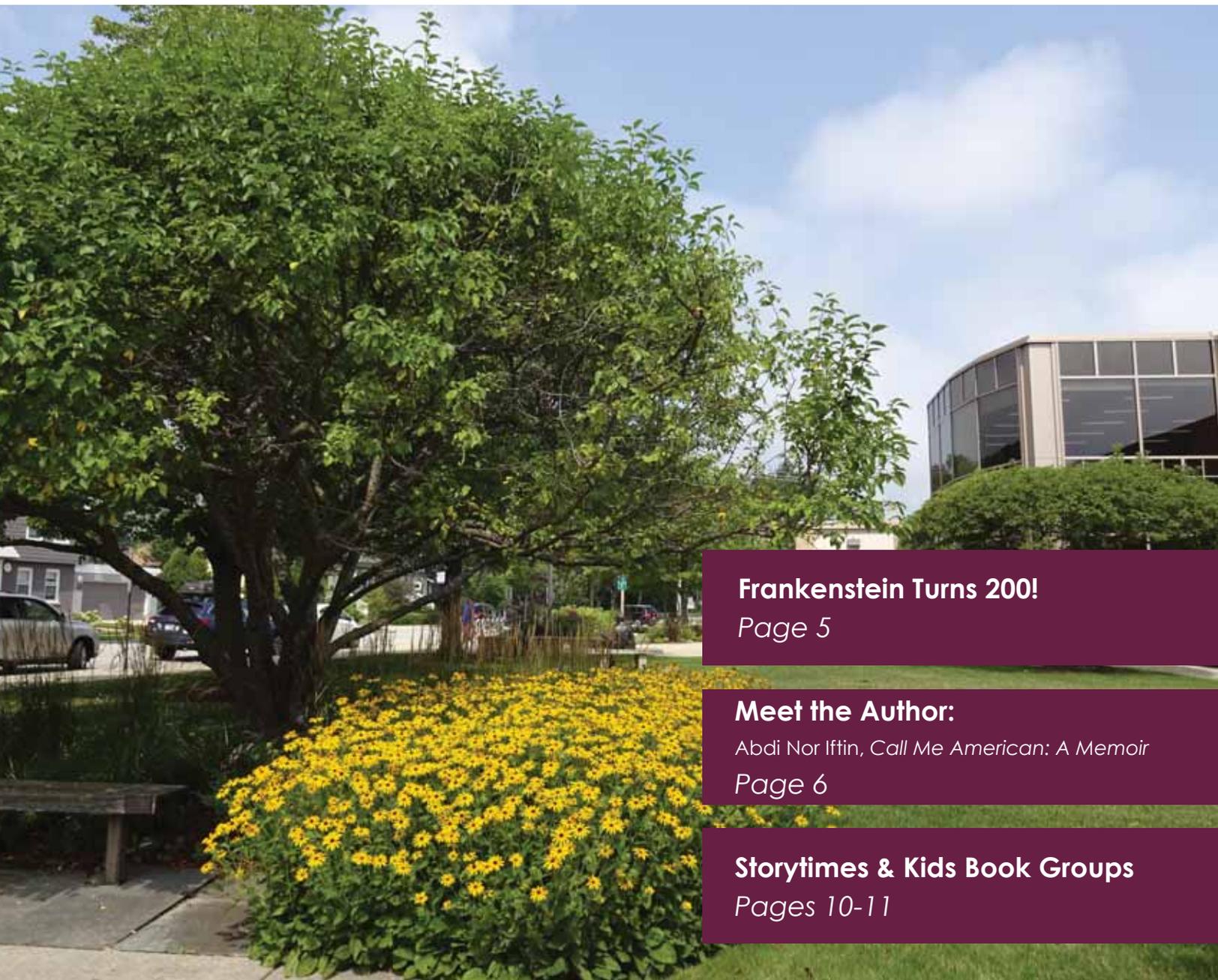




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Introducing the Library of Things

