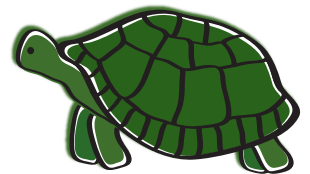
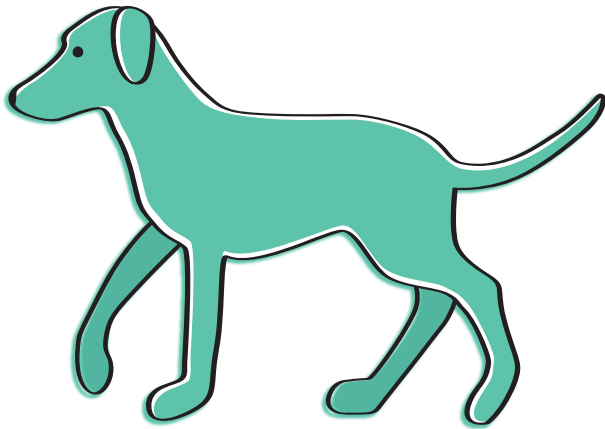
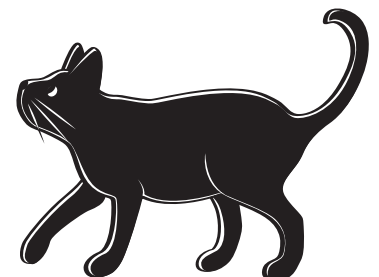
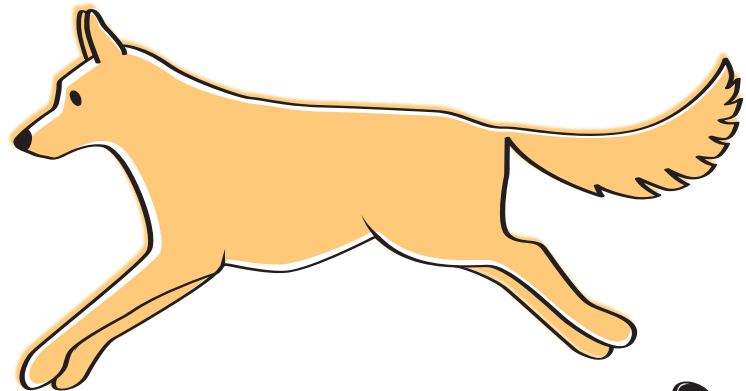
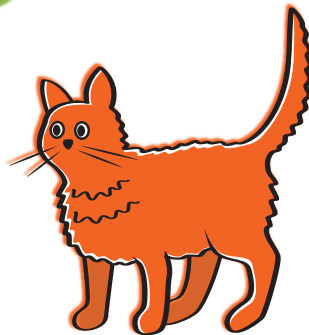
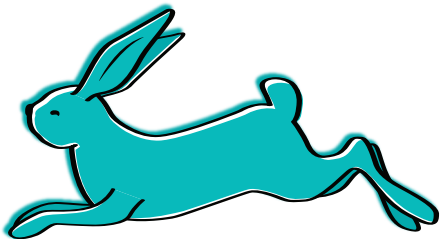




# Celebrating Our Pets



# National Pet Month

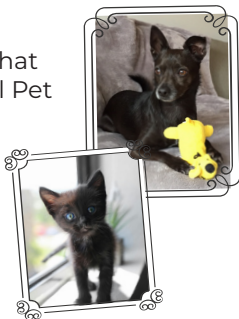


Adopt • Cherish • Love

# NATIONAL PET MONTH: CELEBRATING OUR PETS

## MGPL Pet Gallery

We will display photos of the animals that brighten our lives to celebrate National Pet Month this May. To participate, bring in a printed photo of your pet. Photos must be no larger than 4 x 6. Submit your photo at the counter by the AV section. Photos will not be returned.



## YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

### Family Crafting

All Ages

Saturday, May 16, 10–11 am: Pets

Drop in with the whole family to make fun crafts. Projects are intended for ages 3–10, though younger children with a grown-up and older children are welcome to participate.

