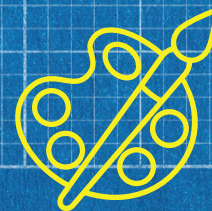




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September & October 2019



HOW*TO FEST

Our annual How-To Fest features local experts, community members, and library staff ready to share their knowledge. Visit stations throughout the library to learn a new skill, try a new activity, and gain understanding of a variety of topics. This year, we're adding stations with particular focus on personal finance and topics of interest to teens. Some stations may be geared toward a specific age group. This drop-in event is intended for grades 3 and up.

Sunday, September 22, 2–4:30 pm



Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed September 2

KIDS & FAMILIES



Jack and Jill: A Puppet Folk Story for All Ages

Jack & Jill is a one-person puppet show featuring hand-carved, folk-inspired puppets and live music by the

Lanky Yankee Puppet Company. Get free tickets 30 minutes before showtime.

Sunday, September 8, 2–3 pm

Gentle Play

This sensory-friendly play group is designed for children who need a small, nurturing environment. Drop-in event for children ages 2–5 with an adult caregiver. Limited to 20 children. Therapists from Steinberg Behavior Solutions will facilitate play skills and social interaction using toys and positive reinforcement.

*Thursdays, September 19 and October 17,
9:30–10:30 am*



Harry Potter Day

No matter your Hogwarts house, join us for activities in honor of author J.K. Rowling's magical world of Harry Potter. Drop-in event for all ages.

*Sunday, October 13,
1–3:30 pm*

BOOMBIX

ARCHITECTURE

Starting September 3

We're taking a grand tour of architecture across time and traditions. Each week we'll focus on architecture of a different place and time. Our exploration will include famous architects and planning, designing, and constructing buildings (with a particular focus on public buildings), all with a variety of hands-on activities.



DROP-IN TIMES

Ages 6 and up

Monday–Thursday, 3:30–8:45 pm

Saturday–Sunday, noon–5:45 pm

**Families welcome.
Children
younger than
8 must be
accompanied
by an adult.**

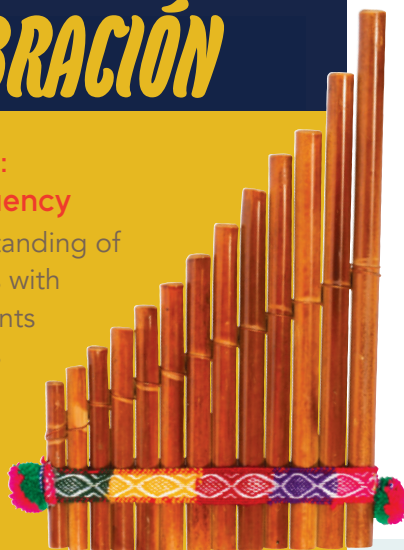




Be the Scientist: Pitch and Frequency

Build your understanding of scientific concepts with monthly experiments and activities. This month, we're learning about pitch and frequency while exploring the South American roots of pan pipes. Limited to 16 participants in grades 3–5.

Thursday, September 26, 4:30–5:30 pm



Adventure Club: Venezuela

Learn about Venezuela's culture, traditions, foods, and fun! Limited to 25 participants in grades K–4.

Friday, October 4, 4:30–5:30 pm

Be the Artist: Corn Husk Dolls

Develop your art-making skills with a special craft celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Drop-in event for all ages, especially youth.

Monday, October 7, 6–7 pm



TEEN

GAME TIME

Come play strategy board games like Catan, Pandemic, and Ticket to Ride. Drop-in event.

Grades 6–8: Tuesdays, 3:30–5 pm

Grades 9–12: Wednesdays, 4–5:30 pm

Anime and Manga Appreciation Club

Join us and revel in epic geekery, otaku-style. Share your favorite manga, and then settle in to watch anime on the big screen while feasting on ramen and Japanese snacks. Drop-in event for grades 6–12.

Thursdays, September 5 and October 3, 5–6:30 pm

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Compete with other teens on Nintendo Switch for your chance to win bragging rights and prizes. Limited to 30 participants in grades 6–12.

Saturday, September 7, 1:30–4:30 pm

The Media Want Your Brains (But They Can't Have Them)

Compete for prizes in information scavenger hunts and game show-style contests designed to get you thinking critically about the media in your life. Drop-in event for grades 6–8.

