

# NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

September & October 2021



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## Notes from the Director



This fall, we invite everyone in the community to read together with One Book, One Northbrook as we read *The Vanishing Half*, a New York Times bestseller about identical twins who end up living very

different lives. This book shares the history of black people passing as white in our country and asks readers to think about the reasons people can feel pulled to live as something different than their family of origin.

But why do a community wide read? Reading can often be a solitary activity, but as we all read together, it opens up opportunities to discuss the book with each other and gain greater insight and enjoyment from our reading. We want to encourage people to explore the themes in the book. We want to help people look at life through a different lens and learn from someone else's experiences. And, of course, we want to give you a fantastic book to read.

To that end, we will also have a number of book discussions and other One Book programs that you can attend in October. But best of all, we will have the chance to hear from the book's author, Brit Bennett, in a special Zoom event on October 19.

I hope you'll read with me and the rest of Northbrook. I can't wait to hear what you think about *The Vanishing Half*.

Kate Hall,  
Executive Director

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# NEWS & UPDATES

## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS RETURN TO THE LIBRARY

As we reintroduce some in-person programs, we are proceeding with caution and following all current safety guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health. We will also continue to provide virtual programming. Our program key is available at the bottom of this page.

### Safety guidelines for indoor library programs

Please visit [www.northbrook.info/safety](http://www.northbrook.info/safety) to review our current safety guidelines before attending an in-person program at the library.

### Indoor program registration requires a Northbrook Library card in August

Through the end of August, registration for indoor library programs held in September and October will be limited to Northbrook Library card holders. Starting September 1, registration will open up to all. Advance registration is required for all programs, unless noted otherwise. Learn how to get a card at [www.northbrook.info/get-a-card](http://www.northbrook.info/get-a-card).

## OUR CURBSIDE PICKUP PROCESS IS CHANGING

In September, holds will move from our current indoor Curbside Pickup area to the new Self-Service Hold Pickup shelves on the west side of the lobby, across from the Bookshop. If you cannot enter the building to pick up and check out your holds, staff will bring materials to you.

## SHOP THE FRIENDS' BOOKSHOP & SIDEWALK SALE

The Friends' Bookshop is open Monday – Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm and Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm. Turn to page 15 to learn more about the Friends and their next Sidewalk Sale on September 10 & 11.

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Write a message of hope or compassion on a ribbon in the lobby in September. This interactive display is provided in partnership with CATCH (Community Action Together for Children's Health).

## STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY'S SHELVES

We invite you to drop off non-perishable items in cans, plastic containers, or boxes in our lobby from September 1-30. All items will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Learn more at the bottom of page 9.

## KEY

On-Demand Virtual Program

Special Needs Program

Live Virtual Program

NPL Card Required

In-Person Program

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



# ONE BOOK ONE NORTHBROOK

We invite you to read *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and then to come together for special community-wide programs around its themes throughout the month of October.

This New York Times bestseller examines themes of race and prejudice, telling the story of identical twins who choose to live very different lives. Weaving together multiple strands of a family from the 1950s to the 1990s, it explores honesty and truthfulness, and how identities can be shaped by both society and the stories that we tell ourselves.



## Don't Miss These **One Book, One Northbrook** Programs!



Look for this symbol to find all of the One Book, One Northbrook programs in this newsletter.



### IN-PERSON PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- 10/2** **One Book Kickoff & Live Concert (drop-in), 1pm | Page 4**
- 10/20** Movie: *Fast Color*, (PG-13) 2pm & 7pm | Pg. 8
- 10/21** *The Vanishing Half* Book Discussion 2pm | Pg. 6
- 10/22** Middle School Book Discussion: *Genesis Begins Again*, 5pm | Pg. 10
- 10/28** Movie: *The Hate U Give*, (PG-13) 2pm & 7pm | Pg. 8
- 10/29** Teen Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half* (GR 9-12), 5pm | Pg. 10

