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Notes from the Director

While April flowers typically bring May showers, for the library, they bring about new cabling! We have been working on recabling our building and putting in much needed Cat 6 cables.

Starting in March, we will be doing some additional work on some 1st floor staff spaces. You may notice some construction vehicles, but the work should not impact your enjoyment of the library.

Part of the process we go through with these projects is soliciting bids and ensuring that we are using the taxpayers' money wisely. We acquire estimates for the cost of the projects and then solicit formal bids. The Board reviews the bids and approves the lowest responsible bidder. As stewards of the community's money, the Library Board is diligent about reviewing how the money is spent.

If you are interested in learning more, I invite you to visit me in the 2nd floor Administration office or come to one of our open board meetings, which are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. We are here to serve you and are interested in what the community has to say.

Kate Hall Executive Director

Library Information

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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

Library Closings: Sunday, April 21 (Easter)

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NEWS & UPDATES

CALLING ALL WRITERS

Northbrook Writes, a series of workshops led by acclaimed authors, returns in March and April with three classes that focus on revision strategies, emphasizing your characters' internal struggles, and letting ghosts, either literally or metaphorically, into your writing. Turn to the bottom of page 14 for details, or register online at www.northbrook.info/northbrook-writes.

YMCA ART SHOW & NORTHBROOK ORIGINALS RETURN

In March, come see works by talented students displayed throughout the library at the annual YMCA Art Show. Everyone is welcome to attend the reception on Sunday, March 3 from 3:00-4:45pm in the Youth Services Activity Room.

Then, from April 11 to May 31, we host the annual Northbrook Originals Art Exhibit, which showcases the talents of Northbrook residents. Meet the artists and tour the artwork on Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00pm in the Pollak Room.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

We just finished up our recabling project to put in Cat 6 cables, and in January, the Board of Trustees approved \$441,700 to remodel part of the library's first floor. This project will create an office and workspace for our Maintenance department, provide additional storage, and make improvements to the Technical Services office that will increase its efficiency. Construction will begin in mid-March and is expected to be completed by the end of May.

During the construction project, some of our staff will be working in the Civic Room. If you attend a program that regularly meets in the Civic Room, be sure to check the newsletter or online calendar for its updated location.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: REPAIR DAY

Are you handy? We're planning the library's first Repair Day this May and are looking for volunteers who are skilled in fixing just about anything: furniture, jewelry, clothing, small appliances, bikes, and more. Our goal is to encourage repairing everyday items, and teaching others how to repair, instead of adding to our landfills. If you're interested in volunteering with us, email us at *collaboratory@northbrook.info* or call 847-272-2098.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

The April 2 election includes many local offices, including Library Board trustees. Early voting will take place March 18-April 1. To learn about voting hours in Northbrook, visit the Village of Northbrook's website, www.northbrook.il.us.



FEATURED EVENTS

Post-Academy Awards Discussion with Zbigniew Banas RS

Tuesday, March 5, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium

Join Loyola University professor, film critic, and journalist Zbigniew Banas for a lively discussion of the 91st Academy Awards.

Banas, a member of the Chicago Film Critics Association, moderates discussions for Talk Cinema and teaches film-related classes for the Road Scholar program. He has been accredited as a journalist at over 20 film festivals, including Cannes, Berlin, Toronto, and Sundance.

Over the years, his reviews have appeared in *Chicago Reader*, *Boston Phoenix*, *New City*, and other publications. He is affiliated with WPNA and WNVR radio stations in Chicago, as well as Polvision TV.



Can you ever Forgive Me?

IF BEALE STREET
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Looking for a chance to see these Academy Award nominated films for yourself?

Visit page 7 to see our lineup of awardnominated films. We recommend that you reserve a spot early for these extremely popular films.



GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE CONCERT Grateful Dead Tribute Band RS Saturday, April 20, 2:00pm, Auditorium

Enjoy an afternoon hearing the timeless music of the Grateful Dead performed by the Cream Puff Warriors, featuring Northbrook's very own Peter and Packy Lundholm.

Both Peter (class of '06) and Packy (class of '03) are alumni of Glenbrook North High School.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FEATURED EVENTS

The Future of Local Investigative Journalism: A Conversation with ProPublica Illinois RS

Cosponsored by Comfort Keepers of Chicago North Shore.

ProPublica Illinois is a nonprofit investigative newsroom in Chicago, launched a year ago to provide watchdog coverage of wrongdoing and abuse of power in our state to spur reform. Journalists from ProPublica Illinois will give a behind-the-scenes account of their most recent work and discuss the importance of investigative journalism today.

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00-9:00pm, Pollak Room



Chicago River Chemistry RS Cosponsored by Go Green Northbrook.

Learn how human actions affect the health of the mighty Chicago River. An ecology expert from Friends of the Chicago River will explain the factors that impact water, and demonstrate how to use a kit to test water quality.

