



It's finally summer! Let's get outside and play. We're excited to see you for outdoor events at the library, and we hope you're having lots of neighborhood adventures during summer reading. It's not too late to get started. Pick up a map and stickers at the library or bookmobile, or sign up online: skokielibrary.info/summerreading

SUMMER



Beach reading is a summertime classic. But are you more into backyard reading? Balcony reading? Park reading? If you need a new favorite outdoor reading spot, we suggest trying one of our newly renovated courtyards.



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Go to skokielibrary.info/what-to-expect

KIDS & FAMILIES

Most events are held online. Sign up for all events at events.skokiellibrary.info. Check the deadlines to sign up, and we'll let you know how to pick up supplies if needed.

Little Kids

Face-to-Face Time

Mondays, 1:30–2:30 pm
(except July 5)

Library Dance Party

Tuesdays, 10:30–11 am

Preschool Puppet Playtime

Wednesdays,
July 7, 14,
August 4, 11,
10:30–11 am

Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, 10:30–11 am

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30–11 am



Families

Family Game Night

Fridays, July 2, 16, 30,
August 13, 27, 6:30–7:15 pm

Math Party in a Bag

Patterns

Reserve by Monday, July 12,
Ages 7 and younger

Spatial Relationships

Reserve by Monday, August 9,
Ages 7 and younger

Family Drumming

Sundays, July 11, August 8, 2–3 pm

Dance around the World

Tuesdays, July 13 and 27, 3:30–4:30 pm

IN-PERSON EVENT

Flying Friends Adventure Walk

Saturday, July 17, 10–11 am

Learn Magic with Gary Kantor

Saturday, July 17 OR Sunday, July 18,
1–1:45 pm, Ages 5–13

Kids Book Chat on Facebook Live:

Audiobooks for Road Trips

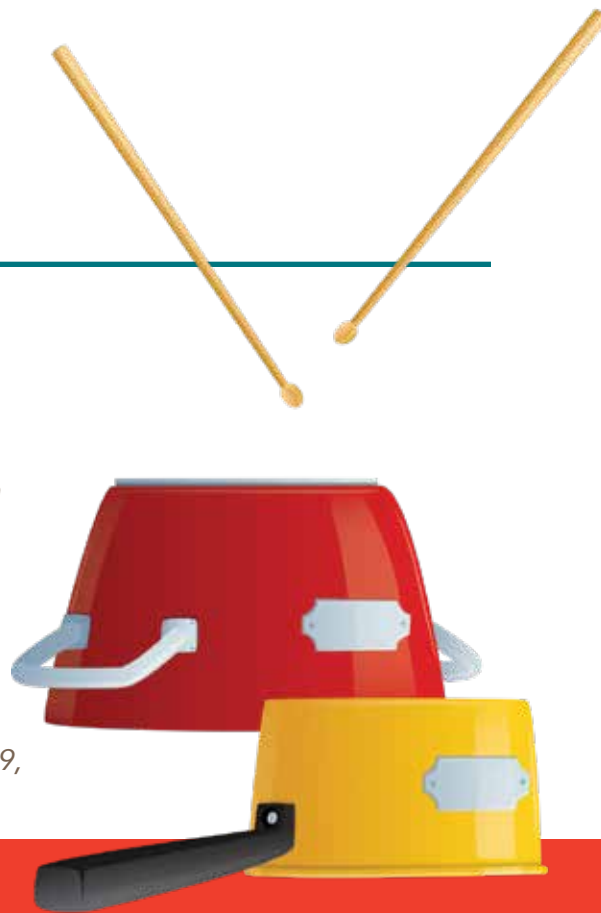
Wednesday, July 14, 6:30–7 pm

Chapter Book Read-Alouds

Wednesday, August 11, 6:30–7 pm

FAMILY ART PARTY

Reserve your kit by Friday, July 23 or August 27.