The Library of Things is a new collection that invites you to explore different ways to learn and experience technology. The collection features simple coding robots Bee-bots and Ozobots, gaming devices and tablets, magnifiers, and more. The collection is available to Wilmette and Kenilworth residents with library cards. Items may be checked out, renewed, and placed on hold, just like most of the Library's more traditional collections. Interested in learning more? Stop by the circulation desk or visit our website:

<http://www.wilmettelibrary.info/books-and-more/library-of-things>

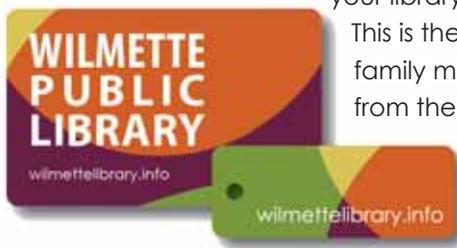
Playful Bee-bots and Ozobots make it easy to learn coding from home!



Celebrate your Library Card!

Did you know that your library card is one of the most powerful, valuable cards in your wallet? September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and we'll be celebrating the value of your card throughout the month. Stop by for giveaways and pop-up crafts, and make sure to follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/wilmettelibrary) to learn 30 great things you can get with your library card. Don't have a library card yet?

This is the perfect time to sign up for one! Every family member can sign up for their own card, from the youngest toddlers, who will love our picture book collections, to adults looking to relax with a good book, to learn a new skill, or to brush up on their history.



Shaping our Future: 2018-2021 Strategic Plan

Last fall, we asked for community input as we embarked on a new strategic planning process to help us set goals for the coming years. Thanks to the input of many dedicated community members, the Library staff and board put together an exciting, dynamic plan, "Shaping our Future," that will help us take on new initiatives while maintaining our tradition of excellent service and a robust collection. The plan outlines goals in five distinct areas: Growing Community, Knowledge & Discovery, Diversity & Inclusion, Sharing Resources, and Marketing & Communications. We've already begun rolling out projects inspired by the strategic plan, including the new Library of Things (see above.) Interested in learning more about Sharing our Future? Visit wilmettelibrary.info/strategicplan.

Community Corner

Call for Artists

The Library's Fall Community Art Show is now accepting pre-registrations. The theme will be Abstraction, and art may be submitted by anyone 18 and over who was not entered in our most recent show (Nature.) For the full calendar and guidelines, please call the Library or visit wilmettelibrary.info/artshow.



Call for Authors

Are you a local author? Have you written a book you'd like to share with the community? We want to hear from you! We are working on new events to highlight and share the works of our many local authors. Want to participate? Please fill out the form located at: wilmettelibrary.info/localauthors

Call for World Travelers

Are you an avid traveler who would like to share pictures and travel experiences with the community in a friendly and informal setting? If you would like to volunteer to be an Armchair Travels presenter, please contact Jennifer Bartel at 847-853-6508 or jbartel@wilmettelibrary.info. The Library has staff available to help put together your presentation.



Business Book Discussion

The Lean Startup: How Today's Entrepreneurs Use Continuous Innovation to Create Radically Successful Businesses by Eric Ries

Thursday, Sept. 20, 5:30

Join the Wilmette & Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce and SCORE for this inaugural business book discussion. The author offers a scientific approach to creating and managing your business while remaining innovative. Registration required. Light snacks will be served. Discussion led by Mark Lieberman from SCORE. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Death Café

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2:00

For most of us, death is a taboo and uncomfortable subject. Join us for a thoughtful discussion about the end of life and share your experiences, thoughts, and fears about death in a relaxed setting over a cup of coffee or tea. Led by a Death Café facilitator who has brought the discussion to various libraries around the Chicagoland area.



Looking for European Roots

Monday, Oct. 1, 7:00

If you are ready to "cross the pond" in your research, this presentation will give you ideas of where to find European records. Includes well-known sites like FamilySearch and Find My Past, and also lesser known sites. Presented by Genealogist Caron Brennan.



