES

It's never too young to develop a love of reading! Some of the activities in our Baby Winter Reading program include doing a silly dance, clapping a rhythm, playing "I Spy," and attending a library storytime or concert.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk on the 2nd floor.

Leaving town this winter? You can sign up and participate online at www.northbrook.info/winter-reading

ADULT PROGRAMS

See page 2 for photo policy.

FEATURED EVENTS

Forest Bathing in the Woods **RS**

Experience a healing, meditative walk through Ryerson Woods, led by forest therapy guide Terry Chiochoki.

Saturday, November 2, 9:30-11:00am, Ryerson Woods; meet at Brushwood Center parking lot

Tabletop Gaming Night **RS**

Try popular board games from the library's collection or bring one of your own to play.

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00-9:00pm, North Shore Comics
3161 Dundee Road, Northbrook

Coin Collecting Basics **RS**

Learn about the most common types of collections, what coins to look for, and how to care for your collection.

Saturday, November 9, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

Online Reputation Management: Star Ratings **RS**

Manage online customer reviews and maximize your ratings.

Thursday, November 14, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

Funeral Pre-Planning **RS**

Join us for a lively discussion about the emotional and financial benefits of cemetery and funeral planning. Bring your questions.

Wednesday, November 20, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

Holiday Appetizers **RS**

Chef Susan Maddox will demonstrate exciting new starter recipes. This program will include tasty samples!

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

NORTHBROOK WRITES

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Challenge yourself to write an entire novel in a month.

Creative Nonfiction with Freda Love Smith **RS**

What makes a story true, and can true stories use the same strategies as fiction writing? Freda Love Smith, memoir author and lecturer at Northwestern University, will answer these questions and guide you through the process of starting or developing a piece of creative nonfiction.

Saturday, November 2, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room



NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writing Month Write-in

Join us for our weekly write-ins. Meet other wrimos, participate in word sprints, and of course, write your novel. Snacks will be provided. Turn to page 14 for more information.

Sundays in November, 2:00-4:00pm, Civic Room

Congratulations to past Northbrook Writes instructor, Mary Robinette Kowal, whose novel, *The Calculating Stars*, was awarded a Hugo Award, science fiction's most prestigious award.

BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Wednesdays with Benjamin Goluboff

Cosponsored by the Friends.

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

November 13: *A Handful of Dust*

by Evelyn Waugh

December 11: *The Natural*

by Bernard Malamud



Great Books

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

November 18: *The Nature of Things*,

Books I-II by Lucretius

December 16: *Henry V* by Shakespeare

Tuesdays with Nancy Buehler

Cosponsored by the Friends.

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

November 19: *Little Faith* by

Nickolas Butler



Books on Tap

America for Beginners by

Leah Franqui

Wednesday, November 20,

7:00-8:30pm, Landmark Inn,

1352 Shermer Rd.

Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Librarian Lori Siegel leads a discussion of *November Road* by Lou Berney.

Tuesday, December 10,

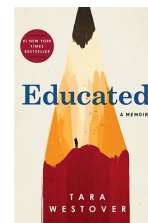
7:00-8:00pm, Civic Room

Stranger than Fiction Book Discussion **RS**

Educated by Tara Westover.

Pick up a copy at the Reference desk starting Monday, December 9.

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00-11:00AM



RESERVE A SPOT

To provide a better experience for our patrons, we recommend that you reserve a spot if you plan to attend an event marked with **RS**. A spot should be reserved for each member of a family or group planning to attend, unless noted otherwise. Registration will begin 75 days prior to the program date for most programs. To reserve a spot, call 847-272-6224 or visit www.northbrook.info.

Reserve a Spot **RS**

ADA Requests: The library welcomes patrons of all abilities. To ensure your request can be accommodated, please contact us at 847-272-6224 at least 72 hours before the event you wish to attend. For details, please visit www.northbrook.info.

Fine Arts Fall

Cosponsored by the Friends.

Our 27th season of Fine Arts Fall features a stellar lineup of musical performances each Sunday from September 29 through November 24. To see the entire list of performances, visit www.northbrook.info/fine-arts-fall.