Monday, March 11, 7:00-8:00pm,

GO GREEN NORTHBROOK

Pollak Room

What's With Chicago? The Quirks, Personality, and Charm of the Windy City RS

Cosponsored by the Friends

Ellen Shubart, author of *What's with Chicago?*, offers an entertaining look at the Windy City and then puts your knowledge to the test with some trivia. Saturday, March 23, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

FRIENDS

Stories from the Farm RS

Cosponsored by Friends of the Northbrook Farmer's Market

Learn about the farming experience from two local farmers: fifth-generation farmer, Kyle Froehlich, owner of Sunny Harvest Farms, and Rich Olson, who traded a career in the technology field for a field in Woodstock to grow microgreens and other vegetables. Monday, April 8, 7:00-8:15pm, Pollak Room



Sammy Davis Jr. RS

Hy Speck, historian, teacher, and lecturer, presents some of the greatest moments in Sammy Davis Jr.'s career. Thursday, April 11, 2:00-3:00pm, Auditorium

Email Marketing (Newsletters and Announcements) RS

Learn how communicating with customers regularly can help a small business stay connected, generate increased referrals, repeat sales, and nurture customer loyalty. Presented by Norbert Barsczewski of SCORE. Thursday, April 18, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

Abraham Lincoln Presents: Civil War, Immigration, and America's Significance in the World RS

Meet Abe Lincoln (portrayed by Kevin Wood), as he shares his experiences and thoughts on immigration, nativism, international relations, and the global significance of the American Civil War. Thursday, April 25, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room

PARENT SUPPORT

New Mom Self-Care RS (Parents and Caregivers of new babies)

Join a gentle and honest discussion about self-care with a seasoned maternity nurse and therapist. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring their babies.

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30-11:30am, Youth Services Activity Room

Safe and Secure Online for Parents RS (Parents and Caregivers)

Learn tips on keeping children safe online from a certified Information systems security professional. This workshop is presented in partnership with Eye Level of Northbrook Learning Center.

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

Summer Prep for Parents RS (Parents and Caregivers)

The transition from school to summer break can create extra anxiety. Get tips for a smooth transition from a local licensed clinical professional counselor, and make this the best summer yet.

Sunday, April 14, 1:30-2:30pm,
Pollak Room

College Planning for Students with Learning Differences RS SN (Parents and Caregivers)

Learn the steps you can take to help a student with learning differences have a successful college experience, including college academic supports, necessary documentation, and more. *Most beneficial for families with students in Grades 8-12.*

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room A

RESERVE A SPOT

Reserve & Sport

HEALTH MATTERS

The Doctor Is In: Talking to Your **Doctor About Stress**

Meet doctors from the University of Chicago (NorthShore) Family Medicine Residency Program for a talk about stress and practicing mindfulness for good health. Bring your questions. Monday, March 18, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

WOMEN'S VOICES

Women of World War II RS

Author Barb Warner Deane tells stories about the American Red Cross Clubmobile program and the women who made a difference in World War II. Tuesday, March 12, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

Skin Game: A True Story of Self Injury & Healing

Cosponsored by NAMI-Cook County North Suburban

Caroline Kettlewell, author of the young adult memoir Skin Game, shares how from age 12 until her 20s, she found relief from anxiety by cutting herself. Caroline will speak about

her experience and how she found healthy ways to cope.

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room



She's Beautiful When She's Angry: Film & Discussion RS

This powerful documentary tells the story of the everyday women who founded the modern women's movement from 1966 to 1971. A discussion will follow the screening.



Monday, March 25, 6:30-8:30pm, **Auditorium**

BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

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

Book Discussion with Isabel Soffer

The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea Saturday, March 2, 10:00-11:30am Pollak Room B

Illinois State Poetry Society Meeting

New members welcome. Bring 10 copies of two of your poems to share. Sunday, March 10, 1:00-4:30pm, Pollak Room A

Wednesdays with Benjamin Goluboff

Cosponsored by the Friends.

March 13: Patrimony by Philip Roth April 10: Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room A

FRIENDS

Great Books

March 18: Of Justice and Injustice by **David Hume**

April 15: The Power of the Majority by Alexis de Tocqueville

Mondays, 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room A

Tuesdays with Nancy Buehler

Cosponsored by the Friends. March 19: The Ensemble by Aja Gabel April 16: Warlight by Michael Ondaatje Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room A

FRIENDS

Writing Peer Review Group

Have you written a chapter, a short story, a nonfiction essay or poetry? Join us at this kickoff meeting to meet peers who will offer honest, respectful, and constructive feedback on two pieces of your work, and learn more about this 10-week program.

Sunday, March 31, 1:30-3:30pm, Interactive Classroom

Books on Tap

There There by Tommy Orange Wednesday, March 27, 7:00-8:30pm, Landmark Inn, 1352 Shermer Road

Bestsellers and Beyond

Librarian Lori Siegel reviews books you might be interested in reading or sharing with your book group. Thursday, April 4, 1:30-2:30pm Pollak Room

Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

The Trick by Emanuel Bergmann Tuesday, April 9, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A

Illinois Poetry Society Haiku Chapter

Haiku poets of all levels are welcome. Come have your work critiqued, learn about English language Haiku techniques, and share resources. Sunday, April 14, 1:00-4:30pm, **YS Activity Room**

Environmental Book Club

Cosponsored by Go Green Northbrook.