### DIY “Pet” Adoption

Tuesday, May 19

Grades K–3: 4–5 pm

Grades 4–6: 5:30–6:30 pm

Adopt a pet your adult can't say no to! Participants will craft their very own “pet”, fill out adoption papers, and decorate a home for it. **R**



### Puppet Craft Storytime: Pets!

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver

Thursday, May 21, 10–10:45 am

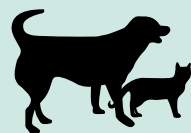
A special puppet storytime for preschoolers. We'll each make a simple puppet craft and then use them to act out our stories and songs. **R**

## ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES EVENTS

### Take and Make: Clay Paw Print

May 1–31

Make a clay impression of your pet's paw or claw. Each kit includes all the materials you need to create a lasting keepsake. Available at the Info Desk starting May 1 (while supplies last).



## WRIGHT-WAY RESCUE

LIVE | LOVE | ADOPT

### Paws and Pages Adoption Event

Saturday, May 16, 6–8 pm

We are teaming up with Wright-Way Rescue for a special adoption event featuring lovable pets looking for their forever homes! Meet adoptable animals, browse pet-related books from the Library Book Bike, and enjoy a chance to read to a rescue animal. This event will take place at Wright-Way Rescue, 5915 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove. All ages welcome.

### Pop Art Pet Craft

Saturday, May 2, 2–3:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5, 6–7:30 pm

Create a colorful portrait of your pet using markers, paint, and tracing. Registered patrons must email their pet photo 2 weeks before the class date to [info@mgpl.org](mailto:info@mgpl.org). There will also be a selection of animal photos available on the day of the event. **R**

### Pet Wellness & Wildlife Care in Cook County

Wednesday, May 20, 1–2 pm

A Cook County Animal & Rabies Control representative will discuss how the department serves our community. Discover how they keep native wildlife and domesticated pets healthy through services such as free clinics, education programs, and more. **R**



### Build Your Cat a Castle

Thursday, May 28, 6–8 pm

Use your creative skills to transform a cardboard box into an awesome hangout for your cat (or another small pet). Boxes and other basic supplies provided. Adults and families are welcome (adults will use the sharp tools!) Registration is open to solo cat lovers and groups of 2–4 people working together. **R**



## SPRING PRESCHOOL CONCERT

### Sarah Jayne Lane Music

Family

Thursday, April 30, 10–11 am

Celebrate your child at this fun, interactive concert full of catchy original tunes and dancing. This program features a percussion accompaniment by Morton Grove resident and musician, Michael Toolles.

REGISTRATION begins March 15 for April events and April 15 for May events unless otherwise noted.

## Storytimes and More . . .

### Toddler Time

Ages 18–36 months with a parent/caregiver  
Wednesdays, April 1–15 and May 6–20, 10–11 am  
Get your little one acquainted with the Library at this toddler-riffic storytime. To attend, children must be between 18 and 36 months old at the time of the class.

### Family Dance Party

All Ages  
Friday, April 3, 10–11 am  
Get up and dance to some family-friendly tunes! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Family Storytime

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver  
Saturdays, April 4, May 2, and May 30, 10–10:45 am  
Bring the whole family to this storytime filled with books, songs, and fun.

### Monday Morning Playgroup

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver  
Mondays, 9:30–11 am (No class May 25)  
Drop in for some open-ended play and meet new friends at our weekly playgroup.

### Bedtime Stories & More

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver  
Mondays, April 6 and May 4 6:30–7 pm  
Wednesdays, April 15 and May 27, 6:30–7 pm  
Spend time winding down for bed with a few stories and songs.

### Listen Up!

Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver  
Tuesdays, 10–10:45 am or 11:15 am–12 pm  
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this all-ages storytime!

### Sensory Stations

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Thursday, April 9, 10–10:45 am  
Drop in and play at our sensory stations including shaving cream, kinetic sand, and more!