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- 10/7** White Like Her: My Family's Story of Race & Racial Passing, 2pm | Pg. 4
- 10/7** Talking with Children about Race & Racism, 7pm | Pg. 4
- 10/12** Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel *The Vanishing Half*, 7pm | Pg. 6
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- 10/19** Nancy Buehler Book Discussion *The Vanishing Half*, 10am | Pg. 6
- 10/19** **Author Event: A Conversation with Brit Bennett, 7pm | Pg. 4**
- 10/23** Drag Queen Story Hour with Miss Muffy & Her Palz, 10am | Pg. 11
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Visit [www.northbrook.info/one-book](http://www.northbrook.info/one-book) to learn more and to reserve your spot at our One Book programs in October.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## 📖 One Book Kickoff & Concert

Kick off One Book, One Northbrook with festivities including live acoustic blues with New Orleans rhythms from the Sanctified Grumblers. We'll also have

giveaways (while supplies last) and a chance to win a copy of *The Vanishing Half*. Registration is not required for this outdoor event. 🧑

**Saturday, October 2, 1:00-4:00pm**

Outside the library's east entrance (rain or shine)



## 📖 A Conversation with Brit Bennett, Author of *The Vanishing Half* EDI

We invite you to join us for a live virtual conversation and Q&A with author Brit Bennett.

In addition to being able to watch the live stream from home, a limited number of seats will also be available for registered attendees to watch the live stream on the big screen in the library's Auditorium. 🧑🗣️  
**Tuesday, October 19, 7:00-8:00pm**



## FEATURED EVENTS

### Private Session with a Financial Planner

Register for a 50-minute private session with a financial planner from Dickholtz Wealth Management. 🧑🗣️

**Thursdays, September 9 & October 14**

**9:30am & 10:30am (Virtual)**

**11:30am & 12:30pm (In-person)**

### My DNA Results Are In! What Do They Mean?

Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will explain how you can use your results to begin exploring your family's history. 🗣️

**Saturday, September 11, 1:00-2:30pm**

*In partnership with the North Suburban Genealogical Society.*

### Amateur Radio Exam (All Ages)

Visit [www.hamstudy.org/sessions](http://www.hamstudy.org/sessions) to sign up for an exam session at the library. 🧑

**Sundays, September 19 & October 17,**

**1:30-4:30pm, Collaboratory**

### Let's Talk: Asian American Experiences EDI

Join us for a panel discussion on Asian American experiences in the U.S. Speakers will explore racism, anti-Asian sentiment, and other critical issues concerning the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. 🗣️

**Tuesday, September 21, 7:00-8:30pm**

### Glass Fusion (Age 13-Adult) CR

Materials will be available for registered attendees to pick up and take home. To accommodate demand, we may limit the number of times a patron may repeat a popular program. 🗣️

**Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm**

**September 21: Square Dish**

**October 19: Rectangle Dish**

### Medicare 101

Independent broker and licensed agent Robin Dawson will answer the most common questions about Medicare. 🗣️

**Tuesday, September 28, 7:00-8:30pm**

### The Essential Great Chicago Fire

William Pack captures the excitement and terror of the fire that almost destroyed Chicago with technical details and vivid firsthand accounts. 🗣️

**Tuesday, October 5, 7:00-8:00pm**



### 📖 White Like Her: My Family's Story of Race and Racial Passing EDI

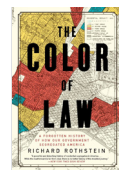
Author Gail Lukasik tells the story of her mother's decision to pass for white in the historical context of the Jim Crow South and the price her mother paid for choosing whiteness. She will also explain her struggle with the shame of her mother's choice and subsequent inner journey of self-discovery and redemption. 🗣️

**Thursday, October 7, 2:00-3:00pm**

### 📖 Talking with Children About Race & Racism EDI

Dr. Jean Robbins and Lauren Bondy, LCSW, will discuss the why's and how's of starting conversations about race, social justice, and equity that kids will understand and even enjoy. 🗣️