Join us to discuss The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan. Books are available at the Reference Desk five weeks before the discussion.

Tuesday, April 23, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A



Stranger Than Fiction

Read and discuss true stories that are as compelling as fiction. This month we'll discuss The Girl Who Smiled Beads by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil. Books are available at the Reference Desk five weeks before the discussion. Monday, April 29, 7:00-8:00pm,

Pollak Room A

THE GIRL

ADULT PROGRAMS

CONCERTS

Two Pianos Four Hands RS

Cosponsored by the Northbrook Arts Commission.

Internationally acclaimed pianists perform simultaneously on two grand pianos, generously loaned by Kawai and Family Piano.

Sundays in March, 3:00pm, Auditorium northbrook ARTS 7

March 3: Susan Merdinger & Steven Greene

March 10: Jimin Yun & Yoahn Kwon March 17: Lyudmila Lakisova & Irina Lupines

March 24: Ron & Ann Surace

Lake Effect Clarinet Quartet RS

Originating in Chicago, the Lake Effect Quartet will present an engaging afternoon of music arranged and written for clarinet quartet. Sunday, March 31, 3:00pm, Auditorium

Division Brass RS

A concert of exciting and challenging all-brass repertoire.

Sunday, April 14, 3:00pm, Auditorium

Grateful Dead Tribute Concert RS

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Saturday, April 20, 2:00pm, Auditorium

Indian Classical Carnatic Vocal Concert RS

Indian classical Carnatic music featuring vocals, violin, and percussion.

Sunday, April 28, 3:00pm, Auditorium 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

Northbrook Community Choir Spring Concert RS

A spring concert to brighten your day. Monday, April 29, 7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium

MUSIC SEMINAR

Appreciating Classical Music RS

Learn what makes the masterpieces great through an interactive seminar presented by our Classical Music specialist, Madison Carroll.

Thursday, March 7 & Tuesday, April 2, 7:00-8:30pm, Pollak Room

FRIDAY NIGHT SALON

Clarinet Performance by Classical Music Librarian, Madison Carroll RS

Our new librarian will perform chamber music and works from the Classical period, followed by a Q&A session. Friday, March 1, 7:00pm, Auditorium

Traversing the Pyrenees, Ethos Duo RS

Sevgi Giles and Marina Hoover present a program that showcases French and Spanish music for cello and piano. Friday, April 5, 7:00pm, Auditorium

JAZZ/BLUES SALON

Big Band Sound of Deerfield RS

This community band is dedicated to playing and promoting swing and big band jazz music of yesterday and today. Thursday, March 14, 7:00pm Auditorium



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga

Cosponsored by the Friends.
Fridays in March in April, 9:30-10:30am
OR 11:00am-12:00pm, Pollak Room

Adult ESL/Literacy Conversation

Tuesdays in March and April, 6:00-7:00pm, Study Room 2

Chess Club (All levels)

Wednesdays in March and April, 7:00-8:45pm, Pollak Room B

Current Events Roundtable

Cosponsored by the Whitehall of Deerfield. Thursdays, March 7 & 21; April 4 & 18 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room



Great Ideas: Israeli History

Cosponsored by the Friends. Thursdays, March 14 & 28; April 11 & 25 10:00-11:30am, Pollak Room

FRIENDS

Essential Tremor Support Group

Saturdays, 10:00-11:30am March 9, Pollak Room B April 13, Pollak Room A

AARP Driver Safety Program RS

Saturdays, March 16 & March 23, 9:30-1:30pm, Interactive Classroom

WEDNESDAY FILM SERIES

Films screened 1:00pm & 7:00pm

March Critics' Choice RS

Cosponsored by the Friends. #### FRIENDS



March 6
A Star is Born*
Rated R



March 13
The Favourite*
Rated R



March 20 Can you Ever Forgive Me?* Rated R



March 27 If Beale Street Could Talk* Rated R

We recommend that you reserve a spot early for these extremely popular films.

April Hollywood's Forgotten Stars RS



April 3 Lost Horizon (1937)



April 10 Boomerang! (1947)



April 17 Trouble in Paradise (1932)



April 24
I Want to Live!
(1958)

Stay tuned! Starting May 2019, we will be reshaping our film program scheduling to bring you special screenings and curated, thematic series.

FIRST-RUN FILMS RS

FRIENDS

Presented on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00pm & 7:00pm.



March 9 Green Book* Rated PG-13 *Also screened at 10:30am.



April 13 On the Basis of Sex* Rated PG-13

SENSORY MOVIE SN RS

Our sensory-friendly screenings are designed for adults with special needs. We turn the volume down and the lights up, and all are welcome to move around and talk.