### Wee Read

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver  
Fridays, 9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am (no class April 3)  
Stories and songs for our littlest listeners. Please bring a tummy time mat or blanket for the baby. Older siblings are welcome.

### Mathematics Circus

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Sunday, April 12, 2–3 pm  
Come one, come all to a math-tacular spectacular! We'll leap into mathematics with games, stories, and creative play that add up to a circus full of fun. **R**



### Ready, Set, Alphabet

Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Saturday, April 18, 10–10:45 am  
Drop-in and build early literacy skills with alphabet activities. Be prepared to get messy!

### Motor Skills Morning

Ages 18–36 months with a parent/caregiver  
Wednesdays, April 22 and May 27, 10–10:45 am  
Drop in with your toddler for a variety of activities designed to build their motor skills and exercise their brains.

### Mini Music Makers

Ages 2–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Thursdays, April 23 and May 28  
10–10:45 am  
Feel the rhythm; hear the rhyme. It's Mini Music Maker time! **R**



### Make & Take Playgroup

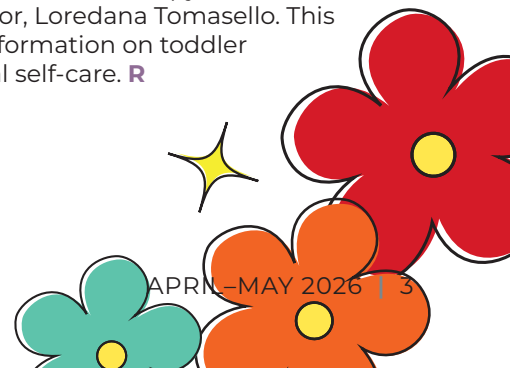
Ages 1–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Wednesday, April 29, 10–10:45 am  
While your child is playing with our toys, create a “busy bag.” Each busy bag contains an age-appropriate activity for your toddler or preschooler to play with on the go. All supplies provided. This month's activity: bunny whiskers

### Tiny Science

Ages 3–5 with a parent/caregiver  
Thursday, May 7, 10–10:45 am  
Discover more about the world through stories and activities. Part of the class will take place outside on the Youth Services patio. This month's topic: Bubbles. **R**

### Cuddle Bugs Baby Massage

Birth to 24 months with a parent/caregiver  
Saturday, May 23, 10–11 am  
Explore the health benefits and techniques of infant massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor, Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. **R**



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## Drop-in Animal Crafts

Grades K–8

Wednesday, April 1, 2–3 pm

Drop in to make some simple animal-themed crafts.

## LEGO Builders

Grades K–8

Thursdays, April 2 and May 7, 6:30–7:30 pm

Build something amazing with the Library's massive LEGO collection! Start with one of our monthly challenges then let your imagination guide you in a free build.



## Water Movers

All Ages

Friday, April 3, 2–3 pm

Stop by the Activity Room for hands-on fun with science, technology, engineering, art, or math. You may join in at any time during the session. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up.

## Bookaneers!

Grades K–2

Wednesday, April 8,

4:30–5:30 pm

Join us for a book adventure! We'll read a book out loud and then create props to act out exciting parts of the story together. This month's featured story is *Anatole* by Eve Titus. **R**



## Crafty Saturday

All Ages

Saturdays, April 11 and May 9, 9:30 am–4:30 pm

Use supplies provided to get creative and make a seasonal craft.

## Puzzles & Prose

Family

Saturdays, April 11 and May 9

2–4 pm

Drop in for a relaxing afternoon doing jigsaw puzzles and listening to audiobooks. April's story is *Wondrous Rex* by Patricia MacLachlan. May's story is *Skunk and Badger* by Amy Timberlake.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

## HANGOUT

Grades 6–8 (Ages 10–14)

Tuesdays, April 7 and May 5, 4–5 pm

De-stress and hang out with other middle schoolers! We'll provide snacks, activities, and games to get you through the school week.