**Thursday, October 7, 7:00-8:30pm**



### 📖 The Color of Law & Reversing Segregation With Author Richard Rothstein EDI

Author Richard Rothstein explains the policies that led to racial segregation in U.S. communities, and how to work toward racial equity. 🗣️  
**Wednesday, October 13, 7:00-8:00pm**  
*Co-sponsored by multiple Illinois libraries. In partnership with Racial Awareness in the North Shore and Together is Better Alliance.*

### 📖 Twin Connections

Do twins feel each other's pain or sense each other's thoughts? Twin expert and author Dr. Nancy L. Segal will explain the facts and dispel the myths behind twin connections. 🗣️

**Monday, October 25, 7:00-8:00pm**

### 📖 LGBTQ+ Community Conversations EDI

Join local speakers as they discuss their personal experiences in the LGBTQ+ community. 🗣️

**Saturday, October 27, 7:00-8:00pm**

*In partnership with Glenview Youth Services Pride Program.*

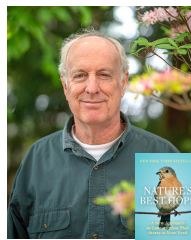
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## LANDSCAPING FOR THE FUTURE

In partnership with Go Green Northbrook and the Northbrook Garden Club.

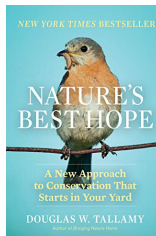


### Nature's Best Hope: Meet Conservationist Doug Tallamy

The renowned author, professor, and researcher will speak

on the topic of his best-selling book and the link between healthy ecosystems and human well-being. He will share simple steps you can take to reverse declining biodiversity and explain why humans are nature's best hope. 🎧

Thursday, September 23, 6:30-8:00pm



### Environmental Book Club

Doug Tallamy's book *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard* offers a hopeful

and achievable plan for suburban dwellers to help save the planet. Join us to discuss the interdependence between plants, animals, and humans, and practical, easy methods you can incorporate into your own yard. 🎧

Tuesday, September 28, 10:30-11:30am

### Transforming Landscapes for Sustainability

Learn how sustainable landscaping can support the health of people, plants, and wildlife. In this panel discussion, you'll learn about regulatory trends that affect sustainability, promoting plant health and saving money while maintaining large green spaces, and cultivating a more environmentally sustainable home garden. 🎧

Monday, October 4, 7:00-8:30pm

Panelists include the Northbrook Park District's Parks Division Manager, the Village of Northbrook's Sustainability Coordinator, and a Northbrook homeowner/gardener.



Copies of *Nature's Best Hope* are available at the Reference desk. Digital copies are always available on [hoopla](#) with your library card.

## DON'T BE AFRAID...

### Jack the Ripper

Since the 1888 murders of five London women, serial killer "Jack the Ripper" has continued to capture the public's attention. Learn about the poverty and squalor that existed in Victorian London's East End where the grisly crimes were carried out. 🎧

Thursday, September 9, 7:00-8:30pm

### Illinois Cemeteries: Interesting Graves and Intriguing Lives

In this "underground" presentation, historian John Lyn will share his exploration of the many interesting graves, headstones, and intriguing lives and deaths that can be found in Illinois cemeteries. 🎧

Thursday, October 14, 7:00-8:00pm

### Chilling Stories by StoryStudio Writers

Dim the lights and prepare for an evening of eerie tales told by the talented, published teaching authors from StoryStudio Chicago. 🎧

Thursday, October 21, 7:00-8:30pm

In partnership with Stories Matter Foundation

### The History of Horror Adaptations

Blair Davis, Associate Professor of Media and Cinema Studies at DePaul University, examines the long history of how Hollywood has adapted horror stories from literary sources and how popular movie monsters have in turn been put to the page. 🎧

Tuesday, October 26, 7:00-8:00pm



## TECH FOR EVERYONE

### LinkedIn & Job Site Tips

Master the basics of searching for jobs and uploading a resume on job sites like Indeed. Learn how to start networking on LinkedIn. 🎧

