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AND THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO

FAMILY FUN

LEGO CLUB

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 30 // 4–5:30 pm // Radmacher Room
Come build with our vast collection of Legos! Create on your own or help build a joint Lego masterpiece. Duplos will be available for little ones.

KNIT AND PURL DROP-IN

Tuesdays (except March 24) // 5–6 pm // Youth Services
Whether you are new to knitting or are experienced, join us for an hour each week to work on knitting projects. Please bring your own needles and yarn. For beginners, we suggest bringing #7 or #8 needles and simple yarn like Red Heart Super Saver.

WORLD READ-ALoud DAY

Wednesday, March 4 // 9:30 am–6:30 pm // Youth Services
Join the celebration of worldwide literacy as we share some of our favorite read-aloud books all day long. Sign our Wall of Readers after you listen to a story.



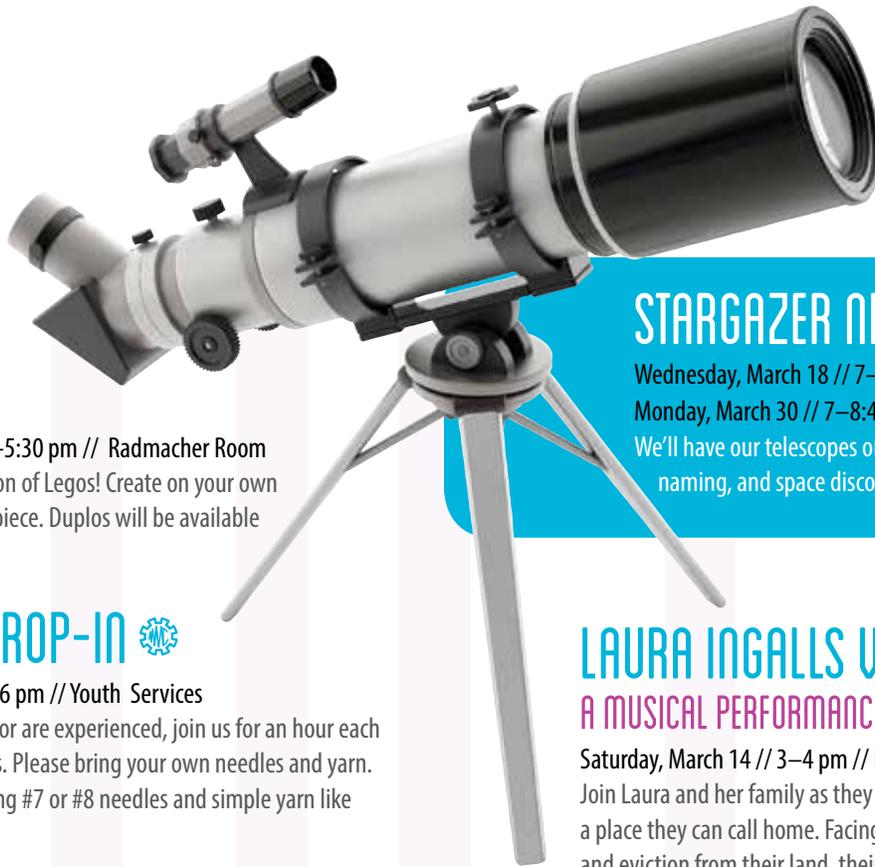
FAMILY SCIENCE EXPO

Sunday, March 8 // 1–4 pm // Radmacher Room
Come to the library for an afternoon of science fun! Explore a variety of interactive exhibits and demonstrations from Chicago-area science organizations, all of which are sure to get kids excited about science.

FAMILY MOVIE

ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

Friday, March 13 // 7–8:30 pm // Petty Auditorium
Alexander Cooper (Ed Oxenbould) is a 12-year-old misanthrope-in-the-making when his tween-ager woes (gum in his hair, junior high cliques, online harassment) compel him to cast a “curse” on his family, especially after his parents (Steve Carrell and Jennifer Garner) tell him to shake it off. Things get awful fast for the Coopers when their car breaks down, a job interview goes south, and a sibling experiences a tragic stage debut. Will Alexander’s “curse” spell endless spiraling disasters for the family? Based on the book by Judith Viorst.



STARGAZER NIGHTS

Wednesday, March 18 // 7–8:45 pm // Youth Services Courtyard
Monday, March 30 // 7–8:45 pm // Youth Services Courtyard
We'll have our telescopes out for stargazing, constellation naming, and space discovery. Weather permitting.