Ralph Breaks the Internet Friday, April 26, 10:30am, Auditorium Rated PG

FILM DISCUSSIONS

CinemaSpeak

Watch @ Home. Talk @ Library. Join us for a lively discussion of In America (2002).
Thursday, March 28,

7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room A

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie Night RS

Donnie Darko Thursday, April 18, Auditorium

Film: 7:00-9:00pm **Discussion:** 9:00-9:45pm

Rated R

*Not confirmed at press time

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

iPAD BASICS

Basic iPad RS

Learn how to download and manage apps, connect to Wi-Fi, and more. Apple ID and password required.

Thursday, March 7, 2:00-3:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Basic iPad 2 RS

Explore camera functions including taking and sharing photos, and learn techniques for using Safari. Apple ID and password required.

Thursday April 11, 2:00-3:00pm, Interactive Classroom



Photo Editing RS

Edit your photos online for free without downloading any software or creating an account. Learn to crop, resize, add filters, and remove objects from photos with PixIr.

Tuesday, March 19, 11:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Flyer Design RS

Learn to design a flyer for an event. Practice creating a flyer using the free online tool Pixlr.

Thursday, April 25, 7:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom



EMAIL BASICS

Say Goodbye to AOL: You've Got Gmail RS

Learn the ins and outs of Google's free email service. Reply, forward and compose new messages; organize your inbox; attach documents, and more.

Friday, March 15, 11:00am-12:00pm,
Interactive Classroom

EXCEL PRACTICE

Excel Practice Lab RS CR

Learn and practice tips and tricks using instructional videos, and discuss with other learners. This class requires a Northbrook Public Library card. Thursday, March 28, 7:00-8:00pm & Tuesday, April 9, 11:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

GENEALOGY BASICS

Introduction to Ancestry.com RS

Discover the best ways to search for information about your family history on *Ancestry.com*. Explore census, birth, marriage, death, military, immigration records, and more.

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

COMPUTERS & COFFEE

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

Ridesharing 101 RS

Learn the basics of catching a ride with Lyft and Uber.

Wednesday, March 6, 11:00am-12:00pm, Pollak Room A Intro to Instagram RS

Discover the ins and outs of the photo and video sharing app.

Friday, April 5, 11:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom



MAKER PROGRAMS

TEEN/ADULT MAKER (AGES 13-ADULT)

Ham Radio Licensing Meetup (All Ages) RS

Get answers to your questions about the FCC's amateur licensing exam. Hosted by the North Shore Radio Club.

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16 & 23 9:30-11:00am, Pollak Room

Sewing Machine Basics RS

Hands-on instruction using the library's sewing machines.

Saturdays, March 2 & April 13, 11:00am-12:30pm, Interactive Classroom

DIY Acrylic Box RS

Design and create your own laser etched interlocking three-inch box. Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Digitizing VHS Tapes RS

Learn the process so you can digitize your VHS tapes later, on your own. Please do not bring personal tapes to class. Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Monogram Embroidery RS

Learn how to create and embroider a monogram for a towel using our Janome embroidery machine. Supplies provided. Saturday, March 9 & Tuesday, March 12 10:00am-12:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room B

Coffee Filter Flowers RS

Learn to dye paper coffee filters to make two to three simple flowers. Supplies provided.

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Glass Fusion Workshop RS

Learn about glass fusion from artist Jayne Herring, and create a project of your own. Supplies provided. Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00pm, Collaboratory

March 13: Jewelry

April 17: 4-Sided Candle Holder

Jewelry Making RS

Learn jewelry-making basics. Supplies provided.

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Collaboratory

March 13: Bracelets April 17: Necklaces

Lettering Comics RS

Learn the most common lettering techniques in Adobe Illustrator. Intermediate computer skills required. Thursday, March 14, 6:30-7:30pm, Interactive Classroom

Cricut How-to RS

Learn how to use the Cricut to design and create projects. Supplies provided. Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am, Collaboratory

March 19: Vinyl Decals April 19: Iron-ons

Carvey for Adults RS

Learn how to use Easel software to design for our CNC machine, the Carvey. Wednesday, March 20 & Tuesday, April 9, 6:00-7:00pm, Collaboratory

3D Modeling using SketchUp RS

Learn the basics of SketchUp Make. Basic computer experience required. Thursday, March 21, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Intro to 3D Printing RS

Meet the printer and get started with basic design software.
Tuesday, March 26, 6:00-7:30pm,

Collaboratory

Intro to Laser Cutting RS

Learn how to use Gravit software to design for the laser cutter. Wednesdays, March 27 & April 10, 6:30-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Introduction to Basket Weaving RS

Learn to create a simple woven basket out of jute and cardboard. Thursday, March 28, 4:00-5:00pm, Collaboratory

TinkerCAD: Importing Designs RS

Learn how to import and edit existing designs in TinkerCAD.

Tuesday, April 2, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Mixing a Song: Start to Finish RS

Learn how to mix recorded drums, guitar, vocals, and more together into a complete final mix. Intermediate computer skills required.