Sundays, 3:00-4:30pm, Auditorium



Susan Merdinger **RS**

Distinguished Steinway Artist Susan Merdinger performs a concert of solo piano music. Internationally acclaimed, she has appeared as a soloist in major concert halls in the USA, Europe, Mexico, and Canada.

November 3

Christopher Laughlin **RS**

Northbrook musician and educator Christopher Laughlin will present an afternoon of chamber music for the guitar. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory and Yale, he has performed extensively across North America and around the world.

November 10

The Mischlinge Expose **RS**

Pianist Carolyn Enger presents a multimedia concert on Mischlinge (half Jews) and German Jewish converts before, during, and after the Holocaust. The concert will feature music by Jewish composers and audio and video testimonials of her family's experiences in Germany.

November 17

Estrella Duo **RS**

Enjoy an afternoon of piano music from Svetlana Belsky and Elena Doubovitskaya, accomplished musicians who have performed in Europe, Asia, and the United States.

November 24



Pianist Carolyn Enger

OTHER CONCERTS

Jazz/Blues Salon: Petra Van Nuis **RS**

Jazz vocalist Petra Van Nuis performs with her band of fine instrumentalists.

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

Folk-Rock: Todd Kessler **RS**

Featuring a solo performance by Northbrook musician and "The Voice" contestant, Todd Kessler.

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



Vocalist Todd Kessler

Northshore Harmonizers **RS**

Cosponsored by the Friends.

This women's a cappella choir will perform classics from their repertoire as well as some holiday selections

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



Northbrook Community Choir Holiday Concert **RS**

The Northbrook Community Choir presents a winter concert of uplifting, joyful music to brighten your day.

Monday, December 9, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium

MUSIC LECTURES

Appreciating Classical Music **RS**

Find out what makes the masterpieces great in this interactive seminar led by classical music librarian, Madison Carroll.

Tuesdays, November 5 & December 10, 7:00-8:30pm, Auditorium

Lyric Opera Lecture Series **RS**

Enjoy a prelude to your opera experience with composer information, insights, history, and more. Presented by former lecturers from the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps of Chicago.

Don Giovanni by Mozart **RS**

Friday, November 8, 2:00-3:30pm, Pollak Room A

Three Queens by Donizetti **RS**

Monday, November 25, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room A

ADULT PROGRAMS

HEALTH MATTERS



Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Mood **RS**

Our thoughts can work for us or against us. Learn helpful techniques to help reframe negative thought patterns in order to live in the present and enjoy the moment. Presented by CJE SeniorLife.
Wednesday, December 4, 10:00-11:00am, Pollak Room

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga

Cosponsored by the Friends.
Fridays, November 1–December 27,
9:30-10:30am OR 11:00am-12:00pm,
Pollak Room



Drop-in Genealogy

Stop by for help exploring your family tree from the North Suburban Genealogical Society.
Wednesdays, November 6 & December 4,
3:00-5:00pm, Reference Department

Chess Club (All levels)

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 &
December 4, 11, 18

AARP Driver Safety Program **RS**

Saturdays, November 9 & 16,
9:30am-1:30pm, Interactive Classroom
7:00-8:45pm, Pollak Room B

Essential Tremor Support Group

Saturdays, November 9 & December 14,
10:00am-12:00pm, Civic Room

Illinois State Poetry Society Meeting

New members welcome. Bring ten copies of two of your poems to share.
Sunday, November 10, 1:00-4:30pm,
Civic Room

Israeli Discussion Group

Cosponsored by the Friends.
Thursdays, November 14;
December 12 & 26, 10:00-11:30am,
Pollak Room



Illinois Poetry Society Haiku Chapter

Haiku poets of all levels are welcome. Come have your work critiqued and learn about English language Haiku techniques.
Sunday, December 15,
1:00-4:30pm, Civic Room

Adult ESL/Literacy Conversation Club

Drop in to practice speaking English with others to improve your skills. *Classes meet before the evening ESL/Literacy classes during the Fall semester.*
Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm, Study Room 2

Tech Tuesdays

Stop by to get help using eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, HOOPLA, and your portable device.