Monday, September 13, 7:00-8:00pm

### Computers & Coffee:

#### Google Like a Pro

Learn tips and tricks to get better results when searching on Google. 🎧

Tuesday, October 12, 10:00-11:00am

### Tech Tuesdays

We can help you get started with eBooks, practice with online meeting software, access email and social media on your device, and more. 🎧

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm

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## BOOK GROUPS & DISCUSSIONS

### Ben Goluboff Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

September 1: *Operation Shylock*  
by Philip Roth 

October 13: *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deesha Philyaw 



### Great Books with Robert Waterbury

Selections from *Great Conversations I*.

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


September 20: *The Epic of Gilgamesh* 



October 18: *Prometheus Bound*

by Aeschylus 

### Nancy Buehler Book Discussion

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30am

September 21: *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline 


 October 19: *The Vanishing Half*  
by Brit Bennett 



### Books Untapped


Join us for a discussion of under-the-radar titles. This month, we'll discuss

*We Are All the Same in the Dark* by

Julia Heaberlin. 


Wednesday, September 29, 7:00-8:00pm

### Evening Book Discussion with Lori Siegel

Join librarian Lori Siegel for a virtual book discussion of this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection Brit Bennett's *The Vanishing Half*. 

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

### *The Vanishing Half* Book Discussion

Join librarian Tracy Gossage for an in-person book discussion of this year's One Book, One Northbrook selection Brit Bennett's *The Vanishing Half*. 


Thursday, October 21, 2:00-3:00pm,  
Pollak Room

## NORTHBROOK WRITES




In partnership with Stories Matter Foundation.

### Writing Strong Sentences with Julia Fine

Discuss strategies for writing and revising at the sentence-level, and how things like syntax and diction impact the larger literary goal. 


Saturday, September 18, 1:00-2:30pm

### Crafting Young Adult Characters with Denise Santomauro

Learn how to craft authentic young adult characters and gain a deeper understanding of them while also exploring some of the challenges. 


Saturday, September 25, 1:00-2:30pm

### Short Stories: Building Your First Draft with Cyn Vargas

Creating a first draft doesn't have to be overwhelming! Learn how to get the story on the page and how to know when it's complete. Come ready to write and participate. 


Saturday, October 9, 1:00-2:30pm

### Red Herrings & Misdirections with Susanna Calkins

Deception can play an important role in plot and character development. In this interactive session, we'll consider various misdirections and discuss strategies to keep readers guessing. 

Saturday, October 16, 1:00-2:30pm

### Breaking Form to Achieve Intimacy in Creative Nonfiction with Gina Frangello

We'll explore the crucial ins and outs of crafting a memoir that matters, and that also leaves you in one piece after the telling. Plus, you'll discover what it means to "disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed" and how your story has the power to achieve that. 

Saturday, October 23, 1:00-2:30pm

## ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration is now open for September and October virtual programs. *Make sure to register to get the new program link.*


### Current Events

Thursdays, September 2 & 16;

October 7 & 21, 10:00-11:30am 



### Chair Yoga

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



### Israeli Discussion Group

Thursdays, September 9 & 23;

October 14 & 28, 10:00-11:30am 



# Fine Arts Fall


An exciting lineup of virtual classical performances in September and October.

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Sponsored by the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library 

## New Chicago Brass

Enjoy this ensemble composed of talented brass musicians who frequently perform with the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, and Milwaukee Symphony orchestras. 


Sunday, September 19, 3:00-4:30pm

## F-PLUS (Violin, Clarinet & Percussion)

This trio collaborates with today's most exciting composers and has performed throughout the U.S., from Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall to the Art Institute of Chicago. 


Sunday, October 3, 3:00-4:30pm

## Carolyn Enger (Piano)

Pianist Carolyn Enger performs a program featuring works by women composers. Enger is known for her multimedia productions involving the piano. 