Thursday, April 11, 6:30-7:30pm Interactive Classroom

FCC Ham Radio License Exam (All Ages) RS

The North Shore Radio Club will be holding the Amateur Radio License exam at the library. Contact the NSRC at *info@ns9rc.org* to take the test. Sunday, April 14, 1:30-3:30pm, Interactive Classroom

DIY Book Page Wreath RS

Learn how to make a wreath out of book pages. All supplies provided. Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-8:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Robotic Egg Decorating with EggBot RS

Use Eggbot digital software to design and decorate an egg. Thursday, April 18, 5:00-6:30pm, Collaboratory

Introduction to Loom Weaving RS

Learn the basics of loom weaving, and make a basic placemat using a lap loom. Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Introduction to Surface Design RS

Learn the basics of surface design to create your own fabric print with potatoes and paint.

Thursday, April 25, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

Intro to MIT App Inventor RS

Learn the basics of block coding with MIT's App Inventor for Android. Tuesday, April 30, 6:00-7:30pm, Collaboratory

YOUTH SERVICES

TEEN PROGRAMS

Find the Right Test: ACT and SAT Practice Test (Grades 9-12) RS

Take a full-length test proctored by C2 Educate Glenview. Please include your test selection at registration.

Saturday, March 2, 12:30-4:00pm, Pollak Room

Teen Movie Night (Grades 6-12) RS

The Hate U Give (Rated PG-13). Friday, March 8, 7:00-9:00pm, Auditorium



Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12) RS

Earn service hours, eat pizza, and help us plan and complete service projects. Tuesday, March 12, 5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

Korean Language Cram Session (Grades 6-12) RS

Learn some basic Korean phrases and expressions from K-pop and K-drama. Free snacks and gifts for attendees! Wednesday, March 13, 5:00-7:00pm, YS Activity Room



Writers League (Grades 6-12) RS

Enjoy some snacks, meet with other writers, and hone your writing skills. Mondays, March 18 and April 29, 4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

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

The first seven teens to check in at the YS desk will get a free copy.

Fridays, 5:00-6:00pm, YS Activity Room

March 22: *Boxers and Saints* by Gene Luen Yang

Recommended for Grades 7 and up.

April 26: Wolf by Wolf by Ryan Graudin Recommended for Grades 8 and up.

VR Free Play (Grades 4-12) RS

Come play and watch others play the library's HTC Vive and PS4 virtual reality games on the big screen. Register ahead of time to guarantee a time slot. Thursday, March 28, 3:30-5:30pm, Pollak Room

After-hours Laser Tag (Grades 6-12) RS

Eat pizza and play laser tag at the library when the building is closed! Friday, March 29, 5:30-8:00pm YS Activity Room

Teen Summer Volunteer Information Meeting (Grades 8-11) RS

Teens interested in volunteering at the library over the summer **must attend one of the dates below** to find out details and pick up an application. Teens attending high school in Fall 2019 are eligible to volunteer.

Friday, April 5, 5:00-5:30pm, Thursday, April 18, 7:00-7:30pm Saturday, April 27, 3:00-3:30pm YS Activity Room

Teen Wellness: Teenage Mindfulness (Grades 6-12) RS

Discover ways to better manage stress and explore methods for finding contentment and happiness. Hosted by the Northbrook Youth Commission.

Sunday, April 7, 2:00-4:00pm

Auditorium

History of Korea and North/South Korea Today (Grades 6-12) RS

Learn about pre-modern Korea, the event that divided the Korean peninsula, and the current challenges in North and South Korea. There will be hands-on activities.

Monday, April 15, 6:00-8:00pm Pollak AB



More programs for teens & tweens

Tabletop Gaming (Grades 4-12)

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Create Club (Grades 4-8)

Details on page 12

Calling all writers

Writers in grades 6-12 are invited to enter original short stories, poems, and plays for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. All entries will be included in the new Northbrook Teen Zine. Visit www.northbrook.info/teen-zine-contest for details and to submit your work.

Entries due Monday, April 8

Gift card winners will be announced at the **Northbrook Teen Zine Release Party RS** on Sunday April 28 from 2:00-3:00pm in the YS Activity Room, where we will also have snacks, readings, and printed copies of the zine for all attendees and their families.

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. Call 847-272-6224 or visit www.northbrook.info to reserve a spot.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Accessibility Hour for Special Needs Families SN

Visit the library one hour before we open to browse, check out materials, engage in sensory-friendly activities, and meet with Rainbow Therapy dogs. Sunday, March 3, 12:00-1:00pm

Rainbow Therapy Dogs SN

Sunday, March 3, 12:10-1:10pm, Pollak Room

Ben's Bubble Show (Grades 2-6) RS

Cosponsored by the Friends. Education meets entertainment as the science of bubbles is demonstrated with tricks and illusions in this S.T.E.M. based show.