KonMari 101: Tidy your home. Change your life

Monday, Sept. 24, 7:00

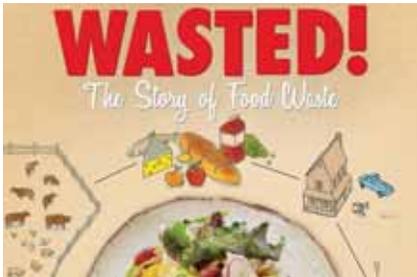
Chicago's first certified KonMari Tidying Consultant, Kristyn Ivey of For the Love of Tidy, will share home organization tips that focus on what you keep (does it "spark joy?"), rather than what or how much you discard. This interactive workshop will include live demos and giveaways that will prepare you to get tidy now.



Understanding Medicare

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00

If you are approaching the age of 65 or are currently enrolled in Medicare, this educational seminar is for you. John Larson, a Medicare insurance specialist, will explain in detail Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug coverage, including a list of do's and don'ts.



Book Discussion

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2:00

Discuss this immensely popular, award winning book about the threats that currently face the Great Lakes with Go Green Wilmette.



Wasted! Documentary Screening

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1:00 and 7:00

Join us for the award winning documentary, produced by world-class chef Anthony Bourdain as it explores the "story of food waste" and what we can do to stop it and its negative effects on the earth. Discussion led by Go Green Wilmette.

Letters From the Heart: Wouldn't It Be Something?

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2:00.

Take a nostalgic look at the power and uniqueness of the hand-written letter. Dennis Depcik shares the true story of an improbable love between an Army officer stationed in Vietnam & an "insignificant kid" that led to a marriage of forty-one years and lasted a lifetime.

Blue Skies, Golden Opportunities, Red Sunsets Art Discussion

Friday, Oct. 12, 1:00

Enjoy a PowerPoint presentation with the Wilmette Garden Club presenting Chicago Artist Anne Farley Gaines. The presentation will feature a collaborative 3-dimensional mural, "Blue Skies, Golden Opportunities, Red Sunsets" that Ms. Gaines designed and organized through hands-on workshops and at a distance with the community of Wichita Falls, TX.

Fall Community Art Show: Abstraction

Friday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30

Celebrate the opening of our fall community art show! Light refreshments will be served.

Pianist Tyler Kivel

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2:00

Enjoy a concert of classical piano music. Tyler Kivel holds a Masters of Music degree from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana in Piano Performance and Literature and a Bachelor of Music from Central Michigan University. He has given performances as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the Midwest.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series

Join Opera Lovers Lecture Corps to learn about the operas in the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2018-2019 season. All lectures are on Wednesdays at 10:00.

Sept. 26: *La Boheme* by Puccini

Oct. 3: *Idomeneo* by Mozart

Oct. 24: *Siegfried* by Wagner

Petra van Nuis Trio

Friday, Oct. 12, 7:00

Welcome back local favorites Petra Van Nuis, trumpeter Bobby Lewis and guitarist Andy Brown. Enjoy an evening of Great American Songbook standards both familiar and obscure. Petra, Bobby, and Andy share a love of melody and lyrics and best express their creativity through the timeless popular music of the 1920s-'50s.

Shakespeare Project of Chicago *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2:00

Enjoy this staged reading of one of Shakespeare's last plays. *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*, is one of his greatest romances, and thought to be co-authored with fellow playwright George Wilkins. Don't miss the opportunity to see this rarely-seen classic. *Funded by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library.*

Wilmette Writers Group

Sundays at 7:00

Share, read, and critique your work in a supportive environment. Facilitated by Julie West Johnson, formerly a New Trier English teacher.

Foreign Films

Thursdays, 9:30

Sept. 20: *Amador*, Spain

Oct. 18: *2 Autumns, 3 Winters*, France

Celebrating the Illinois Bicentennial



The Library continues this series to commemorate Illinois' 200th year of statehood.

Three Illinois Women During the Civil War

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2:00

Historical actor and Wilmette resident Betty Kay brings to life three women from Illinois' history: Jenny Hodggers also known as Albert Cashier, a woman who passed as a man and fought



in the Civil War; Mother Bickerdyke of Galesburg, Illinois, who established 300 field hospitals during the war; and Julia Dent Grant, wife of the Commanding General of the Union Army.