Sunday, October 10, 3:00-4:30pm

## Anita Graef (Cello)

Cellist Anita Graef makes her debut at the library with a program of works for cello and piano. Graef has been seen in performances at Weill Recital Hall, the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert Series, and the Library of Congress. 

Sunday, October 17, 3:00-4:30pm

## Ghost Trio (Piano, Violin & Cello)



The perfect Halloween concert! Renowned pianist Susan Merdinger performs with violinist Alex Koffman and cellist Martine Benmann. The repertoire includes Beethoven's "Ghost Trio" and Levinson's "Dybbuk." 

Sunday, October 31, 3:00-4:30pm



## MUSIC LECTURES

### Appreciating Classical Music

Learn about a different classical music topic each month with classical music specialist Madison Carroll.  

### What Makes a Good Recording?

Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-8:30pm

### History of Horror in Music


Wednesday, October 6: 7:00-8:30pm



## JAZZ CONCERT

### Chicago Soul Jazz Collective

Chicago Soul Jazz Collective are known for performing hard-grooving, spirit-lifting original music influenced by the classic soul-jazz.

After two Top 20 records and a third on the way, this band is fast becoming one of the most sought after jazz ensembles in Chicago. 

Thursday, September 16, 7:00-8:00pm

# MOVIES

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## September Silent Films

Presented in the Auditorium on Wednesdays at 2:00pm & 7:00pm 



**September 1**  
**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**  
1923 (111 minutes)  
Presented in Digital



**September 15**  
**Master of the House**  
1925 (107 minutes)  
Presented in Digital





**September 29**  
**The Last Warning**  
1929 (78 minutes)  
Presented in DCP





Pianist David Drazin returns to the Auditorium to provide live accompaniment for these films.

## October Film Series: One Book, One Northbrook




**Fast Color**   
Celebrating family and female power, Gugu Mbatha-Raw shines in this superhero drama about a woman with supernatural abilities who must go on the run when her powers are discovered.  
Wednesday, October 20  
2:00pm & 7:00pm, Auditorium   
2018 (100 Minutes) Rated PG-13



**The Hate U Give**   
Starr (Amandla Stenberg) navigates the two seemingly opposing worlds of her poor, predominantly African American neighborhood and her wealthy white prep school where she constantly feels like she must hide a part of herself.  
Thursday, October 28,  
2:00pm & 7:00pm, Auditorium   
2018 (133 Minutes) Rated PG-13

## Film Discussion



**CinemaSpeak**  
Watch at home and then join us for a discussion of *Meek's Cutoff* starring Michelle Williams.   
Monday, October 18, 7:00-8:00pm  
2010 | Rated PG  
Available on [kanopy](#) & [hoopla](#) and also in our DVD collection.



# September is the perfect time to sign up or renew your library card!



## First-time card holders will be entered to win!

We know your library card is the greatest prize of all, but when you sign up for your first library card in September, we'll enter you into a drawing to win a prize. We'll choose a winner from each age group (birth-5, 6-12, 13-18, and adults).

**"A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure"**

— Author Lilian Jackson Braun

September is national Library Card Sign-Up Month, the best time to get or renew your library card. Getting a card is easy. You can visit the library to apply or renew, or go to [www.northbrook.info/get-a-card](http://www.northbrook.info/get-a-card).

You're never too young or too old to get a library card, and everyone who lives in incorporated Northbrook is eligible to get a library card at no cost. Your library card gives you easy access to the latest titles, meeting and study room reservations, homebound delivery services, online resources, and much more.

In addition to Northbrook residents, Northbrook businesses, teachers, and au pairs may also be eligible to get a card. For residents of unincorporated Northbrook who meet certain criteria, our new Cards for Kids and Cards for U.S. Veterans programs make it possible to get a card at no cost. Other residents of unincorporated Northbrook have the option to purchase a library card.

Visit [www.northbrook.info/get-a-card](http://www.northbrook.info/get-a-card) to learn how to get your Northbrook Library card.