*Thursdays, September 12 and 26,
October 10 and 24, 4–5 pm*



Library Service Council

Give your input on library services and events, participate in volunteer projects, and eat pizza. Limited to 15 participants in grades 6–12.

Thursdays, September 19 and October 17, 6–7 pm

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►►► For a full list of events, visit the website at www.skokielibrary.info

FOR ADULTS



World Film and Discussion

Everybody Knows

Monday, September 9,
6:30 pm

Capernaum

Monday, October 7,
6:30 pm

Open for Business: Online Reputation Management

Are potential customers looking at your website first, or are they first seeing online customer reviews and star ratings? Learn how to manage the online reputation of your business. Understand how to manage customer reviews, including how to analyze best practices and maximize online ratings. Presented by SCORE. Enter the library on the west side only.

Wednesday, September 11, 8:15–9:30 am

BIRD WALK: HOPE IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS

On this bird walk, we'll talk about ways to encourage birds to visit our yards, identify best local places and times for bird watching, and learn to appreciate birds at any age. Little eyes can spy the littlest birds—youth are welcome to participate in this intergenerational event. Limited to 30 participants.

Saturday, September 14, 1:30–2:30 pm

Basic Rules of Networking

With a better than 80% chance that your next opportunity will come about through someone you know, it's important to think about networking. Learn how to make these important connections. Scott Kane will discuss how to establish a personal brand, use an elevator speech to gain attention, and find an audience with the right people. Limited to 30 participants.

Thursday,
September 12,
7–8:30 pm



Solar and Renewable Energy Options and Opportunities

Considering rooftop solar power? Want to save energy and money? Learn about renewable energy sources from experts who know the options and incentives available to Illinois residents. Cosponsored by the Skokie Sustainable Environment Advisory Commission and Citizens Utility Board.

Monday, September 16,
7–8:30 pm



Vitalant Blood Drive

Your blood donation saves and improves lives. Vitalant, formerly LifeSource, will collect blood donations from 10 am to 3 pm. For more information or to make an appointment, call Vitalant at 877-258-4825, or go to vitalant.org and use code 903A.

Saturday, September 21, 10 am–3 pm

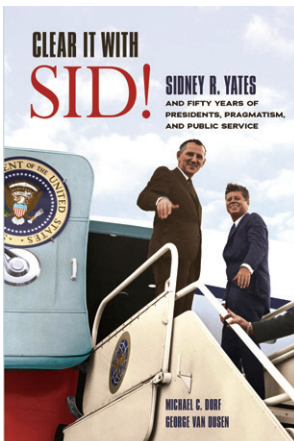


Where Does Intersectionality Live?

We hear the concept of "intersectionality" used often, but what does it mean in practice? Learn about intersectional perspectives in this workshop with Sekile Nzinga-Johnson. Share examples of how this approach applies in the community. Limited to 30 participants.

Monday, September 23, 6:30–8:30 pm

Clear It with Sid!: Journey of a Political Powerhouse



Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and attorney Michael Dorf discuss their book about Congressman Sidney R. Yates, a dealmaker extraordinaire who bridged partisan divides. In the book, *Clear It With Sid! Sidney R. Yates and Fifty Years of Presidents, Pragmatism, and Public Service*, the authors follow Yates from the campaign trail to the negotiating table to the House floor. Copies of the book will be available for purchase following the presentation.

Tuesday, September 24, 7–8:30 pm

Bookbinding: Make Old Things New Again

Give old books new life. Learn a new bookbinding technique in this hands-on workshop. All supplies will be provided. Limited to 12 participants.

Thursday, October 10, 6:30–8:30 pm

Dungeons & Dragons: A Primer

Find out how and why people play this game. Become familiar with the rules of Dungeons & Dragons, fifth edition, create a level one character, and prepare for your first adventure. Limited to 15 participants.

Thursday, October 17, 7–8:30 pm



Selecting and Repaying College Loans: What You Need to Know

Learn to avoid or lessen college loan debt in this panel presentation. Topics include financial assistance available for obtaining and repaying loans, avoiding scams, and refinancing. Presenters are Tobyn Friar, director of financial aid at Loyola University; Phillip Hale, vice president for government affairs at Loyola University; and Maribeth Stein, constituent advocate for the Office of Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

Monday, October 21, 6:30–8 pm

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We strive to make events welcoming for people of all abilities. To request accommodations, call the library at 847-673-7774.