SNACKS

GAMES

Poetry

Creation

Station

Grades K–8

Sunday, April 12, 1:30–4:30 pm

Monday, April 27, 5:30–8:30 pm

Drop in and create your own poems to celebrate National Poetry Month! Create magnetic poetry, collage poems, and more. This program is intended for kids in grades K–8, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up.

## Read to a Rainbow Dog

Grades 1-5

Tuesdays, April 14 and May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

Trained therapy dogs patiently listen to your child as they read from a book of their choice. Participants should be able to read independently for their full 15-minute session. To register, visit the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220 x2. **R**

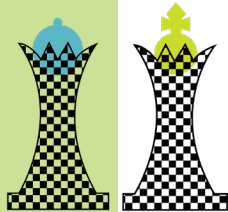


## Chess Academy

Grades 1-8

Thursdays, April 16 and May 21  
7-8 pm

Learn how to play chess with chess master Chris Christmas. All skill levels welcome.



## Goofball Science Club

Grades 5-8

Friday, April 17, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us for a middle school hangout where we do the fun parts of science experiments. This month, we are tinkering with LED circuits. **R**

## Family Crafting

All Ages

Monday, April 20, 6:30-7:30 pm: Rain

Saturday, May 16, 10-11 am: Pets

Drop in with the whole family to make fun crafts. Projects are intended for ages 3-10, though younger children with grown-up and older children are welcome to participate.



## Family Engineering Night

All Ages

Thursdays, 7-8 pm

April 23: Cable Cars

May 14: Ramp Building Challenge

Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children are welcome to participate with a grown-up. **R**

## LitLoot Middle School

Grades 6-8 (Ages 11-14)

May 1-14

LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other goodies. To subscribe to May's box, register between May 1 and 14. We'll contact you when boxes are ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. **R**

LitLoot  
Middle School

## Mini Masterpieces

Grades 1-5

Wednesday, May 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

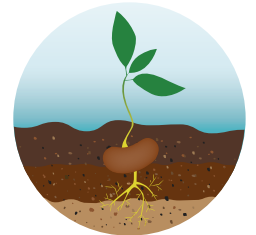
Create like the great artists! We will look at the artwork of well-known artists and then use them as inspiration to create our own works of art. This session's artist: Jasper Johns. **R**

## Plants and Seeds on the Farm

All Ages

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30-5:30 pm

Learn all about seeds and seed germination through an engaging storytime, an arts-and-crafts project, a hands-on activity, and a snack. This program is presented by the Cook County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program. **R**



## STEMonade Stand

Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and updates on biweekly projects, visit [mgpl.org/stemonade](http://mgpl.org/stemonade). When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.



Head to the Library for some outdoor family fun. The pages of a book are arranged on numbered signs around the building. Take a stroll and enjoy the book at your own pace.

April: *Big Truck, Little Island* by Chris Van Dusen

May: *Too Many Carrots* by Katy Hudson

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

# KIDS



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is coming to Niles Township

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** is a book gifting program that mails free books to children in participating areas.

The program is open to children from birth to age five who live in eligible ZIP codes. Books are available in both English and Spanish.

Eligible ZIP codes for Niles Township:

- Lincolnwood: 60712
- Golf: 60029
- Morton Grove: 60053
- Niles: 60714
- Skokie: 60076, 60077, 60203

Join us at one of the kick-off events at our partnering organizations! Learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and register for the program at the events.

## KICK-OFF EVENTS

**Morton Grove Public Library**  
Ages 0-5 and their families  
Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm  
mgpl.org

**Lincolnwood Public Library**  
Sunday, May 9, 10:30 am  
lincolnwoodlibrary.org

**Skokie Public Library**  
Saturday, April 25, 9:30 am  
skokieliibrary.info

**Niles Maine District**  
Monday, April 27, 7:00 pm  
nileslibrary.org

**Early Childhood Alliance Fun Fair**  
Saturday, May 2, 10 am-1 pm  
nilestownshipca.org

Visit each organization's website for more information.