The Illinois Antislavery Movement and the Struggle for Freedom

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7:00

Historian Jeanne Schultz Angel will explore the role that the Underground Railroad played in the lives of Freedom Seekers as well as information about significant slavery- and antislavery-related sites in Illinois. She will also examine the legacy of sundown towns and the impact of human trafficking in present-day Illinois.

Party Central: Two Illinoisans and the Politics of Antislavery, 1830-1860

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:00

Despite the protests of antislavery settlers, when Illinois became a state in 1818 it entered the Union with a proslavery constitution. As the political arena became a key venue for the struggle, Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln rose to local and national political prominence. Dr. Mary Abroe will explore how their disparate visions of slavery's future in the United States came to reverberate nationally and helped catalyze a civil war.

Save the date! Book Discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:00, Registration required.

The Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln and the Triumph of Antislavery Politics by James Oakes.

Frankenstein turns 200!

Check out our series celebrating this iconic novel. Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus* appeals to both novice and expert readers alike and is a work that remains highly relevant to contemporary issues. Join us in celebrating the 200th anniversary of one of the most popular novels of all time.

Mike at the Movies Presents Frankenstein on Film

Sunday, Oct. 7, 2:00

Frankenstein is one of the novels most frequently adapted into other mediums. Learn how filmmakers have explored various aspects of the same well-known formula and, in the process, continually revive a story that refuses to die. Presented by author and director Michael Glover Smith.



Classics and Contemporary Book Discussion

Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmed Saadawi *Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10:30*

A horrifying creature stalks the bombed-out streets of postwar Baghdad, seeking vengeance. Man Booker International Prize finalist and winner of the International Prize for Arabic Fiction.

Surgery during Shelley

Thursday, Oct. 11, 7:00

In this early amputation demonstration, museum educators from the International Museum of Surgical Science present a program on what surgery was like during Mary Shelley's time, before antiseptics and anesthesia. This interactive demonstration is suitable for all ages.

The Science and History of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*

Thursday, Oct. 25, 7:00

200 years ago, after a young woman was challenged to a ghost story writing contest on a stormy night in Switzerland, one of the most enduring science fiction novels ever written was brought into the world: Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. On the bicentennial of this phenomenal novel, come learn about the science and history that inspired the creation of Frankenstein. Presented by Katrina Kemble, who teaches literature and writing at Columbia College.

Fiber Arts Group

Thursdays, 10:00

Calling all knitters and stitchers! Bring your project for an informal session and share your expertise and wisdom.

Armchair Travels

Thursdays, 1:00

Explore new corners of the world without leaving Wilmette in this weekly travel series. Refreshments are served beginning at 12:30.

Veterans' Roundtables

Wednesdays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17, 10:00

Enjoy coffee and conversation with fellow veterans. All veterans are welcome at each meeting.

Small Business One-on-One Counseling

Schedule a free, one-hour session with a SCORE mentor. Sign up via the Library calendar.

Current Events Roundtable

Mondays, Sept. 17, Oct. 1 & 15, 10:00

Discuss national, international, and local news of the day. Moderated by Deerfield resident Don Levinthal.

Support Groups

ADHD Group *Wednesday, Sept. 5 & Oct. 3, 7:00*

Type 1 Diabetes Support

Wednesday, Sept. 12 & Oct. 10, 7:00

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support *Mondays, Oct. 8, 6:45. Please see online calendar or call Library for September date.*



Speaking of Books

Meet the Author

Abdi Nor Iftin, *Call Me American: A Memoir*

Thursday, Oct. 18, 7:00, Wilmette Junior High School

Somali refugee Abdi Nor Iftin will talk about his extraordinary new book, *Call Me American: A Memoir*, at Wilmette Junior High School, 620 Locust Road, on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00.

Call Me American presents the incredible story of Iftin's childhood in war-torn Somalia, when American movies and music provided him with an escape from a harrowing life. Years later, in a dream-come-true miracle, Iftin won a place in the American Green Card Lottery, and his escape to America became a reality.

Now a proud and legal resident of Maine and on his path to citizenship, Iftin's dramatic and stirring account truly is a modern-day story, that also serves as a reminder of why western democracies still call to those who seek a better life.