Laura Ingalls Wilder REGISTER 3-1

A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Saturday, March 14 // 3–4 pm // Petty Auditorium
Join Laura and her family as they travel across America in search of a place they can call home. Facing obstacles such as scarlet fever and eviction from their land, their pioneering spirit and family bonds are tested but never broken. This uplifting story of one of America's most beloved authors comes to life in ArtsPower's popular musical. For grades K-5 and families.

MISSION BOOMBOX REGISTER 3-1

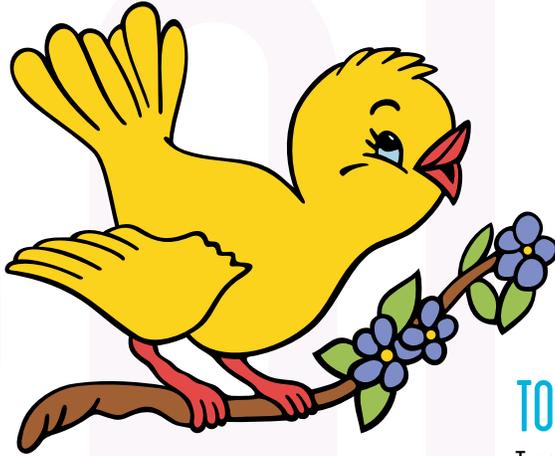
FAMILY CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

Saturday, March 28 // 2–3 pm // Radmacher Meeting Room
Use an assortment of materials to construct the tallest building you can. For grades K-5 with an adult.

UNTUNED, UNPLUGGED GAME DAY

Saturday, March 28 // 2–5 pm // Youth Services
Find out how much fun board games can be. Come and test your skills on our unplugged games.





BOOK BABIES STORYTIME

Wednesday, March 25 // 9:30–10 am // Program Room // Ages 0–11 mo
This lap-sit event features stimulating stories, songs, and rhymes for babies and their caregivers. Older siblings are welcome. After the program, stay for Together Time to enjoy some coffee and chat with other grown-ups, with toys for the younger set.

TOGETHER TIME

Wednesday, March 25 // 9:30–11:00 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 0–23 mo
Enjoy a cup of coffee, kindly donated by the Skokie Swift Starbucks, and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores hands-on activities.

ONE-YEAR-OLD FITNESS REGISTER 3-1

Wednesday, March 11 // 10:30–11 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 12–23 mo
Get up and get moving with your one-year-old! Join My Gym Skokie for fun movement activities and information about motor skills and milestones.

WONDERFUL ONES STORYTIME

Mondays, March 23 and 30 // 10:30–11 am // Program Room // Ages 12–23 mo
Wednesday, March 25 // 10:30–11 am // Program Room // Ages 12–23 mo
Join us for fun stories, rhymes, and songs, then stay and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores hands-on activities.

TODDLER FITNESS REGISTER 3-1

Tuesday, March 10 // 10:30–11 am // Radmacher Room // Age 2
Get up and get moving with your toddler! Join My Gym Skokie for fun movement activities and information about toddler motor skills and milestones.

TODDLER TIME FOR TWOS

Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 // 10:30–11 am // REGISTER 3-1
Program Room // Age 2

Friday, March 27 // 10:30–11 am // Program Room // Age 2
Toddlers and accompanying adults share a lively program of simple stories, songs, games, and fingerplays. Children must attend with a parent or adult caregiver. Registration required only for Tuesdays.

CABIN FEVER

Wednesday, March 18 // 10:30–11:30 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 2–5
Cold weather can make it difficult to get outside to play. Come to the library to move and expend some of that pent-up energy!

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, March 25 // 7–7:30 pm // Program Room // Ages 2–5
Gather under the library stars for our favorite stories.
Pajamas are optional, but fun is mandatory!

SPRING BREAK BLOCK PARTY

Friday, March 27 //
2:30–4 pm //
Radmacher Room //
Ages 2–5
If you like making roads, bridges, castles, towers, and skyscrapers, join us and build with our sets of blocks. We can't wait to see what you create!



LITTLE KIDS



BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS

Saturday, March 14 // 10:30–11:15 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 2–7
Join us for our favorite stories and games while enjoying a light breakfast snack, including coffee for parents and caregivers kindly donated by the Starbucks at Dempster and Niles.