# TEENS

**R** = Registration is required

**LitLoot**  
Grades 9-12  
April 1-13

LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to April's box at [mgpl.org/events](http://mgpl.org/events). We'll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. **R**



## EARN SERVICE HOURS

### Teen Volunteer Drop-in

**Mondays, April 6 and May 4, 6-8 pm**

Students grade 9-12 can drop-in and earn community service hours for completing fun and meaningful tasks. No registration is required.

### Empower & Excel: Successful College Transition for High School Students with 504 Plans & IEPs (Online)

**Thursday, April 16, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Learn how to navigate college applications and disability disclosure, transition high school IEPs/504 plans, self-advocate for accommodations, utilize campus resources, and develop academic strategies. **R**

### ACT Practice Exam

**Saturday, April 4, 10 am-12 pm**

Students are encouraged to bring their own computers and chargers, pencils, and calculators. The Library will have a limited number of extra laptops for use. Email will be required upon registration for test account creation. **R**



### Finals Exam Cram

**Tuesday, May 19, 5-10 pm**

**Wednesday, May 20, 5-10 pm**

The Library will stay open late for students in grade 9-12. There will be extra group study spaces and quiet study spaces. Therapy dogs will be available Tuesday night to help with pre-finals stress. Pizza, snacks, and beverages will be served.



# ADULTS

## Senior Activity Kits

Stay busy and keep your brain active with creative activities and informational materials for seniors. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

## Adult ESL Activity Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Activity Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with the monthly issue of *Easy English News* newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

## Social Seniors

Join us for a variety of fun activities. Seating is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot. **R**

### Bingo

Wednesdays, April 1 and May 6, 10–11 am  
Socialize as you play. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

### Arts and Crafts

Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am  
April 8: Wildflower Seed Pops  
May 13: Zen Gardens  
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

### Trivia

Wednesdays, 10–11 am  
April 15: Hit Books & Authors  
May 20: Mother's Day Theme  
Test your knowledge of iconic moments in history and pop culture.

### Wits Workout

Wednesdays, April 22 and May 27, 10–11 am  
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive event.

## ESL Games and Gab (Conversation)

Fridays, April 3 and May 1, 10–11 am  
Practice your English conversation skills while playing games. **R**

## Evening Craft for Adults and Teens

Tuesdays, 6–7:30 pm  
April 7: Wildflower Seed Pops  
May 12: Zen Gardens  
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project. **R**

## Healthy Living

### Chair Yoga

Fridays, April 10 and May 8, 9:30–10:30 am  
(In Person)  
Led by certified yoga instructor Joan McGee.

Fridays, April 24 and May 22, 9:30–10:30 am  
(Online)  
Led by certified yoga instructor Susan Wilkens.

Practice seated poses in one of the gentlest forms of yoga, available online or in person. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. Please use a steady chair without arms (if possible). **R**

### Waves of Peace: Sound & Stillness

Friday, April 17, 9:30–10:30 am  
Experience a transformational blend of guided meditation and restorative sound. Let crystal bowls, chimes, and gentle vibrations melt away stress and elevate your inner peace. **R**

## Senior Citizen Safety

Friday, April 10, 2–3 pm  
Learn the basics of preventing crime at home, in the community, or on vacation. Presented by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. **R**

## Crafting For Charity

Saturdays, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, 9:30–11:30 am  
Create handmade knitted and crocheted crafts for local organizations. Please bring your needles and/or hooks and some acrylic yarn. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. We are currently accepting yarn donations. **R**

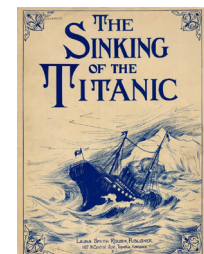
## Remembering Route 66

Sunday, April 12, 2–3 pm  
Take a nostalgic journey down Route 66 as historian Leslie Goddard explores the iconic highway's history, from its heyday linking Chicago to Los Angeles to its lasting place in American road trip lore. **R**



## Lost Treasures of the Titanic (Online)

Monday, April 13, 7–8 pm  
This lecture explores some of the most fascinating and valuable treasures that disappeared into the depths on the night the Titanic sank. This event was made possible through a collaboration with the Carey Area Public Library. **R**





## Financial Fitness

Financial Fitness 2026 is a free financial literacy series presented by business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. To support the libraries' mission of providing access to reliable information, these virtual events offer practical tips and advice from experienced financial advisors.