Tuesday, March 5, 4:00-4:45pm, Pollak Room

My First Yoga (Ages 3-5, with caregiver) RS*

Staff from Banner Day Camp present this special yoga class for preschoolers. No yoga experience is necessary.
Friday, March 8, 10:00-10:30am,
YS Activity Room

Y-Art (Families)

Start your Saturday with art from the North Suburban YMCA Art Academy. Saturdays, March 9 & April 13, 10:00-11:00am, YS Activity Room

Kidzmagic by Andrew (All Ages) RS

Cosponsored by the Friends.
Families will have the opportunity to participate in this laugh out loud awardwinning comedy and magic show.

Saturday, March 16, 11:00-11:45am,
Auditorium

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Releve Dance Program (Families) RS

Presenting a morning of movement! Children can interact with the dance performance using props and then later join the performers on stage to learn a fun dance!

Saturday, April 6, 11:00-11:45am, Auditorium

Bach to Rock (Grades 2-5) RS

Learn to sing or play a popular song on keyboard, guitar, bass or drums, and perform on stage with your rock band. No experience necessary.

Sunday, April 7, 2:00-4:00pm, Pollak Room

Crayon Re-Creation Workshop (All Ages) RS

Celebrate Earth Day by peeling, shaving, and melting old crayons to create new fun-shaped crayons to take home. (Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Tuesday, April 23, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

Games Outside the Box (All Ages)

Calling all gamers, techies, engineers, builders, strategists, creators, and out-of-the-box thinkers. Stop by and let's see what you can do!

Tuesday, March 26, 2:30-4:00pm, YS Activity Room

Toddler Sailboat Sail-In (Ages 2-5) RS*

Get artistic with your toddler during spring break. We'll decorate box sailboats, enjoy a snack, and watch a short movie. You can bring your boat home to continue the fun.

Friday, March 29, 2:00-3:00pm, Pollak Room

More Spring Break Programs

VR Free Play (Grades 4-12) RS Details on page 10

After-hours Laser Tag (Grades 6-12) RS Details on page 10

FAMILY FILMS RS

2:00pm & 7:00pm, Auditorium



Ralph Breaks the Internet Saturday, March 30, Rated PG



Mary Poppins Returns* Saturday, April 27, Rated PG

FAMILY SENSORY FILM SN RS*

1:00pm, Auditorium

This sensory-friendly screening is designed for children with special needs. We turn the volume down and the lights up, and all are welcome to move around, talk, and sing during the movie.



Smallfoot Monday, March 25, **Rated PG**

YOUTH SERVICES

SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

Science Explorers (Grades K-2) RS

Are you a budding scientist itching to experiment? Explore basic science concepts with hands-on activities. Get ready to get messy and learn something, too!

Mondays, March 4 & April 8 4:00-4:45pm, YS Activity Room

Curiosity Club (Grades 2-3) RS*

Satisfy your curiosity on the topic of the month through books and hands-on activities.

Lunch Lady series by Jarrett Krosoczka Thursday, March 7, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Try & Fail Challenge (Grades 3-5) RS

Take on a design challenge using experimental and design thinking to create a robot or machine-like contraption. Epic fails encouraged. Mondays, March 11 & April 22 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

A-Z Mindfulness for Kids (Grades K-5) RS

Miss Lani with Banner Day Camp will teach kids powerful, fun and engaging techniques to help kids cultivate mindfulness, which is the practice of being aware and focusing on the present moment.

Wednesdays, March 13 & April 24, 4:00-4:30pm, Pollak Room

Cool Reads (Grades K-2) RS

Explore a great book with activities, a fun discussion, and a snack. The book does not have to be read before the program.

The Infamous Ratsos by Kara Lareau Thursday, March 14, 4:00-4:45 pm, 4:00-4:45 pm, YS Activity Room

Katie Woo: The Best Club by Fran Manushkin Thursday, April 11, 4:00-4:45 pm, YS Activity Room

Tabletop Gaming (Grades 4-12) RS

Cards, dice, pawns, and meeple! We'll play a different tabletop game each month.

Magic: The Gathering

Friday, March 15, 4:00-5:30 pm, YS Activity Room

Board Game Night

Friday, April 19, 4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room

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

Independent readers can practice their skills and build confidence by reading to a friendly dog from K-9 Reading Buddies! Space is limited, so please register in person or by phone for a 15-minute time slot.

Tuesdays, March 19 & April 16, 6:30-7:45pm, YS Activity Room





Create Your Own Comics with Gene Ha RS (Grades 4-8) Learn how stories are told in three and four

panel comic strips, and then make your own. Comics artist Gene Ha will show how all stories are built the same way, whether humor or drama, a quick webcomic, or an epic novel. Taking suggestions from the class, he'll create a strip as he talks, and then you'll have a chance to make your own.

Wednesday, March 20, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Globe Trotters (Grades K-3) RS

Have fun exploring the world through books, games, crafts, and maps. Each session we'll visit a different country. Sunday, March 24, 2:00-3:00pm, YS Activity Room

Serial Readers (Grades 4-6) RS

Read a book that is first in a series and have fun with activities and discussion while snacking on pizza.