## What's your favorite way to use your library card?



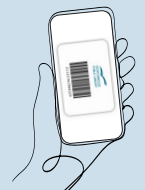
Jessica, a college student and recent GBN grad, has been using one of the library's study rooms while designing a new

augmented reality app. You can reserve a study room online from 1 to 7 days in with your library card!



Aiden and his sisters like to use their library card to check out books in the Youth Services department. Being able to check out as

many books as you want is a priceless way to nourish a growing mind.



Never forget your card again! Install the new Northbrook Public Library app, available on the App Store & Google Play.

## HELP STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY

We'll be collecting donations for the Northbrook Township Food Pantry in September to help support local families in need.

The Pantry is especially in need of donations of boxed cereal, rice (1 & 2 lb packages), canned chicken, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc.), and canned vegetables (green beans, peas, corn).

Please drop off non-perishable items in cans, plastic containers, or boxes in our lobby from September 1-30.

Thank you!

Photo of donation delivery in 2019.



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## TEEN PROGRAMS



### Teen Book Discussion: *The Vanishing Half* (Grades 9-12) **EDI**

Join us at the library to discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. The first 7 registered teens will receive a free copy of the book. 🧑

Friday, October 29, 5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

### Teen Advisory Board (Grades 6-12)

Join the Teen Advisory Board to help us plan library programs and complete service projects for service hours. If you want to help with the project but can't come to the meeting, please send an email to our teen librarian at [teenlibrarian@northbrook.info](mailto:teenlibrarian@northbrook.info). 🧑

Tuesdays, September 14 & October 12,  
5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room



### Middle School Book Discussion: *Genesis Begins Again* (Grades 6-8) **EDI**

Join us at the library to discuss *Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia Williams. The first 7 registered kids will receive a free copy of the book. Recommended for grades 5 and up. 🧑

Friday, October 22, 5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room



### Books & Bites Book Discussion (Grades 6-12)

Join us at the library to discuss *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. The first 7 registered teens will receive a free copy of the book, and all attendees

will receive a bag of snacks to enjoy at home. *This book is recommended for grades 7 and up.* 🧑

Friday, September 24, 5:00-6:00pm, Pollak Room

### { more programs for teens & tweens }

Turn to page 12 to learn about other programs you may enjoy, including *Create Club*, *Dungeons & Dragons*, and *Game Night*.

## Access homework help & test prep with your library card!



Access practice tests for ACT, SAT, AP, Civil Service, NCLEX, TOEFL, and more.



Get live online homework help, skills building, writing assistance, and more from Brainfuse certified tutors.

Visit [www.northbrook.info/student-resources](http://www.northbrook.info/student-resources) for links to Brainfuse and other helpful resources for students.



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## SPECIAL EVENTS



### Sing and Soar with Nanny Nikki

Nanny Nikki loves to sing and to bring life to classic children's songs as well as some original music. Join her for a fun and interactive musical show including sing-along songs, dancing, puppets, and more! 🎵

Wednesday, September 22, 10:00-10:30am



### Istvan's Imaginary Family Show

A perfect blend of his fantastic live concert and YouTube web series, children ages 3 & up will be entertained by Istvan's engaging 30-minute virtual concert with award-winning music and fun challenges from beginning to end. ▶

Watch on-demand October 25-29

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

Start your Saturday with art! Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. Check our online calendar for supplies needed for each month's craft. Only one registration per family/screen is needed. 🎨

Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am

September 11: **Blooming Cactus**

October 9: **Spooky Skeletons**

### Cooks & Books: A Family Cooking Class

(Grades K & Up, with Caregiver)

Presented by Sticky Fingers Cooking, join us for this new online literacy and cooking class featuring a different book and themed snack each month. We'll send you an ingredient list when you register. 🍳