The event is free and open to the public, and tickets are not required. A book signing will follow, with copies of the book available for purchase courtesy of The Book Stall. The Library has multiple copies of *Call Me American* for checkout. For more information, visit wilmettelibrary.info/meet-the-author or call (847) 256-6930.



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Classics and Contemporary Book Discussion

The Plague by Albert Camus *Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10:30*

Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmed Saadawi *Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10:30*

Cookbook Book Club

Sweet Potato Soul: 100 Easy Vegan Recipes for the Southern Flavors of Smoke, Sugar, Spice, and Soul by Jenne Claiborne

Saturday, Sept. 1 or Tuesday, Sept. 4, noon both days. Registration required.

Mather Readers

This group meets at Mather Place of Wilmette, 2801 Old Glenview Road, Wilmette.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles *Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:30*

Montana 1948 by Larry Watson *Wednesday, Oct. 3, 7:30*

BYOBook – You're invited!

Tuesdays, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16, 12:00

Bring a brown bag lunch and your favorite new books! Tell us about what you have been reading lately and discover new titles from your fellow bibliophiles. Library will supply beverages and dessert.

Novels @ Night

Join us for a lively discussion of contemporary literature. Meet at Valley Lodge Tavern in downtown Wilmette (1141 Central Ave.). Appetizers will be served. Drinks and other food available for purchase.

Golden Hill by Francis Spufford *Tuesday, Oct. 2, 7:00*

LWV of Wilmette and WPL Book Group

Call Me American by Abdi Nor Iftin *Wednesday, Sept. 26, 11:00*

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo *Wednesday, October 24, 11:00*

Please visit our online calendar for a full description of each of these titles.

Maker Materials

Each month, adults, teens, and kids are invited to create a variety of projects made from one kind of reusable household material.

Pool Noodles

Monday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:00, All Ages

Say goodbye to summer by repurposing pool noodles into arts and crafts. If you like, donate your used pool noodles at the Youth Desk ahead of the program. Registration opens September 4.

Plastic Shopping Bags

Monday, Oct. 15, 6:30-8:00, All Ages

Plastic shopping bags get a bad rap, but they make great craft materials! See how you can upcycle them into other useful objects. Registration opens October 1.

Save the Date: Maker Festival

Calling all Makers! Does your business offer classes in woodworking? Is your hobby making jewelry in your basement? Are you involved in a club that makes robots? WPL is organizing a fair to showcase local Makers and Making opportunities. We're seeking Makers to exhibit and demonstrate what they do—businesses, schools, clubs, or individuals who teach, create, or promote do-it-yourself activities in art, design, or technology. The event will be held on Saturday, February 23. For more information, please contact Janet Piehl at 847-256-6945 or piehlj@wilmettelibrary.info.

Maker After Dark

Join us for these great adults-only hands-on workshops.

Faux Enamel Pins

Friday, Sept. 14, 6:30-7:30, Youth Program Room

Liven up a bag, jacket, or outfit for work or play with an faux enamel lapel pin! Design your own or follow a pattern, then use Shrinky Dinks, Sharpies, and acrylic paint to make a faux enamel pin that looks like the real thing. Registration opens August 31.

Identity Collages

Friday, Oct. 12, 6:00-7:00, Youth Program Room

Are you a chef? A writer? A parent? An activist? Whoever you are, you'll use magazine images, imported paper, crepe paper, and more to create a collage that expresses your vision of yourself. Registration opens September 28



Digital Universe

All workshops require registration and are in the Small Meeting Room. Register through the Library's online calendar or call 847-256-5025.

Google Docs

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 3:00

Learn how to create and edit documents online. You should have a Google/Gmail account already.

PowerPoint 2016 Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:00

Do you have a great speech but can't make visuals? Learn how to create a simple and crisp presentation in PowerPoint 2016!

Word 2016 Intermediate

Wednesday, Sept. 19 or Oct. 17, 7:00

Learn to add captions, footnotes, and page numbers to your documents, and how to save your documents using google drive. Beginner word skills are required.

PowerPoint 2016 Beyond Basics

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00

Learn about animating slides, embedding pictures and videos, and practicing your presentation.

Word 2016 Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:00

Learn how to make a basic text document in Word.