Bring your device and any user IDs and passwords (Apple ID/Password or Amazon account information).
Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm,
Reference Department

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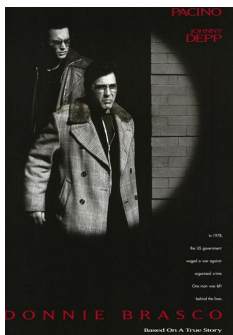
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Schedule a Private Meeting with a Financial Planner **RS**

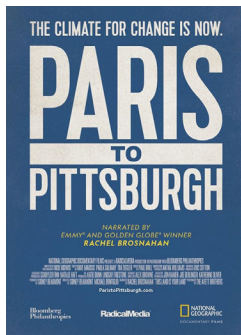
Spend an hour with certified financial planner Lisa Dickholtz, who will answer your questions about investment, retirement, etc., in a one-on-one setting.
Thursdays, November 14 & December 12
9:30 & 10:30am, Study Room 3

November Films & Discussions



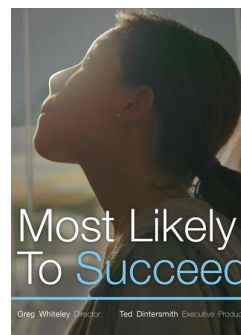
A discussion led by Robert Lombardo, PhD, about the nature of racketeering subcultures will follow the film.

Wednesday, November 13
Donnie Brasco
 2:00-5:00pm
 Rated R



The efforts of individuals battling severe climate change in their own back yards. In partnership with Go Green Northbrook.

Monday, November 18
Paris to Pittsburgh*
 6:30-8:30pm



A panel of local educators will lead a discussion of the film's ideas following the screening.

Wednesday, November 20
Most Likely to Succeed
 7:00-9:45pm

December Christmas Through the Years **RS** FRIENDS

Presented on Wednesdays at 2:00pm & 7:00pm.



December 4
Love Actually
 Rated R



December 11
It's a Wonderful Life
 Rated PG



December 18
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
 Rated PG-13

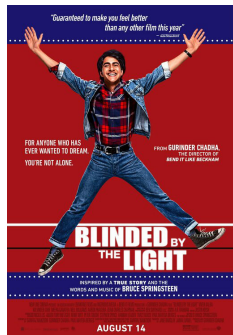
We invite you to stay and enjoy some cookies and casual conversation after both of the December 18 screenings.

FIRST-RUN FILMS **RS** FRIENDS

Presented on Saturdays at 2:00pm & 7:00pm.



November 9
The Farewell*
 Rated PG



December 14
Blinded by the Light*
 Rated PG-13

FILM DISCUSSIONS

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie Night **RS**

One of the most beloved fantasy movies of the 80s. A discussion will follow the film.

Thursday, November 21, 7:00pm
 Auditorium
 Rated PG



CinemaSpeak

Watch @ Home. Talk @ Library. Join us for a lively discussion of the film *A Woman in Berlin* (2008).

Thursday, November 21,
 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A

**Not confirmed at press time*

All films presented in theatrical DCP or 35mm prints, unless noted otherwise on our website.

PHOTO EDITING

Photo Editing Basics **RS**

Learn to crop, resize and add filters to photos. Bring your own photos on a flash drive or use class samples.

Thursday, November 7, 7:00-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

Advanced Photo Editing **RS**

Remove objects with the clone stamp, fix blemishes with the spot heal tool, and work with layers.

Thursday, December 5, 7:00-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

ACCESS

Microsoft Access parts 1-3 **RS**

In this 3-part class, learn the basics of the Microsoft Access relational database. Part 1 covers navigating tables, and adding, editing, and deleting information. Parts 2 and 3 cover forms, queries, and reports. Registering for part 1 registers you for all three classes.

Tuesdays, November 12, 19 & 26,
6:30-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

IPAD

Basic iPad Part 1 **RS**

Explore the basics of your iPad, including downloading and managing apps, connecting to Wi-Fi, and more. Apple ID and password required.

Thursday, November 14,
11:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Basic iPad Part 2 **RS**

Explore camera functions, including taking and sharing photos, and learn techniques for using Safari.

Thursday, December 12,
11:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

FLYER DESIGN

Flyer Design Basics **RS**

Discover an easy way to design a flyer for your next event using Microsoft Word.

Thursday, November 21, 7:00-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

Advanced Flyer Design **RS**

Work on a more complex event flyer using the free online photo editing tool, Pixlr.