SCIENCE CLUB JR. REGISTER 3-1

Thursday, March 5 // 10:30–11 am // Craft Room // Ages 3–5
Preschoolers, come with an adult to learn about science with fun and interesting hands-on experiments. Don't forget to bring your best tool for exploring how the world works: curiosity! Dress to mess.



PRESCHOOL FITNESS REGISTER 3-1

Monday, March 9 // 10:30–11 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 3–5
Get up and get moving with your preschooler! Join My Gym Skokie for fun movement activities and information about preschool motor skills and milestones.



EVERYBODY'S IRISH TODAY REGISTER 3-1

Tuesday, March 17 // 10:30–11:15 am // Craft Room // Ages 3–5
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories, games, and crafts.

RISE & SHINE STORYTIME

Mondays, March 23 and 30 // 10:30–11 am // Radmacher Room // Ages 3–5
Join a lively storytime filled with a variety of stories, songs, fingerplays, action rhymes, and other activities aimed at building a love of language, books, and reading. Siblings are welcome with close adult supervision.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 // 10:30–11 am // Craft Room // Ages 3–5 REGISTER 3-1

Wednesday, March 25 // 1:30–2 pm // Program Room // Ages 3–5
Come enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, action rhymes, and other activities aimed at building a love of language, books, and reading. This program is held at the same time as Toddler Time to accommodate families with both toddlers and preschoolers. Registration required only for Tuesdays.

LITTLE LEARNERS STORYTIME REGISTER 3-1

Friday, March 27 // 1:30–2:15 pm // Program Room // Ages 4–5
Read, experiment, grow! Help your child on the road to reading with stories and fun hands-on literacy, math, and science activities.

STORYTIME BY ELIZABETH MEYER SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 4 // 7 pm–7:45 pm // Youth Services // Grades PreK–5
Elizabeth Meyer School is leading storytime. Faculty and staff from the school will read their favorite stories, followed by refreshments.

SCIENCE CLUB REGISTER 3-1

Tuesday, March 10 // 4:30–5:30 pm // Radmacher Room // Grades K–3
Have you ever wondered how airplanes fly? Why stars twinkle? What causes a volcano? All of these questions have one thing in common: science! Explore the wonders of the universe through science in a hands-on, fun way.

ADVENTURE CLUB

CHINA REGISTER 3-1

Friday, March 20 // 4:30–5:30 pm // Program Room // Grades K–4
Learn about China's culture, traditions, foods, and fun.





SEED STARTERS

Wednesday, March 25 // 10:30 am–12:30 pm // Youth Services Courtyard // Grades K–5
Friday, March 27 // 3:30–5:30 pm // Youth Services Courtyard // Grades K–5
Help us start preparing our library garden by planting a seed. We'll have an assortment of plants to choose from. Be prepared to get your hands dirty and learn about how plants grow. Weather permitting. While supplies last.

MINECRAFT MANIA JR.

Wednesday, March 4 // 5:30–6:30 pm // Computer Classroom // Grades 1–3
Minecraft is the game everyone is playing. Let's get together, punch some dirt, and explore a world without limits. No account? No problem—use one of ours. Whether you have been playing for ages or you are brand-new to the game, sign up for a spot in our Minecraft hangout.

FUN WITH SCIENCE

Saturday, March 21 // 3–4 pm // Radmacher Meeting Room // Grades 2–5
Join a professor from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northwestern University for experiments, games, and the joys of discovery. Enjoy and learn a little about the wonders of science.

LUNCH LADY TO THE RESCUE

Thursday, March 26 // 3–3:45 pm // Radmacher Room // Grades 2–5
Bring your secret identity and hone your villain-fighting skills in this celebration of the Lunch Lady graphic novels by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. Enjoy games, crafts, and hero book recommendations.



DIGITAL CRAFT TIME

BEAT MAKER

Monday, March 9 // 5:30–6:30 pm // Computer Lab // Grades 3–5
Learn how to make a structured beat on Garageband using instruments and loops.

INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

Tuesday, March 31 // 5:30–6:30 pm // Computer Lab // Grades 3–5
Learn the basics of Photoshop Elements and use the program to make your own designs.



MARS SURFACE EXPLORATION

Tuesday, March 10 // 4:30–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Tuesday, March 10 // 6:30–7:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Using Planet Four, a citizen science project, we'll explore and classify the surface of Mars to help planetary scientists better understand the Mars climate.