Career Action Group*

Thursdays at 3 pm,
September 5 and 19 and
October 3 and 17

ESL Café*

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm
except October 9

Great Decisions Discussion Group*

Wednesday,
September 18 at 7 pm

Go Green Discussion Group

Thursday, October 3 at 7 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Thursdays at 1:30 pm,
September 12 and October 10

Knit and Crochet All the Way*

Tuesdays at 4 pm, except 10/22

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays at 1:30 pm,
September 10 and October 8

Meditation*

Mondays at 7 pm,
September 9 and October 7

Open Sew

Fridays at 5:30 pm,
September 6 and October 4

Savvy Skokie Seniors*

Thursdays at 11 am,
September 26 and October 24

State Services: Drop by to Get Answers*

Mondays, 4–6 pm,
September 9 and October 7

Write On! A Skokie Writers Group*

Mondays at 7 pm,
September 23 and October 28

Understanding Medicare

Learn about all
parts of Medicare
from independent
broker John Larson.

He'll review how much it costs, Medicare supplements,
prescription drug plans (Part D), and Medicare Advantage plans.

Tuesday, October 22, 7–8:30 pm

How to Avoid Scams and Fraud

Learn how you can avoid identity theft and financial fraud in this
presentation by Officer Eric Swaback of the Skokie Police Department.
He will address common misconceptions and provide helpful tips.
Cosponsored by the Village of Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission.

Wednesday, October 23, 7–8:30 pm

H.H. Holmes

The True History of the White City Devil



Learn the real story
behind H.H. Holmes,
the mysterious
White City Devil, in
this presentation with
local author Adam
Selzer. Dive deep into
what was known as
the “murder castle”
with rarely-seen
diagrams and
evidence culled
from years of archival
research. Selzer is
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H.H. Holmes:

*The True History of
the White City Devil.*

Thursday, October 24,
7–8:30 pm



Papermaking, Bookbinding, and Stories

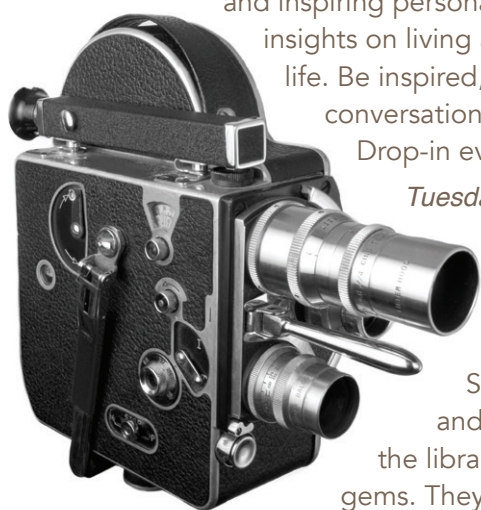
Learn how to craft a narrative from scratch, literally. Fata Morgana Press leads a workshop on papermaking, bookbinding, and writing a personal story. Supplies provided for this drop-in event. Bookbinding and papermaking will continue while supplies last.

Saturday, October 26, 2–4 pm

Documentary: *Lives Well Lived*

Celebrate the wit, wisdom, and experiences of 40 people ages 75–100. Their memories and inspiring personal histories provide insights on living a meaningful life. Be inspired, then stay for a conversation following the film. Drop-in event.

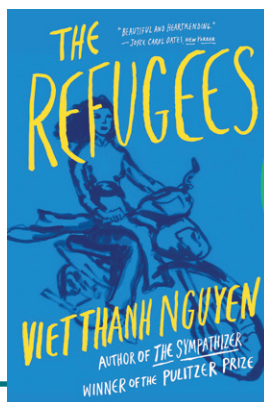
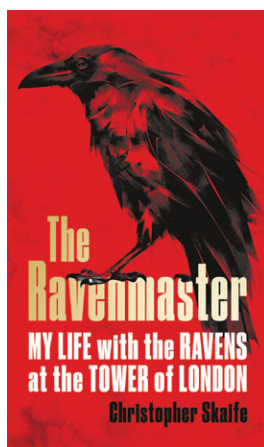
*Tuesday, October 29,
6:30–9 pm*



Hidden Movie Gems

Staff experts Sharon and Cecilia uncover the library's hidden movie gems. They will reveal indie darlings, underrated oldies, and under-the-radar auteurs. Be ready to talk about movies you consider hidden gems.