Word 2016 Beyond Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:00

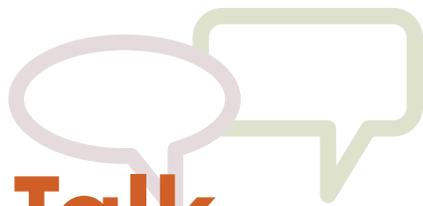
Learn how to add graphics, references, and comments.

Excel 2016 Intermediate

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 7:00

Learn to use pivot table, insert timeline, slicer, and pivot chart

Teen Talk



Teen Advisory Board

Come to TAB. Eat pizza, plan library events, and have fun. Open to grades 9-12; newcomers welcome.

DIY Enamel Pins

Monday, Sept. 17, 7:00-8:00

Make shrinky dink faux enamel pins that look like the real thing.

Ghoulish Decorations

Monday, Oct. 15, 7:00-8:00

Help create decorations for our upcoming Frankenstein-inspired Escape Room, and take one home too.

Intro to Dungeons & Dragons

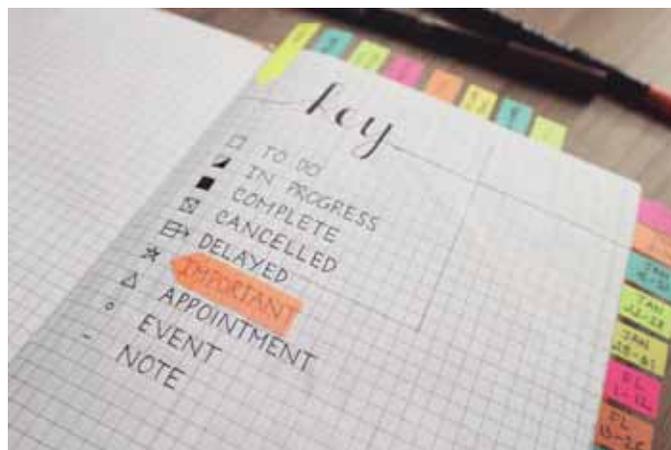
Friday, Sept. 21, 5:00-8:00 pm, Small Meeting Room, Grades 7-12

Learn the basic rules of Dungeons and Dragons 5th edition, create your own character, and play a short beginner adventure. Then, if you love it, you can join our new Dungeons & Dragons Club, which meets on the third Friday of the month during the school year. Registration required.

College Application Bootcamp

Saturday, Sept. 8, 11:00-1:00, Grades 9-12

The purpose of this workshop is to introduce college bound juniors and seniors to the college application process. Gain practical tips and get started on the all important college essay. Presented by Quest College Consulting.



Bullet Journaling for the Busy Student

Monday, Oct. 1, 7:00-8:00, Small Meeting Room, Grades 9-12

Having trouble keeping up with classes, tests, after-school clubs, volunteering, and more? Come learn the basics of the bullet journal that can be everything from a running to-do list, a sketchbook, a class notebook, a diary, or all of the above. We'll supply a notebook and supplies for decorating and personalizing your bullet journal.

Let's Play: Dungeons & Dragons

Friday, Oct. 19, 5:00-8:00, Small Meeting Room, Grades 7-12

Welcoming experienced and new players alike, meet once a month to play Dungeons and Dragons 5e! Use a pregenerated character, or make your own character from 5:00 to 5:30. If you are interested in DMing a game, contact Krista at khutley@wilmettelibrary.info for more information. Registration required.

Escape from Dr. Frankenstein's Lab!

Monday, October 22, Auditorium, Grades 7-12
Session 1: 6:30-7:15pm or
Session 2: 7:45-8:30pm

Honor the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein with our Halloween-inspired escape room. Dr. Frankenstein needs body parts for his latest creation and you're trapped in his lab. Can you escape in time? Work together with your group to solve puzzles, crack codes, find hidden secrets, and escape with all your limbs intact. Registration required.

Youth Services

All events are in the Youth Program Room unless otherwise noted. Programs marked with an **R** require registration by phone, in person, or via our online calendar.