Saturdays, September 18 & October 16,  
11:00am-12:15pm

### Hop Along Yogi Kids Yoga

Sing, dance, and strike-a-yoga pose in this fun and interactive kids yoga workout designed to build inner and outer strength. This class is geared to families with kids ages 3-7, but all are welcome to join in the fun! 🧘

Fridays, September 24 & October 22,  
10:00-10:30am



### 📖 Drag Queen Story Hour With Miss Muffy and Her Palz **EDI**

This fun and fabulous literary experience features stories and songs from Miss Muffy and Palz! Across the country, Drag Queen Story Hours have been promoting a love for reading as well as a positive outlook on gender expression in libraries and bookstores. This program is open to all ages but is designed for children ages 3-8. 📖

Saturday, October 23, 10:00-11:00am

# YOUTH SERVICES

**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.

## SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

### Create Club (Grades 4-8)

Unleash your creativity with our monthly craft project. Craft supply bags will be available for pickup for all registered attendees. 🗣️

**Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm**

### September 9: Paper Strip Animals

Make a colorful art piece of an animal using pieces of magazines. 🗣️

### October 7: Spider Web Art

Learn to paint your own spooky watercolor spider web! 🗣️

### Dungeons & Dragons: The Hidden Shrine of Tamoachan (Grades 4-12)

Adventure awaits! Embark on a new campaign led by your daring Northbrook Public Library Dungeon Masters. 🗣️

**Thursdays, September 16 & October 14, 4:00 - 5:30pm, YS Activity Room**

### Intro to Dungeons & Dragons: The Sunless Citadel (Grades 4-12)

Ready to learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons? This beginner campaign is perfect for new tabletop adventurers. 🗣️

**Thursdays, September 23 & October 21, 4:00-5:30pm, YS Activity Room**

### 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**

### September 28: Secret Spies, Goofy Gadgets

### October 26: Draw Your Own Haunted House



### Game Night (Grades 4-12)

Join us as we play online games like Among Us and Jackbox, as well as virtual versions of our favorite tabletop games. Register to receive a link to the live event by email on the day of the program. 🗣️

**Wednesday, October 20, 4:00-5:30pm**



## TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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

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

**Register by Thursday, September 9 at 10:00am**

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

Sign up and select a theme and we'll prepare a bag with 2 books, activities & more. The books will be checked out on your library card and the bag will be available for you to pick up at the library for 1 week. Return the books when you are done and keep the rest!

**Register by Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00am**

### Halloween Kit (Families)

Sign up to receive a Halloween themed kit to make at home.

Kits will be available for each registered child to pick up from Monday, October 25 to Sunday, October 31.

**Register by Wednesday, October 20 at 10:00am**

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.

If you have a question about registering for a program, please call 847-272-6224 or email [feedback@northbrook.info](mailto:feedback@northbrook.info).

## STORYTIMES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

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

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

Fridays, September 10 & October 8,  
4:30-5:00pm

### Storytime at the Library (All Ages)

In-person stories and songs for all ages. Advance registration is required for each person in attendance, including babies and adults. 👤

Tuesdays, September 14 – October 19,  
10:00-10:30am, Pollak Room

### Virtual Storytime (All Ages)

Weekly stories and songs for all ages. Register by 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays for the link to the week's pre-recorded storytime. ▶

September 14 – October 21

# 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

## SELF-PACED EARLY LITERACY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN

**REGISTER** at the Youth Services Reference Desk and pick up your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten book and your free bookbag.

You can also register and log your child's reading online using the READsquared website or app. Physical prizes, including the photo book, 1000 Books bookbags, board book, and stickers can still be collected at the library at your convenience.

**TRACK YOUR READING** by filling in a little shape on the logging card each time someone reads a book to your child. (You can also log your reading online.)

**SHOW US YOUR READING LOG** when you finish a card (each card logs 100 books) Your child will be invited to do a celebration activity, such as playing a cowbell or making a finger puppet. You will get a sticker, a rhyme card, and a new tracking card.