### Budgeting and Savings Basics (Online)

Thursday, April 9, 7–8:30 pm

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting, introductory saving, and investment strategies. He will also share tools and resources for learning more about these topics. **R**

### Buying a Home Basics (Online)

Monday, April 13, 7–8:30 pm

This course covers the information a lender looks for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home buying process. **R**

### Retirement Reality (Online)

Tuesday, April 21, 7–8:30 pm

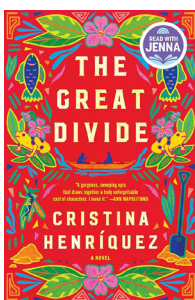
CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, will walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down. **R**

### Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection (Online)

Thursday, April 16, 7–8 pm

Join critically acclaimed, bestselling author Cristina Henríquez for a compelling conversation about her work, including her latest novel, *The Great Divide*. **R**

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a state-wide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.



### Walking Chicago's Coast: A 63-Mile Journey to the Indiana Dunes (Online)

Tuesday, April 21, 7–8 pm

Author Michael McColly shares stories, photography, and reflections of his walk from Lake Michigan's urban shoreline to the ancient Indiana Dunes. This event was made possible through a collaboration between Northern Illinois public libraries. **R**

## Plant Swap

Saturday, May 2, 10–11 am

Join us for our 6th annual Morton Grove Plant Swap!

Bring a healthy, rooted houseplant to trade with other plant enthusiasts. Be ready to share your plant's name and its light, soil, and water preferences.

This year we would like to showcase plants from swaps in the past. If you would like to share a picture of a thriving plant that you received from a previous swap, please send them to [info@mgpl.org](mailto:info@mgpl.org) prior to May 2.



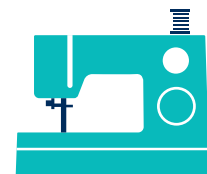

## Seed Library

Starting April 13th, we will be adding new seeds to our Morton Grove Seed Library! Stop in and see what additions we have that will be ideal for planting this spring including edible plants. For more information and a list of seeds we offer, go to [mgpl.org/seedlibrary](http://mgpl.org/seedlibrary).

### Intro to Machine Sewing

Sunday, May 3, 2–4:30 pm

Sewing expert Mike Hall will go over all the basics of setting up and using a sewing machine. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided. **R**

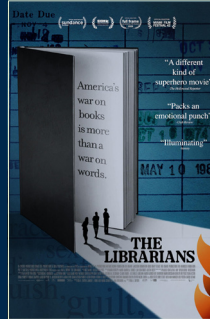


# MOVIES AND MORE...

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## The Librarians

Friday, April 24, 6:30–8 pm  
Join us for a special screening of this documentary as part of National Library Week. Light refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm.



Librarians across the US examine how book review policies and collection standards that restrict race-related and LGBTQIA+ content are shaping education and communities. (2025, NR, 1 hr 30 min)

## Music Bingo and Mocktails

Friday, May 8, 6–7:30 pm  
Join us for this fun social event perfect for groups or solo players. We'll play short clips of old favorites and modern hits. You'll identify the songs and mark off the titles on your card. Enjoy a mocktail while you play!



## INDIE MOVIE NIGHT

### The Tallest Dwarf

Wednesday, April 1  
6–7 pm

*The Tallest Dwarf* follows filmmaker Julie Forrest Wyman as she searches for her place in the little people community and unpacks rumors of dwarfism in her own family. (2025, NR, 1 hr)



### The Grocery List Show

Wednesday, May 6, 6–8 pm

Top Chef contender Chrissy Camba takes us on a bustling tour of five international grocery stores in the US. Special guests and food enthusiasts join Chrissy to shop for ingredients and cook favorite family recipes. (2025, NR, 1 hr)



## TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL

**Marlee Matlin:**  
*Not Alone Anymore*  
Tuesday, April 7  
10–11:35 am

**Tesla**  
Tuesday, April 14  
10–11:45 am

**Song Sung Blue**  
Tuesday, April 21  
10 am–12:15 pm

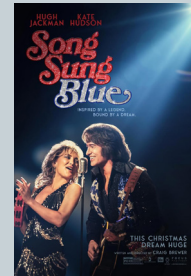
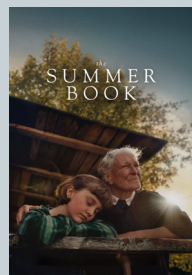
**Singin' in the Rain**  
Tuesday, April 28  
10–11:45 am

**The Summer Book**  
Tuesday, May 5  
10–11:30 am

**Now You See Me:**  
**Now You Don't**  
Tuesday, May 12  
10 am–12 pm

**Regretting You**  
Tuesday, May 19  
10 am–12 pm

**The African Queen**  
Tuesday, May 26  
10–11:45 am



## Mental Health Series for Adults

Fridays, 2–3 pm

May 8: Mental Health 101

May 15: Self-Care Kits

May 22: In Your Own Voice

Join The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for a three-part series on mental health. This series will explore common mental health conditions, coping strategies, and personal stories. **R**



## Make Your Yard into a Bird B&B

Sunday, May 17, 2–3 pm

Discover how to create the perfect bird-friendly haven with the right balance of food, water, and shelter. Alyse Burman, owner of The WildBird Shack, will share the ideal location for a birdscape, tips to attract your favorite birds, proper hygiene, and proven techniques to keep squirrels away. **R**



## Babel-On with R.F. Kuang (Online)

Tuesday, May 19, 7–8 pm

Award-winning, New York Times bestselling author R.F. Kuang, creator of *The Poppy War* trilogy, *Babel*, and *Yellowface*, will discuss her genre-bending fiction that blends history, magic, and sharp cultural critique. **R**



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## Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning Basics

Wednesday, May 13, 2–3 pm

Attorney Jacob K. Ehrenschaft will discuss wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship. **R**

## Balancing Blood Sugar

Thursday, May 14, 2–3 pm

Dr. Teresa Pangan, culinary educator and nutritionist, shares practical, easy-to-implement strategies for managing blood sugar through simple food choices. **R**

## Property Tax 101

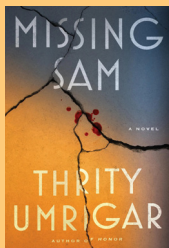
Thursday, May 28, 2–3 pm

Taxpayer advocate Andrea Raila explains how to lower property taxes, get tax exemptions and refunds, understand market value reassessment notices, use self-help links, and more. **R**

## Civic Engagement Book Picks

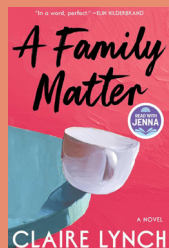
Visit [mgpl.org/civics](http://mgpl.org/civics) for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics. Not sure where to begin? We have selected a few titles to help you get started.

### Immigrants & Refugees



*Missing Sam*  
by Thrity Umrigar

### LGBTQ



*A Family Matter*  
by Claire Lynch

### Gender



*Call Me Ishmaelle*  
by Xiaolu Guo

### Banned Books & Censorship



*These Memories Do Not Belong To Us*  
by Yiming Ma



## Computers and Technology

### iPhone Photography Basics

Friday, April 17, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to take and share photos with your iPhone. Bring your phone and login information. **R**

### Android Photography Basics

Monday, April 20, 2–3:30 pm

Learn how to take and share photos with your Android device. Bring your phone and login information. **R**



## Digital Explorers

### Digital Explorers Kickoff Event

Wednesday, April 29, 10–11:30 am

Drop in and see how you can build your technology skills with Northstar Digital Literacy, our new online learning platform. Enjoy light refreshments and receive a free tote bag (while supplies last) when you create a free Northstar account. You will need an email address