Banned Books Week Display

Sept. 23-Sept. 29, Youth Services Department
Censorship is not just a thing of the past. Did you know that more than 300 books are formally challenged in United States libraries each year? Celebrate your freedom to read when you check out banned children's books from our display in the Youth Department.

Family Concert: Wendy and DB

Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:00-11:45, Auditorium, All Ages

Enjoy this interactive concert featuring a blend of songs just right for jumping, bouncing, and exploring. This program requires a free ticket. Tickets are available in the Youth Services Department starting at 9:00 the morning of the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit 6 tickets per family.

Pokémon Terrariums

Thursday, Sept. 20, 4:00-5:00, Grades 3-8

Meet with your fellow players and discuss all things Pokémon while making a habitat for your favorite character. **R 9/6**

Fall StoryWalk

Wednesday, Sept. 26, Vattmann Park, walks beginning at 4:00 & 4:30. Rain date, Thursday, Sept. 27

Enjoy the outdoors, read the new fall story with your librarians, and finish up with a treat. Can't make it today? Don't worry! Our StoryWalk will stay up throughout the fall. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The StoryWalk® Project was adapted for use in Wilmette by the Wilmette Public Library, the Friends of the Wilmette Library, and the Wilmette Park District.

CodeCombat

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:00-8:00, Grades 5-8

Programmer Maggie Storino will introduce you to the magic of programming with CodeCombat, a Python-based game. You'll play, create, and imagine as you write actual code. **R 9/25**

Imagination Playground

On select weekends, come build and play with our big blue blocks. Block play is great for developing STEAM skills and creativity, but most of all, it's fun! Check our online calendar for dates and times.



Join us for a StoryWalk at Vattman Park! See above for details.

Lego Club

Wednesdays, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3, 4:00-5:00, Grades K-4

Your imagination is the only limit as you build alone or with a friend at this fun monthly club. **R 8/22, 9/19**

Youth Chess Drop-In

Sundays, Sept. 9 and Oct. 14, 4:30-6:00

Want to play chess with other kids who love the game? Drop by for informal, fun competition supervised by parent volunteers. Bring chess sets and pieces, if possible. All levels of players are welcome, but prior knowledge of the pieces and how they move is helpful. Space is limited to the first 24 players to arrive.

STEAM Lab: Newspaper Construction

Thursdays, 4:00-4:45

Grades 3-5: Sept. 13 **R 8/30**

Grades K-2: Oct. 11 **R 9/27**

Explore ways to create different shapes using recycled newspapers.

Kindness Club

Friday Sept. 21, 2:30-4:30, All ages and abilities are welcome

Kindness rocks! Decorate rocks with kind messages to leave around the community.

Kids' Library Council

Mondays, 7:00-8:00, Grades 5-8

Join us for a meeting of our Kids' Library Council to do fun activities and plan library spaces and programs for kids in 5th to 8th grades. Snacks will be served.

Sept. 24: Imagination Playground Challenge. Help the KLC make plans for the year ahead, plus perform feats of engineering and design using our enormous Imagination Playground blocks. **R 9/10**

Oct. 29: Halloween Decorations. Your Halloween will be 100% scarier when you use our vinyl cutter and special software to design and cut your own spooky decorations. **R 10/15**

K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6:00-7:00, Grades 1-5

Call or stop by to sign up for a 15-minute slot to read some of your favorite stories to a trained therapy dog. K-9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore is a Therapy Dogs International Children Reading to Dogs Program. Wilmette and Kenilworth residents only. **R 9/26**

Book Clubs for Kids

Enjoy snacks, activities, and discussion. Copies of the books will be available for checkout at the Youth Services Desk.