LIGHT PAINTING

Tuesday, March 17 // 4:30–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Tuesday, March 17 // 6:30–7:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Modify flashlights and other handheld light sources to create artistic, color-filled images.

CIVIC SCIENCE BOOT CAMP

Monday, March 23 // 1–3 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Tuesday, March 24 // 1–3 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Become a local scientist and make a difference in our community. We'll participate in two open source Public Lab projects to map our community and determine water quality from local sources. Weather permitting. Must attend both sessions.

GAS OFF

Tuesday, March 31 // 4:30–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
Tuesday, March 31 // 6:30–7:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 3–5
This is no laughing matter. Mix different acids and bases to create gas and see which combinations best inflate balloons on top of water bottles.



SCHOOL KIDS

We welcome children of all abilities to all our events; if your child has special needs, please call ahead to let us know how we can be most accommodating.

 Registration is required and already open

 Registration is required and begins 3/1

 Spaces are limited

 Maker Master Challenge

FOURTH GRADE & UP

CRAFT STUDIO

RAINBOW LOOMS

Thursday, March 5 // 4:30–6 pm // Program Room // Grades 4–8
Get creative using Rainbow Looms to make awesome bracelets and charms. Make them for yourself or for friends.

SEASONAL CRAFT

Thursday, March 19 // 4:30–6 pm // Craft Room // Grades 4–8
Come make a fantastic seasonal craft.

JUNIOR HIGH COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 3 // 5–6 pm // Program Room // Grades 6–8
Join the Junior High Council to help us make decisions about library services and brainstorm cool stuff to do. Meet new people, share your ideas, and improve your community—all while eating pizza.



MANGA/ANIME APPRECIATION CLUB

Thursday, March 5 // 7–8:45 pm // Radmacher Meeting Room // Grades 6–12
Read free manga, and watch anime on the big screen. Japanese snacks are served! Dying for some ramen? Love to eat Pocky? Join us and revel in epic geekery, otaku style. Tonight's Anime: *Akame ga Kill!*

RAINBOW THERAPY TIME

Sunday, March 15 // 12:15–1:15 pm // Radmacher Room // Ages 7–12
Rainbow dog handlers will work with the children to strengthen motor skills, learn social skills, and increase language use. Parents remain in the library while children attend the program accompanied by trained, volunteer aides. Call or visit Youth Services to register.

CLUB WONDER

EBOOK MAKER LAB

Saturday, March 21 // 10:30–11:30 am // Program Room // Ages 3–8
Families of children with special needs are invited to join developmental therapist Tamara Kaldor, of Chicago Play PRO, to learn about the benefits of writing simple stories together and to create our own eBook using Book Creator. Call or visit Youth Services to register. For children with an adult.

SPECIAL NEEDS



TEEN TECH WEEK GAME KICKOFF

Friday, March 6 // 4–5:30 pm // High School Lounge // Grades 6–12
Get in the game this Teen Tech Week. Earn points and badges for trying out the latest technology, creating projects, and joining us for library events. Learn how to join the game and earn your first badge.

MADDEN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 7 // 2–6 pm // Radmacher Meeting Room // Grades 6–Adult
Compete against other expert gamers in our annual Madden Tournament. The winners of this no-holds-barred event will take home Game Stop gift cards. Spectators of all ages welcome.



GLITCH ART

MAKING ART BY MAKING MISTAKES

Thursday, March 12 // 7–8:30 pm // Computer Classroom // Grades 6–12
A man was put in jail recently for punching a hole through a Monet painting. Usually punching a hole in a piece of art is a bad thing. But in this glitch art class, we'll be "punching holes" through digital files on purpose.

GAME CELEBRATION

Friday, March 13 // 3:30–5 pm // High School Lounge // Grades 6–12
As Teen Tech Week draws to a close, join us to celebrate all we've learned. More cool stuff to try, snacks, prizes—what could be better?

DIGITAL CRAFT TIME

BEAT MAKER REGISTER 3-1

Monday, March 9 // 4–5 pm // Computer Lab // Grades 6–8
Learn how to make a structured beat on Garageband using instruments and loops.



INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS REGISTER 3-1

Tuesday, March 31 // 4–5 pm // Computer Lab // Grades 6–8
Learn the basics of Photoshop Elements and use the program to make your own designs.