Thursday, December 12, 7:00-8:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

Phil's Tech Tip: Turn to the Dark Side



Many apps and devices now support "dark mode," which favors dark colors and shades over the bright light often associated with screen time.

Switching to dark mode may save battery power and reduce eye strain.

Some devices also offer a "night shift" setting, which switches to warmer colors at night. Check your device's brightness and display settings to see your options.

Some of the library apps you may use like *Libby*, *Cloud Library*, and *Hoopla* all offer dark reading modes with light text on a dark background.

For more help with your device, visit the Reference Department each Tuesday from 3:00-5:00pm for drop-in help or book a 30-minute session with a librarian at www.northbrook.info/tech-help.

COMPUTERS & COFFEE

Join us for a cup of coffee as we explore technology topics and answer questions.

Computers & Coffee: Streaming Music **RS**

Get an overview of ways to stream music using services like Spotify, Apple Music, and Tidal.

Wednesday, November 6,
10:00-11:00am, Civic Room



Note: registration for all Maker classes begins Friday, November 1 at 10:00am.

MAKER PROGRAMS



Don't toss it, fix it! Bring a household item in need of repair to our second Northbrook Repairs, where skilled volunteers will do their best to help you fix it for free. Some of the items we repaired last time included lamps, toys, clothing, books, bags, bicycles, and chairs.

Sunday, November 10, 1:00-3:30pm, Pollak Room B

- Your item must be small enough to be carried by one person.
- One item per person at a time. If you have more than one item, you must return to the end of the line after each repair.
- Register in person when you arrive, and be prepared to wait with your item when your name is called and during the repair (no drop-offs).
- Do not bring an item that is leaking, dangerous, contains gasoline, or has a strong odor.
- Registration ends at 3:00pm; after 3:00pm, we will no longer accept any items for repair.
- We'll do our best, but we cannot guarantee that your item will be fixed.

YOUTH MAKER

Youth Intro to CAD (Grades 3-5) **RS**

Use Tinkercad to learn basic computer aided design skills and design 3D objects. This class is for kids who have little to no CAD experience.

Thursday, November 7, 4:00-5:00pm, Interactive Classroom

String Theory: Mixed Media Embroidery (Grades 4-12) **RS**

Create mixed media art using heat transfer vinyl and hand embroidery. Participants must attend both classes.

All materials will be provided.

Tuesdays, November 12 & 19, 4:00-5:00pm, Collaboratory

Dinosaur Egg Stress Ball (Grades 4-8) **RS**

Create a stress ball out of flour and balloons.

Wednesday, November 13, 4:30-5:30pm, Collaboratory

Quilted Pillow for Kids (Grades 4-8) **RS**

Make a quilted pillow. Previous sewing machine class *and* basic sewing machine skills required. Registering for the first class will automatically register you for the second.

Thursdays, November 14 & 21, 4:15-5:45pm, Interactive Classroom

Cricut for Kids (Grades 4-8) **RS**

Design and cut your own keychain.

Wednesday, November 20, 4:00-5:00pm, Collaboratory

TEEN/ADULT MAKER (AGES 13-ADULT)

DIY Clutch Purse **RS**

Upcycle a table mat to a clutch purse using a simple hand sewing method.

Friday, November 8, 10:30am-12:00pm, Collaboratory

Jewelry: Angel Earrings **RS**

Make seasonal angel earrings.

Tuesday, November 12, 10:30am-12:00pm, Collaboratory

Origami Boxes **RS**

Add a special touch to gift giving with these easy-to-make boxes.

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A

Digitize Your Slides **RS**

Stop by for a brief demonstration on how to digitize your slide photos.

Demonstration only; do not bring any slides to the program.

Friday, November 15, 10:30-11:30am, Collaboratory

Intermediate Sewing Machine **RS**

Join us for a more complicated project using the library's machines. Basic sewing machine skills required.

Tuesday, November 19, 10:30am-12:30pm, Interactive Classroom

Lightroom Basics **RS**

Edit and enhance your photos quickly and easily.

Wednesday, November 20, 6:00-7:00pm, Collaboratory

Create a Photo Slideshow **RS**

Create your own photo slideshow using iMovie and digital photos. Beginner computer skills required.

Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:00pm, Collaboratory



The Season of Making

There are no scheduled classes in December.

The Collaboratory can get busy during the holiday season, so it is a good idea to start working on your project early, if possible, to avoid long wait times.

Collaboratory Hours

Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 10am-5pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm

Note: to ensure a timely closing, equipment will be unavailable for use 30 minutes before closing.

STAR WARS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
WWW.NORTHBROOK.INFO/STAR-WARS-DAY

Join fellow Star Wars fans to celebrate the upcoming film release of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* with a day of fun and adventure. Fans of all ages are welcome, and costumes are encouraged!

Reserve a Spot

Reserve a spot for these popular activities for all ages.

Role Playing Games RS

10:00am-4:00pm

Assemble your 3-5 player team, and reserve a one-hour time slot to play "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" RPG. Players of all levels welcome.

Lightsaber Training RS

10:30-11:30am & 3:00-4:00pm

Members of the Chicago Jedi Organization will demonstrate basic lightsaber training and choreographed combat. Use one of our practice sabers, bring your own, or create one from 9:30am-4:00pm, while supplies last.

Star Wars Trivia Contest RS

12:00-1:00pm

Assemble your team (up to five people) and put your knowledge to the test. Each member of the winning team will win a \$20 movie theater gift card!

Mission to Saturn RS

1:30-2:30pm

Join NASA Solar System Ambassadors as they explore the mysteries of the Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn. See spectacular images of Saturn and its famous rings, and learn the secrets of Saturn's largest moon, Titan.

Drop-in activities

Drop in from 9:30am-4:00pm to enjoy Star Wars themed fun throughout the library.

BB-8 Maze

Navigate our BB-8 Sphero droid through the maze before it's too late!

Lightsaber Construction

Create and design your own lightsaber using our supply of colorful duct tape and pool noodles (while supplies last).

Out of This Galaxy Crafts

Write your name in Aurebesh (Star Wars alphabet), create Star Wars origami, design a Chewbacca paper bag puppet, and more.

Sarlacc Pit & Assault on the Death Star Bean Bag Toss

Aim your bean bag for the stomach of the all-powerful Sarlacc or the reactor core to save the galaxy!

Tabletop Gaming

Challenge your friends and family to see who will rule the Star Wars themed tabletop gaming galaxy.

Trash Compactor Rescue

Kids are invited to search through a pile of recyclables and rescue Luke, Leia, Han, and Chewie before they are crushed by the walls of Garbage Masher #3263827.

Virtual Reality Gaming

Step into the cockpit and experience what it would be like to pilot a Rebel X-Wing Fighter in a fully immersive virtual world.

Amazing LEGO Creations

10:00am-4:00pm

See fantastic Star Wars-themed LEGO displays constructed by builders from the Chicago Area LEGO Users Group.



TEEN PROGRAMS

See page 2 for photo policy.

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

Make friends, eat pizza, and help us plan and complete service projects.
Tuesdays, November 12 & December 10,
5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

Create Club: Galaxy Jars (Grades 4-8) **RS**

Make a mesmerizing concoction that looks like outer space.
Thursday, November 14, 4:00-5:00pm,
YS Activity Room

Books and Bites: Teen Book Discussion (Grades 6-12) **RS**

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon.
Recommended for grades 8 and up.
The first 10 teens to register and check
in at the YS desk will get a free copy.
Friday, November 15, 5:00-6:00pm,
Civic Room

Writers League (Grades 6-12) **RS**

Enjoy snacks, meet other writers, and
sharpen your skills with fun exercises.
Mondays, November 18 & December 16,
4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

Create Club: Boho Lanterns (Grades 4-8) **RS**

Transform a plain jar into a gorgeous
lamp to light up the night.
Thursday, December 5, 4:00-5:00pm,
YS Activity Room

Demystifying the College Planning Process **RS**

A panel of college students and parents discuss navigating standardized tests,
high school GPA and course selections, narrowing down college options, visiting
colleges, and more. Learn from those who have lived it and grown from it. In
partnership with the Northbrook Youth Commission.
Monday, December 16, 7:00-9:00pm, Auditorium

Winter Recharge & Relaxation (Grades 6-12) **RS**

Unwind with art projects, music, and
hot chocolate.
Thursday, December 19, 5:30-6:30pm, YS
Activity Room