Crossover by Kwame Alexander Wednesday, March 27, 4:00-5:00pm YS Activity Room

Lumberjanes by Noelle Stevenson Thursday, April 25, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Family S.T.E.M. Explorers (All Ages)

Children and caregivers explore fun science, technology, engineering, and math while building real-world skills. Saturday, April 27, 10:30am-12:00pm, YS Activity Room



Poetry in Motion

Rhymes here, rhythms there, rich language is everywhere. Visit the Youth Services Department to create and play with our interactive poetry installations throughout April, which is National Poetry Month!

More school-age programs

VR Free Play (Grades 4-12) RS Details on page 10

Youth Maker Programs RS Details on page 13

YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH MAKER

Laser Cutting for Kids (Grades 4-8) RS

Learn how to use Gravit software to design for the laser cutter. Wednesday, March 6, 4:30-5:30pm, Friday, April 12, 4:00-5:00pm, Collaboratory

Cricut for Kids (Grades 4-8) RS Learn how to use the Cricut machine.

All supplies provided.

LED Cards: Thursday, March 7, 4:30-5:30pm, Collaboratory

Iron-ons: Thursday, April 4, 4:30-5:30pm,

Collaboratory

Youth Intro to CAD (Grades 3-5) RS

Use Tinkercad to learn basic computeraided design to design 3D objects. No previous experience necessary. Thursdays, March 21 & April 18, 4:00-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Learn to Code in Python (Grades 5-12) RS

Learn the fundamentals of Python programming, Turtle for drawing, and Pygame for game activities and making music (Raspberry PI + Python). *Participants must sign up for all four dates.* Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 5:00-6:00pm, YS Activity Room

Carvey for Kids (Grades 4-8) RS

Learn how to use Easel software to design for our Carvey CNC machine. Fridays, March 8 & April 5, 4:00-5:00pm Collaboratory

String Theory: Loom Weaving (Grades 4-8) RS

Learn how to weave on a cardboard loom. All tools and materials will be provided. *Participants must sign up for both dates*.

Tuesday, March 12 & 19, 4:00-5:00 pm, Collaboratory

Kids Sewing Machine Basics (Grades 4-8) RS

Hands-on learning using the library's sewing machines.

Thursdays, March 21 & April 18, 4:30-5:45pm, Interactive Classroom

STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

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

Fridays, March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19, 10:30-11:00am, YS Activity Room

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

Join a Wiggleworms instructor from the Old Town School of Folk Music for a half hour of music, movement and fun. Tuesday, March 5, 10:30-11:00am, Pollak Room

Baby Wiggleworms (Birth–24 months, with caregiver) RS*

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

Thursday, March 7, 10:30-11:00am & 11:15-11:45am, YS Activity Room

Korean Language Storytime (Ages 4-11) RS

Enjoy stories and activities in Korean. For Korean speaking families and those interested in the language. Fridays, March 8 & April 12, 4:15-5:00pm, YS Activity Room

Monday Movers (Toddlers, with caregiver)

Join us for a fast-paced half hour of moving, singing, reading, and fun! Mondays, March 11-April 22, 10:30-11:00am, Story Corner

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5)

Stories and activities for preschoolers. Mondays, March 11–April 22, 2:00-2:30pm, YS Activity Room Tuesdays, March 12–April 23, 10:30-11:00am, YS Activity Room

Toddler Storytime (Toddlers, with caregiver)

Stories, songs, rhymes, and activities for toddlers.

Tuesdays, March 12–April 23 & Wednesdays, March 13–April 24 10:30-11:00am, Story Corner

Baby Play (Birth-12 months, with caregiver)

This program focuses on babies 12 months and younger with their caregiver. We'll introduce music, rhymes, and books for this special age in a friendly, cozy setting. Wednesdays, March 13–April 24, 9:15-10:00am, YS Activity Room

Wee Play

(Birth-24 months, with caregiver)

Music, rhymes, giggles, and books for caregiver and baby. Check in at the Youth Services desk. Space is limited. Thursdays, March 14–April 25, 10:00-10:45am & 11:00-11:45am, YS Activity Room

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3, with caregiver)

Join us for 20 minutes of stories and 20 minutes of creative play.
Thursdays, March 14–April 25,
10:00-10:40am, Story Corner

Spanish Storytime Señora Kus (All Ages, with caregiver)

Explore the Spanish language with songs, stories, rhymes and movement. Bilingual storytime is designed to provide English speakers with a brainbuilding dose of Spanish.

Friday, March 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. Tuesdays, March 26 & April 30, 6:30-7:00pm, Story Corner

AUTHOR FOCUS

Author Rebecca Makkai on Being a Writer and Her Latest Novel, The Great Believers

Rebecca Makkai, Chicago-based author of the novel *The Great Believers*, speaks with Fiction & Media librarian, Mike Hominick.

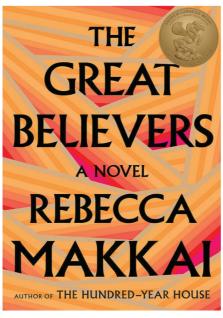
Having led Northbrook Writes workshops in the past and as the current Artistic Director of StoryStudio Chicago, what do you most enjoy about supporting fellow writers?