### Digital Explorer: Self-paced Tech Learning

Thursday, May 7, 10–11:30 am

Monday, May 18, 2–3:30 pm

Checkout Northstar Digital Literacy, our new online learning platform designed to build your technology skills. Work through self-paced exercises and video tutorials. Support staff will be available to help answer your questions. **R**

### Identify Things Using Your Smartphone

Thursday, May 21, 2–3 pm

Learn how to identify things like plants, birds, and music using specialized apps on your smartphone. **R**

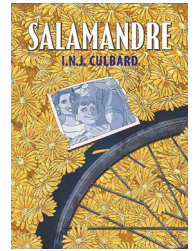


## Book Discussion Groups

### Readpool: Adult Graphic Novel Discussion Group (Online)

*Salamandre*  
by I.N.J. Culbard

Monday, April 27, 7–8 pm **R**

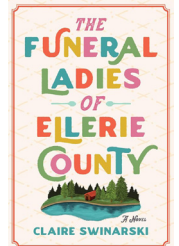


### Between the Lines

*The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County*  
by Claire Swinarski

Thursday, April 16, 10–11 am (In Person)

Tuesday, April 21, 7–8 pm (Online)



*The Mighty Red*  
by Louise Erdrich

Thursday, May 21, 10–11 am (In Person)

Tuesday, May 26, 7–8 pm (Online)

Between the Lines is held on two different days, either in person or on Zoom. New members are always welcome! **R**



### LitLounge

*The Book of Hope*  
by Jane Goodall

Wednesday, April 8

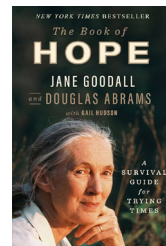
7:30–9 pm

*Family Trust*

by Kathy Wang

Wednesday, May 13

7:30–9 pm



Meets monthly at the Skokie Public Library Cosmos Room.

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#### Library Hours

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

#### Online

Website: [mgpl.org](http://mgpl.org)  
Events: [mgpl.org/events](http://mgpl.org/events)  
Catalog: [catalog.mgpl.org](http://catalog.mgpl.org)

#### Phone

Main: 847-965-4220

#### Email

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Youth Services: [ysinfo@mgpl.org](mailto:ysinfo@mgpl.org)  
Check-Out Desk: [circinfo@mgpl.org](mailto:circinfo@mgpl.org)

#### Social Media



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Patrons needing special assistance should call 847-965-4220 or email [info@mgpl.org](mailto:info@mgpl.org).

#### CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 5 for Easter  
Friday, April 10 (closing at 5 pm)  
Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day

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### Library News

It is with bittersweet emotions that I am sharing that Morton Grove Public Library Director, Pam Leffler, will be retiring in April 2026. Pam has done an amazing job over her tenure by making our library one that continues to offer the highest quality and standard of service to our community.

Pam has led our library through challenging times and various improvements, while maintaining a strong commitment to championing our staff and serving our patrons. Throughout the Covid pandemic, Pam helped ensure services stayed available to the public while guiding the staff through the adaptability needed in uncertain times. One of the memorable building projects that began during this period was the wonderful reimagining and renovation of our Youth Services department.

Throughout Pam's 35-year career working in public libraries, she has carried her passion for service to the community, advocacy for literary access, and expertise in library knowledge.

Pam is an avid traveler and a dedicated mother and grandmother, and I hope retirement will offer more adventures and quality time with her loved ones.

I can confidently speak for the entire board and staff in saying we will truly miss Pam's leadership, dedication, and partnership, and we wish her the very best in her next chapter.

#### EMILY MACEJAK

President, Board of Trustees  
Morton Grove Public Library

### National Library Week: Find Your Joy April 19-25

Celebrate National Library Week by telling us all the ways your Library is special! Fill out colorful strips of paper with why you love libraries, what joy the Library brings you, or anything here that sparks your joy. Write it, doodle it, share it! Your joyful notes will decorate our porch all week.

Watch a special showing of the documentary, *The Librarian*. See page 9 for details.