Speed Gaming (Grades 4-12) **RS**

Try out some new games at the library!
We'll have stations of different board
games and JackBox video games.
Friday, December 27, 2:30-4:30pm,
Pollak Room

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Globe Trotters (Grades K-3) **RS***

Explore a different country each session
with books, games, crafts, and maps.
Sundays, November 3 & December 1,
2:00-3:00pm, YS Activity Room

Word Play (Grades 3-5) **RS**

Play writing games, spark ideas, and eat
some snacks.
Monday, November 4, 4:00-5:00pm,
YS Activity Room

LEGO Club (Grades 1-3) **RS**

Join us to build your LEGO masterpiece!
Tuesdays, November 5 & December 10,
4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Cool Reads (Grades K-2) **RS**

Enjoy a fun discussion, activities, and
a snack. The book does not need to be
read prior to the event.
Thursdays, 4:00-4:45pm, YS Activity Room
November 7: *Biscuit* by Alyssa Capucilli
December 12: *Harold and the Purple
Crayon* by Crockett Johnson

Try & Fail Challenge

(Grades 3-5) **RS**
Try to complete a design challenge
using experimental and design thinking.
Epic fails encouraged!
Mondays, November 11 & December 9,
4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

A-Z Mindfulness for Kids

(Grades K-5) **RS**
Miss Lani with Banner Day Camp
teaches mindfulness—the practice of
focusing on the present moment.
Wednesdays, November 13 &
December 11, 4:00-4:30pm,
Pollak Room A

Tabletop Gaming

(Grades 4-12) **RS**
No experience necessary.
Fridays, 4:00-5:30pm, Pollak Room A
November 15: *Dungeons & Dragons*
December 20: *Magic: The Gathering*

Coding Club (Grades 5-12) **RS**

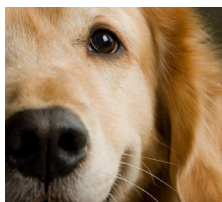
Explore Python programming with
drawing, gaming, and robotics.
Thursdays, November 21 & December
19, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room
*Starting January, our Coding Club will
meet twice monthly on the 3rd and 4th
Thursday of each month.*

Serial Readers (Grades 4-6) **RS**

Read the first book in a series and enjoy
activities and discussion (and pizza.)
Copies of the book available at the YS
desk a month before the program.
The Powerless by Matthew Cody
Wednesday, November 27, 4:00-5:00pm,
YS Activity Room

Science Explorers

(Grades K-2) **RS**
Explore science concepts with
hands-on activities. Get messy and
learn something!
Monday, December 2, 4:00-4:45pm,
YS Activity Room



K-9 Reading Buddies (Grades K-5) **RS**

Independent readers can practice their skills by
reading to a friendly therapy dog! Visit the Youth Services
desk or call 847-272-4300 to reserve a 15-minute time slot.
Tuesdays, November 19 & December 17, 6:30-7:45pm,
YS Activity Room



RESERVE A SPOT

If a program is marked with **RS**,
we recommend that you visit
www.northbrook.info or call
847-272-6224 to reserve a spot.

KEY: **RS** Reserve a Spot **SN** Special Needs Program **CR** NPL Card Required
* Caregivers do not need to reserve a spot

YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

Korean Language Storytime (Ages 3-5, with caregiver) RS*

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and activities in Korean presented by local volunteers. For Korean-speaking families and those interested in the language.

Fridays, November 1 & 15,
December 6 & 20,
4:15-4:45pm, YS Activity Room

Korean Language Storytime (Ages 4-11) RS

Enjoy stories and activities in Korean presented by local volunteers. For Korean-speaking families and those interested in the language.

Fridays, November 8 & December 13,
4:15pm-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Monday Movers (Toddlers, with caregiver)

Join us for a fast-paced half hour of moving, singing, reading, and fun!

Mondays, November 11 – December 16,
10:30-11:00am, Story Corner

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) Enjoy stories and activities specifically for preschoolers.

Mondays, November 11–December 16,
2:00-2:30pm, YS Activity Room

Tuesdays, November 12–December 17,
10:30-11:00am, YS Activity Room



Toddler Storytime (Toddlers, with caregiver)

A half hour of stories, songs, rhymes, and activities for toddlers.