Wednesday, October 30, 7–8:30 pm



LitLounge

Held at Village Inn,
8050 Lincoln Avenue

The Power

by Naomi Alderman

Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 pm

My Sister, the Serial Killer

by Oyinkan Braithwaite

Wednesday, October 2, 7:30 pm

Adult Book Discussion

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir

by Jennifer Ryan

Tuesday, September 17, 7 pm

Last Stories

by William Trevor

Tuesday, October 15, 7 pm

Talking Books Discussion Group

The Ravenmaster: My Life with the Ravens at Tower of London

by Christopher Skaife

Wednesday, September 25, 1:30 pm

The Refugees

by Viet Thanh Nguyen

Wednesday, October 23, 1:30 pm

Better Together Book Discussion

Bored and Brilliant: How Spacing Out Can Unlock Your Most Productive and Creative Self

by Manoush Zomorodi

Thursday, October 24, 7 pm

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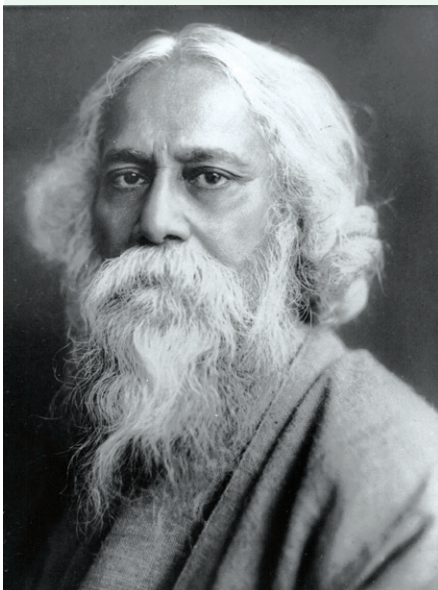
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LIVE PERFORMANCES

Our Gitanjali: Chicago Folklore Ensemble

Enjoy a two-hour journey via the music and poetry of legendary Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore, who was the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Many of the poems were originally song lyrics, and this performance presents English translations paired with the songs sung in the original Bengali, and improvisations in the songs' corresponding ragas. Vocals and narrations by Subhajt Sengupta and Swarnali Banerjee are accompanied by sweeping strings and accordion harmonies. The performers also share stories and personal experiences that illustrate the enduring power and relevance of Tagore's work.

Saturday, September 21, 1–3 pm



LEVANTE GUITAR DUO

Aleksandra and Vojislav Ivanovic perform a unique repertoire of Vojislav's original music and arrangements of jazz and traditional and classical "standards" specially written for the duo. Within the tonal world of classical guitar and its heritage, this music exploits influences of diverse musical styles, both from the east and the west, creating a new "Levantine" entity. The duo's journey started in 2008, and along the way they have played in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Greece, France, and Germany. They have released an album, *Levantine Journey*, which earned exceptional praise from both audiences and critics.

*Saturday, October 5,
3–4:15 pm*





YOUNG STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES

Kaylin Liu, Violin, and
Jeremy Nohel, Piano

Each Young Steinway concert showcases young people with extraordinary talent and the drive to make great use of that talent. Kaylin Liu is a senior at Metea Valley High School in Naperville. She is a merit scholarship student at the Music Institute of Chicago Academy, working with Almita Vamos. Jeremy Nohel, a senior at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago, was a YoungArts Merit Winner in 2018 following 10 years studying at Merit School of Music. He now studies with James Giles at Northwestern University.

Sunday, October 6, 3–4:15 pm



Jeanne Becker Jazz Trio

Jeanne's sensuous vocals and appealing style lead this trio of distinctive jazz standards. Jazz pianist and composer Chris White and bassist/composer Mike Benning are both renowned in Chicago's vibrant jazz scene.