Honestly, it's just fun. And I learn so much from seeing other writers work, and talking to them about process. In any other art form, you can watch your peers work. If you were a dancer, you would see other dancers learning and progressing; if you were an artist, you could watch someone else paint. It's really hard to watch another writer write, though. You can't stand there over their shoulder, so working with students or reading friends' drafts are really the only ways you can see someone else's process. Of course I also love seeing students' success. Recently, a student of mine from StoryStudio finally found an agent for her brilliant novel after a long search, and I was just glowing all day.

What words of encouragement do you have for aspiring writers?

You need to make sure you're working on something wildly fun. That doesn't necessarily mean funny or silly, but something you yourself find compellingly entertaining. The world's feedback might not be sustaining you yet, and your own confidence might not be sustaining you yet, but the story itself can keep you going. And if you're having a blast, your readers likely will, too. Your first novel, The Borrower, is almost a love letter to books and libraries. How have libraries influenced vou?

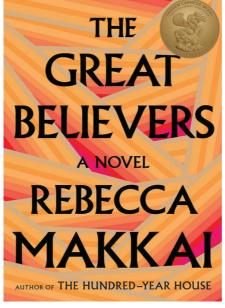
I grew up going to the Lake Bluff Library, checking out armloads of books, but also participating in the writing contests they sponsored. I won a few times, and I can't overestimate the impact of that. I'm not entirely sure I would be a writer without that first early encouragement.



Your latest novel, The Great Believers, which moves between Chicago and Paris and follows a group of friends who are devastated by the AIDS crisis in 1985 has received rave reviews from critics, patrons, and librarians. What inspired you to write this novel?

I set out to write a novel about a woman who'd been an artists' model in 1920s Paris, but stuff happened. (If you read the book, this will actually make sense; the story started with Nora.) I've been drawn for a long time to write about chosen family (it's a big theme of my second novel, The Hundred-Year House, as well), which is one of many, many reasons I was drawn to write about the people most affected by the American AIDS epidemic.

The American Library Association recently awarded Rebecca Makkai the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction for her novel, The Great Believers. You can find all of Rebecca Makkai's books on the 3rd floor of the library.



NORTHBROOK WRITES

Revision is Everything RS

Acclaimed short story writer Sarah Kokernot will provide strategies on how to rewrite your work until it is your best work. You'll dive into issues of point of view, exposition, dialogue, and the importance of loose first drafts. Saturday, March 16, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room

Letting Ghosts Into Your Writing RS

The places we come from all have their ghosts, either literal or metaphorical, that help define them. In this workshop, award-winning poet Jacob Saenz will discuss how to connect poems to the places we come from and their ghosts. Saturday, April 27, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room

Stressing Your Characters RS

Hugo Award-winning author Mary Robinette Kowal looks at the ways in which internal struggles affect your characters and how to pry at the parts of their self-identity in order to create gut-wrenching conflicts.

Saturday, April 6, 1:00-2:30pm, Pollak Room

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

From the Board President

The Friends will be beginning all of the March Madness events this year with its second annual Book Sale, March 1-2. If you are a fan of our tri-annual sales, you already know what terrific opportunities exist to acquire volumes of reading pleasure at prices too low to publish.

The sale will be located in the library's west lobby, but equivalent savings will be available in the shop proper. Also, inquire at the shop if you might be interested in joining the Friends. Annual membership dues start at just \$10. All are welcome to our next Friends Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00am in the Pollak Room.

Sincerely,

Bill Schildgen

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Friends' Used Bookshop Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm & Sunday, 2:00-4:00pm

Next Friends of the Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 12 10:00am, Pollak Room A All are welcome to attend

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In partnership with the Northbrook Arts Commission, we are proud to the host the annual Northbrook Originals Art Exhibit, which showcases the diverse talents of Northbrook residents from April 11 to May 31.

Northbrook Originals Opening Reception Meet the artists and tour the artwork throughout the library. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, April 11, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room



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Your Life, Your Values, and Your Money: Options in Banking and Finance RS

Sylvia Panek, investment advisor and financial planner at Natural Investments, LLC, explains how you can align your financial values with your life values to help build your wealth in an environmentally and socially conscious manner.

Monday, April 1, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

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Maximizing Your Nest Egg RS

Mark Solomon explains how to get the most out of your money in retirement.

Wednesday, April 3, 11:00am-12:00pm,

Pollak Room

Principles of Investing RS

Omar Zaki from Edward Jones explains the principles of investing. Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:00pm, Pollak Room

Managing the Cost of College RS

Lora Georgieva explains what college students can do to graduate without a mountain of student loan debt. Lora will explain how to increase your chance for admission, what high school students can do now, and the scholarships and financial aid options that exist today.

Saturday, April 6, 1:00-2:00pm, Interactive Classroom

Visit www.northbrook.info/money-smart or stop by the Reference Desk to learn how to become more smart with your money.