Tuesdays, November 12 – December 17,
10:30-11:00am, Story Corner

Wednesdays, November 13–December 18,
10:30-11:00am, Story Corner

Baby Play (Birth-12 months, with caregiver)

This program introduces music, rhymes, and books to babies 12 months and younger and their caregiver in a friendly, cozy setting.

Wednesdays, November 13–December 18,
9:15-10:00am, YS Activity Room

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3, with caregiver)

Join us for 20 minutes of stories and 20 minutes of creative play.

Thursdays, November 14 – December 19,
10:00-10:40am, Story Corner

Wee Play (Birth-24 months, with caregiver)

Music, rhymes, giggles, and books for caregiver and baby. Please check in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive. Space is limited.

Thursdays, November 14 – December 19,
10:00-10:45am & 11:00-11:45am,
YS Activity Room

Spanish Storytime with Señora Kus

(All Ages, with caregiver) Drop-in
Come have a blast exploring the Spanish language with songs, stories, rhymes, and movement. Bilingual storytime provides English speakers with a brain-building dose of Spanish.

Friday, November 15, 10:00-10:30am,
Story Corner

Pajama Stories (Families)

Put on your coziest pajamas and join us for a half hour of stories and fun.

Tuesday, November 26, 6:30-7:00pm,
Story Corner



*We welcome young people of all abilities to all of our programs.
For accommodations, please call 847-272-6224.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPECIAL EVENTS

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation (Kindergarten and Under) **RS***

Cosponsored by the Friends.

All 1000 Books Before Kindergarten graduates are invited to a fun-filled party, with balloons, music, fun, and treats! Family members and siblings are welcome to attend.

Saturday, November 2, 2:00-3:00pm,
YS Activity Room



Wiggleworms Music for Kids (All Ages, with caregiver) **RS**

Music, movement, and fun from the Old Town School of Folk Music.

Tuesday, November 5, 10:30-11:00am,
Pollak Room

Baby Wiggleworms

(All Ages, with caregiver) **RS***

Music, movement, and fun from the Old Town School of Folk Music. All children, including siblings, must be 24 months or younger and registered.

Wednesday, November 6,
10:30-11:00am & 11:15-11:45am,
YS Activity Room

FAMILY FILMS **RS**

Saturdays, 10:30am and 2:00pm, Auditorium



**Dora and the
Lost City of Gold**
November 30,
Rated PG



**The Angry
Birds Movie 2**
December 28,
Rated PG

JG's Reptile Road Show (All Ages) **RS**

This exciting and interactive show gets audience members up close and personal with reptiles from around the world.

Saturday, November 16,
11:00am-12:00pm, Pollak Room

Story Fest: Frozen (All Ages) **RS***

Join us to celebrate the movie *Frozen* and to enjoy fun with science, crafts, and a storytime!

Friday, November 22, 3:30-5:00pm,
Youth Services Department

Family LEGO Club (All Ages)

Build on Improve your skills with a different LEGO creation challenge each month.

Saturdays, November 23 & December 7,
10:30am-12:00pm, Pollak Room

Noon Year's Eve (All Ages) **RS***

Join us for a New Year's celebration where we will count down to ... noon! There will be crafts, games, and fun that will culminate in a dance party/balloon drop at high noon.

Tuesday, December 31,
11:00am-12:00pm, Story Corner



Noon Year's Eve Celebration

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Northbrook Resident Helps Give Broken Items New Life

On Sunday, May 19, volunteers and library staff helped fix 59 items brought in by the public, including 12 bikes, 9 pieces of clothing, 3 chairs, 1 fan, a Keurig, a sewing machine, an electric toothbrush, and many, *many* lamps.

To put it mildly, the inaugural Northbrook Repairs event held at the Northbrook Public Library was a resounding success.

“When we put out the call for broken items to the public, we really weren’t sure how many we’d get,” said Cathleen Doyle, Digital Services Manager.

“Our goal was to keep as many of these items from ending up in our landfills.”

Scott Hargis, one of the many volunteers, had recently moved to Northbrook with his wife and was looking for ways to get involved with their new community.