Sunday, October 20, 3–4:30 pm

Cambodian Music of Life and Healing

Under the Khmer Rouge, most Cambodian artists were killed. Heroic efforts were required to find living artists to pass along the traditional art forms, and this performance celebrates them. This life-affirming performance showcases National Cambodian Heritage Museum resident artist Punisa Pov, who was taught by genocide survivors. String quartet music by Cambodian-American composer Chinary Ung is inspired by the traditional art forms and honors the genocide victims. The concert will conclude with an uplifting musical collaboration between Pov and the Crossing Borders Music string quartet. Cosponsored by the National Cambodian Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial.

Sunday, October 27, 3–4:30 pm



*Free tickets for performances are distributed
30 minutes before the performance begins.*

TECHNOLOGY



Improve Your Mouse and Keyboard Skills

Learn how to copy and paste text, know the difference between right and left clicks, and type more efficiently in this introductory workshop. Limited to 10 participants.

Wednesday, September 18, 1–2:30 pm

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 for Beginners

This hands-on class is an introduction to the essentials of Microsoft PowerPoint 2016: tabs, layouts, themes, background, bullets, animations, and more. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are required. Limited to 11 participants.

Wednesday, September 25, 6–7:30 pm

Microsoft Word 2016 for Beginners

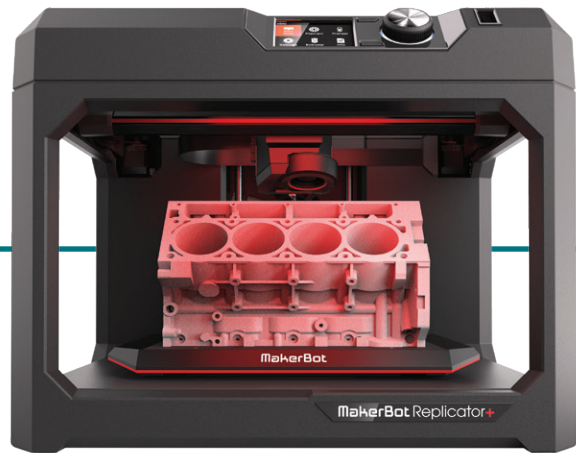
This hands-on class introduces the essentials of Microsoft Word 2016: tabs, saving and printing, downloading templates, clip art, bullets, and more. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are required. Limited to 11 participants.

Thursday, September 26, 3–4 pm

BE YOUR OWN TRAVEL AGENT

In this workshop, learn how to use the internet to book transportation and lodging, find special deals, and explore destinations before leaving home. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Limited to 11 participants.

Tuesday, October 1, 7–8:30 pm



Maker Open House

Get a sneak peek of the library's forthcoming makerspace. This event will include demonstrations and quick DIY stations focused on makerspace equipment, resources, and activities. Drop-in event.

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30–8 pm



Seven Habits of Highly Effective Excel Users

Learn Microsoft Excel tips and tricks to make work easier for you and your co-workers. Explore best practices for making Excel worksheets clear and sustainable. Learn how to document updates and formula changes, use conditional formatting, and retain data in table formats. Intermediate Excel skills required. Limited to 11 participants.

Thursday, October 3, 7–8:30 pm

Twitter Basics

Find out how Twitter works. You'll learn to create an account, send a tweet, retweet other people's tweets, use hashtags, follow people, and manage privacy settings. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Limited to 11 participants.

Monday, October 7, 3–4 pm

eBooks 101

Get library books while sitting on your couch in your pajamas. It's easier than you think! Bring your tablet, smartphone, or other device and get started right away. A current Skokie Public Library card is required. Limited to 10 participants.

Tuesday, October 8, 7–8:30 pm



INTRODUCTION TO YOUTUBE

Learn how to navigate the YouTube website and how to subscribe to a channel or save a video for later. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Limited to 11 participants.

Friday, October 11, 1–2 pm



Create a Collage with Photoshop Elements

Learn how to create a collage from a template or make one of your own using Photoshop Elements. At the end of this class, you will have a collage that you can print and display in your home. Feel free to bring your own photos. Basic familiarity with Photoshop required. Limited to 5 participants.

Friday, October 18, 2–3:30 pm

Editing Photos Using Paint.Net

Learn how to edit your photos using the program Paint.net. The class includes how to resize images, add text, use layers, and use tools for adjusting brightness, colors, and contrast. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Limited to 11 participants.

Saturday, October 19, 10:30–11:30 am

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