Family Book Club

7:00-7:45, Grades 3-8 with an adult. Siblings welcome

Wednesday, Sept. 12: *Mountain Dog*, by Margarita Engle. **R 8/22**

Tuesday, Oct. 2: *Supergifted*, by Gordon Korman. **R 9/11**

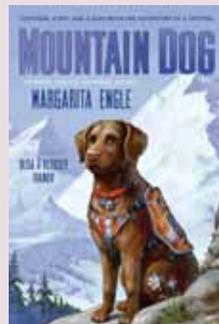
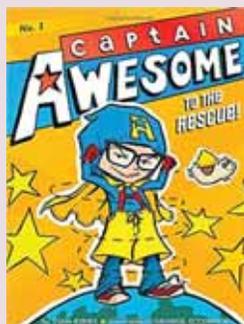
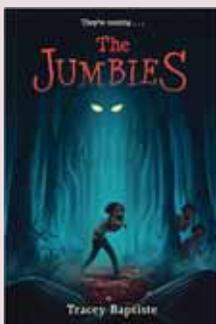
Wednesday, Oct. 24: *The Jumbies*, by Tracey Baptiste. **R 10/2**

2nd Grade Book Club

Thursdays, 7:00-7:45, Grade 2 with an adult

Sept. 27: *Captain Awesome to the Rescue!* by Stan Kirby **R 9/6**

Oct. 25: *The Haunted House Next Door*, by Andres Miedoso **R 10/4**



Weekly Storytimes

We have a variety of weekly storytimes for ages birth to 7 in the Youth Program Room. The fall session begins Monday, September 10. Each storytime program lasts between 25 and 30 minutes. This is a great opportunity for young children to hear good stories, learn, and have fun. All children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Babytime (Ages 0-24 months)

Thursdays, 9:15-9:45

Songs, rhymes, tickles, and bounces. Followed by a 30-minute playtime.

Rhymetime (Ages 18 months+)

Wednesdays, 9:30 and 10:30; Fridays, 9:30 and 10:30

Fast-paced stories, rhymes, songs, and more.

Family Storytime (All ages)

Mondays, 10:30; Tuesdays, 9:30; Thursdays, 10:30

Stories, songs, and fun for a broad age range.

New! Big Kid Storytime(Ages 4-7)

Tuesdays, 4:00

Stories, songs, and dramatic play for bigger kids only. Registration required. Registration for the fall session begins August 28. New registrations are welcome throughout the session.



Mandarin-English Bilingual Storytime

Saturdays, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13, 10:30-11:00, All ages

Join us for stories, songs, and fun in Mandarin and English!

Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 6:30-7:00, Ages 3+

Come in your PJs and bring your favorite blankie or lovie for bedtime stories, songs, and a craft.

Halloween Storytime

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6:30-7:00 and Saturday, Oct. 27, 10:00-10:30, Ages 3+

Ghosts and goblins and witches, oh my! Enjoy seasonal stories and songs that are more silly than spooky. Costumes encouraged.



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Book Drop-off Sites

- Library parking lot
- Community Recreation Center
- Plaza del Lago

Books Down Under Bookstore

Monday: 1pm-5pm
Tuesday & Thursday:
9am-5pm, 7pm-8:45pm
Wednesday & Friday:
11:30am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-4:45pm

A Note from our Interim Co-Directors...

Greetings from Gayle Rosenberg Justman and Betty Giorgi, Interim Co-Directors. We think you'll be excited about our upcoming lineup of programs, performances, and classes. From Maker events, to story times, to a series on the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, and much more, there's something for everyone at the Library.

Our staff have been busy introducing new items that we hope will make your visits to the library more convenient. In case you forgot your bike lock, we have some on hand for you to use. When you find yourself with an armful of items, look for the large book bags made of recycled vinyl that are located throughout the building. These are available for checkout to tote your items home. If you aren't sure where to go, look up and you will notice new and improved signage throughout the library to direct you. Check out something from our new collection called Library of Things, including portable DVD players, hotspots, and experiential small robots.

Plans are being formalized for improvements to the Library's outdoor spaces. Building on the Board of Trustee's commitment to durability and sustainability, the landscape plan includes an expansion of the habitat garden – an area of native plants that attract pollinators, more seating to provide space for small and large groups, and a snow melt sidewalk system to provide safe access to the library during the colder months.

The search for a new director of the Library is well underway. The members of the Library Board of Trustees are interviewing candidates and hoping to select a new director in September. The Board has been impressed with the quality of the candidates and the work that's been done by Bradbury, Miller, the search firm. In the meantime, please feel free to contact either one of us with your questions or concerns.



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