While browsing the library’s website, he learned that the library was asking for volunteers to help fix broken items, and Scott saw an opportunity to help.

“As a child, I enjoyed taking things apart to learn how they worked,” said Scott. “As a mechanical engineer, my job is to put things together with product design and project management.”

Scott’s first visit to the library was for Northbrook Repairs. When he arrived, ready to help fix a random array of items from the public, he was taken up to the “impressive” Collaboratory, the library’s makerspace, where stations were set up for volunteers.

Located on the library’s second floor, the Collaboratory encourages exploration, creativity, design, and building, using a variety of media tools, technology, and objects.

This space, which opened to the public on May 7, 2018, offers makers working on projects—whether high-tech, low-tech, or no-tech—access to an array of equipment, tools, knowledge, and expert support.

Available equipment in the Collaboratory includes sewing and embroidery machines, laser cutter, Carvey CNC machine, 3D printers, Cricut, soldering equipment, and more.



At first, Scott and other Northbrook Repairs volunteers weren’t quite sure what to expect. Scott faced his first challenge when a boy walked in with a broken mechanical shovel.

“The shovel was broken off and could not be attached in the same location. With the boy’s help, we found a new location, marked and drilled new holes and reattached the shovel with screws,” he said.

“It was a great experience and it showed the boy that not everything made today is disposable, and even broken things can be fixed.”



Don’t toss it. Fix it! Northbrook Repairs returns on Sunday, November 10. *Turn to page 9 for details.*



“Writers were generous with one another, sharing helpful insights and suggestions.”
—Participant at last year’s write-ins.

NaNoWriMo: 30 Days, 50,000 Words, 300,000 Writers

Each November, National Novel Writing Month, better known as NaNoWriMo, challenges writers, or “wrimos,” to finish a 50,000-word novel (roughly the length of *The Great Gatsby*) in 30 days.

If you’re up to the challenge, we invite you to our weekly write-ins each Sunday in November from 2:00-4:00pm to share experiences, get support, and of course, write your novel. Whether or not you meet your goal, write-ins are a great way to connect with others on the same journey. Snacks will be provided.

Wondering if it’s for you? Read the experiences of last year’s participants at www.northbrook.info/nanowrimo-2018.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

From the Board President

Reading is perhaps the most underrated and underappreciated ability of mankind. In our enlightened community of Northbrook, I imagine that most have learned to decipher those previously mysterious little black squiggles on a white background. Alas, not so elsewhere, even in America. Those markings have the power to elicit feelings of joy, sadness, understanding and even anger. (Try holding your open book upside-down and see if those same squiggles have any effect beyond confusion.)

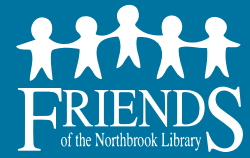
The international publishing industry is healthy and prospering, despite some noisy nay-sayers. So, let's celebrate books by participating in the library's Winter Reading Program. If you don't already know, books will show you how to shut out the cacophonous environment caused by TV and the Internet. Though inert, books do live!

Mark your calendars for the Friends' Bookshop Black Friday (and Saturday) Book Sale following Thanksgiving. You will surely find something to your taste on the ten display tables. And your wallet will smile, too.

Finally, from the Board of the Friends warmest wishes for the upcoming enjoyable holiday season.

Sincerely,

Bill Schildgen



Friends' Used Bookshop Hours:

Monday-Saturday:

10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday: 2:00-4:00pm

Friends Board Members

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

Next Friends of the Library Board Meeting:

Friday, November 12

10:00am, Civic Room

All are welcome to attend



Friends' Bookshop Black Friday Sale

Friday, November 29, 10:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, November 30, 9:30am-5:00pm

Satisfy your shopping needs by shopping at the Friends of the Library's Black Friday used book sale. Your purchases support the Friends and the library.

New & Returning Members *as of September 9, 2019*

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SPONSOR (\$100) Wendi Burnstine

DONOR (\$50) Gloria Kraft

CONTRIBUTOR (\$25) Ila Freidin, Kathleen Redding

FAMILY (\$20) The Francois Family, Susan Lee and Malcolm Litowitz, Neta Pritzker, Lee Solock and Peter Rosner

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) Ailene Bereskin, Fran Green, Doris Kaplan

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