**NEW | MUSICAL MILESTONES** For every 1000 books logged, you'll get a special celebration in your email – a children's song performed by a professional musician from the Chicago area for you and your child to enjoy! Complete the program and you will have a little music library just for your child.

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# One Book, One Northbrook

The One Book, One Northbrook selection, *The Vanishing Half*, tells the story Stella and Desiree, twins raised in Mallard, a fictional Louisiana town in the 1950s. Mallard is unlike any other town—it is exclusively populated by light-skinned black people.

The twins run away as teenagers and from there, their lives diverge—Desiree lives as a black woman while Stella secretly passes as white.

Selecting the novel involved the entire community. First, a small library committee reviewed titles suggested by staff, community members, and local teachers that would have wide appeal.

Next, after paring down the contenders, library staff discussed and rated the finalists with a group of teens and adults from the community.

Librarian Lori Siegel, a member of the One Book, One Northbrook committee, was hooked by Bennett's masterful storytelling of how the sisters' decisions impacted their lives.

"It's a riveting family story that offers a lot to discuss," she said.

One of the reasons the novel is so powerful is that it explores several themes, including colorism, racism, gender, personal identity, and self-esteem. Readers will not only experience a compelling story, but also one that provokes thought and conversation around many topics.

We look forward to bringing the community together in the month of October around not only the book but also programs that explore various themes of the novel, including many programs scheduled in October.



Look for us around Northbrook in August and September to register to win a free, signed copy of *The Vanishing Half*, or come to our outdoor Kickoff Event on Saturday, October 2 from 1:00-4:00pm for another chance to win.

You can also stop by the library at any time to reserve or check out a copy. Digital copies are also available through Libby/Overdrive. If you'd like to purchase a copy, we encourage you to visit The Book Bin in Northbrook.

Visit [www.northbrook.info/onebook](http://www.northbrook.info/onebook) to see a full list of programs, or call us at 847-272-6224.

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Have you visited the newly designed library lobby? The beautiful new wooden wall display that showcases the Library of Things and the Spotlight Collection was a gift from the Friends of the Library! This is just one example of how the Friends of the Northbrook Public Library provides financial support. We also co-sponsor programs like Chair Yoga, Fine Arts Fall, Current Events and book discussions, along with many other resources and services.

Despite our bookshop being closed for over a year, the Friends donated over \$25,000 toward library programs and services during our fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Now that we've reopened, we hope to exceed that level of support.

One way you can help is to come to our Sidewalk Sale on September 10 & 11 from 10:00am-4:00pm. We need to make room for the many donations we have been gratefully receiving.

Another way is to become a member of the Friends. Simply pick up a brochure outside the bookshop and send it back with your check or clip out and mail in the form at the bottom of this page.

If you would like to learn more about how to participate in Friends of the Library, email [friends@northbrook.info](mailto:friends@northbrook.info) or visit [www.northbrook.info/friends](http://www.northbrook.info/friends).

Visit us in the bookshop. We can't wait to see you!

Merrill Medansky  
Friends Board President

## New & Returning Members *as of July 10, 2021*

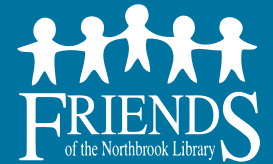
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**INDIVIDUAL (\$10)** Joan Mae Bayer, Myra Capitol, Roberta Fink, Myrna Helfand, Ina Hill, Susan Kelly, Neta Pritzker, Marlene White, Marsha Bain, Edie Kleinman, Sandi Lovejoy



### Bookshop Hours

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

### Friends Board Members

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John Schuman, Tony Senegore,  
Bryan Smith, Meha Smith

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 10am  
Civic Room

### Sidewalk Book Sale

September 10 & 11, 10am-4pm

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# ART EXHIBITS

In partnership with the Northbrook Arts Commission,  
we are proud to display the work of local artists for the  
Northbrook Artists in Residence exhibit  
starting September 3.

The exhibit will start on the first floor and  
continue throughout the building.



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