GRRRLS CODE REGISTER 3-1 LIMITED APP DESIGN

Wednesday, March 11 // 4:30–6 pm // Computer Lab // Girls Grades 6–8
Girls, embrace your inner nerd and walk away with some serious tech skills. This month we will prototype our own mobile applications. In April, we'll start building our apps.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! REGISTER 3-1 LIMITED

Mondays, March 9, 16, and 30 // 4–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 6–8
Split into teams and get ready to build. Every week, we will propose a new engineering challenge and compete in teams to see which project wins.



JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

FRIEND SQUAD REGISTER 3-1

Thursday, March 19 // 6:30–8 pm // High School Lounge // Ages 11–16
Come meet new people in a supportive environment and watch your circle of friends grow. Trained peer volunteers host activities to help you get to know others your age. If you would like to volunteer as a friendship ambassador, please fill out the volunteer application at the library. Youth of all abilities are welcome. Please call for special accommodations.

JUNIOR HIGH COUNCIL LIBRARY LOCK-IN REGISTER 3-1

Saturday, March 21 // 6–10 pm // High School Lounge // Grades 6–8
Kick off spring break with a VIP library experience. Stick around after hours as we take over the library. Participants are required to have attended at least one Junior High Council meeting and must turn in a permission slip in order to register for this event.



CIVIC SCIENCE BOOT CAMP REGISTER 3-1 LIMITED

Monday, March 23 // 3:30–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 6–8
Tuesday, March 24 // 3:30–5:30 pm // BOOMbox // Grades 6–8
Become a local scientist and make a difference in our community. We'll participate in two open source Public Lab projects to map our community and determine water quality from local sources. Weather permitting. Must attend both sessions.

WHAT'S NEW?

Monday, March 23 // 4:30–5 pm // Junior High Zone // Grades 6–8
Get exposed to new media and share what you love with others. We'll bring our favorite young adult books, movies, music, apps, and games to share and give you time to talk about your faves as well. Enjoy a quick snack and satisfy your hunger for all things NEW.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Lego Club / 4p	Jr. High Council / 5p Knit & Purl / 5p	World Read-Aloud Day / 9:30a-6:30p Minecraft Jr. / 5:30p Elizabeth Meyer Storytime / 7p	Science Club Jr. / 10:30a Rainbow Looms / 4:30p Manga/Anime / 7p	Game Kickoff / 4p	Madden Tournament / 2p
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Family Science Expo / 1p	Preschool Fitness / 10:30a Lego Club / 4p Challenge Accepted / 4p Beat Maker / 4p & 5:30p	Toddler Fitness / 10:30a Science Club / 4:30p Mars / 4:30p or 6:30p Knit & Purl / 5p	One-Year-Old Fitness / 10:30a Grrrrs Code/ 4:30p	Glitch Art / 7p	Family Movie / 7p Game Celebration / 3:30p	Breakfast with Books / 10:30a Laura Ingalls Wilder / 3p
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Rainbow Therapy / 12:15p	Lego Club / 4p Challenge Accepted / 4p	Everybody's Irish Today / 10:30a Light Painting / 4:30p or 6:30p Knit & Purl / 5p	Cabin Fever / 10:30a Stargazer Nights / 7p	Craft Studio / 4:30p Friend Squad / 6:30p	Adventure Club / 4:30p	Club Wonder / 10:30a Fun with Science / 3p Jr High Lock-In / 6p
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Wonderful 1s / 10:30a Rise & Shine / 10:30a Civic Science / 1p & 3:30p What's New / 4:30p	Toddler Time / 10:30a PreK Story / 10:30a Civic Science / 1p & 3:30p	Book Babies / 9:30a Together Time / 9:30a Wonderful 1s / 10:30a Seed Starters / 10:30a PreK Story / 1:30p PJ Storytime / 7p	Lunch Lady / 3p	Toddler Time / 10:30a Little Learners / 1:30p Block Party / 2:30p Seed Starters / 3:30p	Family Construction Challenge / 2p Unplugged Game Day / 2p
29	30	31				

All Youth Services programs are FREE and open to the public. Online registration requires a current library card. To register, visit calendar.skokiellibrary.info or call the Youth Services Department at 847-324-3149. For ticketed events, attendees must be present to receive a ticket. If you arrive more than ten minutes after a program begins, you will not be admitted. Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you around!