School-Age Kids

Show and Tell

Fridays, July 9, 23, August 6, 20,
4:30–5:30 pm, Ages 6–9

Code Monsters

Tuesdays, July 20 or August 17, 3:30–5:30 pm

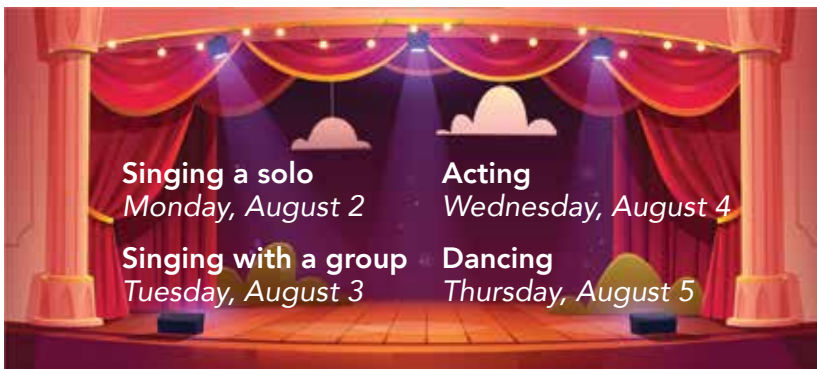


Creating Comics with Local Artist Avery Luthardt

Wednesday, July 28,
3:30–4:30 pm,
Entering grades 1–3

Inside a Musical with Music Theater Works

9:30–11 am, Ages 8–13,
sign up for one or more sessions



Introduction to Geocaching

Tuesday, August 3, 6–6:30 pm; Thursday,
August 5, 11–11:30 am; OR Saturday,
August 7, 2–2:30 pm, Age 7+ with an adult

Creating Comics with Local Artist Nicole Nantz

Wednesday, August 4,
3:30–4:30 pm,
Entering grades 4–6



Mythical Creature Crafts: Fairies

Sunday, August 15, 3–3:30 pm OR 4–4:45 pm

Teens

Teen Library Collaborative

Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 pm
(except August 5 and 12)



Nature Photography: Three-Part Workshop

Nature Photography Basics

Wednesday, July 7, 3:30–4:30 pm—use
this date to register for all three sessions

Photo Shoot at Emily Oaks Nature Center

Saturday, July 10, 10 am–noon

Post-processing and Online Gallery Walk

Wednesday, July 21, 3:30–4:30 pm

Dungeons and Dragons

One Shot

Saturday,
July 10, 1–4 pm

Sunday,
July 18, 2–5 pm

Saturday,
August 14, 1–4 pm



Friend Squad

Wednesdays, July 14 and August 25,
6–6:30 pm, Ages 11–16



RENOVATION 2020





skokielibrary.info/renovation

Meet Our Children's Librarians

Our brand-new Kids Room is a sunny, happy place for children to read, explore, learn, and play. But it's much more than just the space that makes it great—it's the people. If you ever thought that being a children's librarian must be a lot of fun, you're right! Meet the team of smiling faces ready to welcome you.



Favorite book as a child: *Mandy* by Julie (Andrews) Edwards

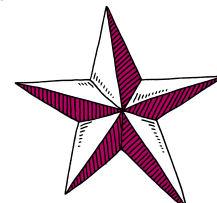
Favorite book to recommend: I love matching the perfect book to each reader, but there are some authors, like Avi, Dan Gutman, Peter Brown, Kate DiCamillo, Jason Reynolds, and Katherine Applegate, who have written a little something for everyone.



Mandy

"I love connecting with families, especially kids, but also parents, caregivers, teachers, and other adults who share a passion for nurturing young people. One of the first grown-ups I looked up to who wasn't a family member was my childhood librarian, Miss Lee. She encouraged my love of books and eventually reading, but she also made me feel special when I didn't feel special myself. I also get to be my authentic self every day at the library, and that's not something everyone gets to do at their job."

Currently reading: *I'm always reading at least one celebrity memoir.*



Katie

Favorite book as a child: The Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series by Betty MacDonald

Favorite book to recommend: Anything by Oge Mora

"In this job, being silly, funny, and full of energy is an absolute plus. What I love most about being a librarian is connecting the kids and families of our community with books that make them feel represented, seen, and understood."

Currently reading: *Whereabouts* by Jhumpa Lahiri



Sue

Favorite book as a child: A pop-up book of the *Wizard of Oz* from the 1940s

Favorite book to recommend: *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke

"I don't always know, when doing a workshop with children, how it's affecting them. It's usually later, maybe even years later, that a child or a parent tells me they were so impressed with the program and they are still interested in learning about like, birds or trees."

Currently reading: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Favorite book as a child: I'm an *Anne of Green Gables* nerd through and through

Favorite book to recommend: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown



Caitlin

"I love learning new things, and many facets of librarianship allow for that. We are recommending books and providing technology and information for toddlers, tweens, and everyone in between, plus the grown-ups who love them. Making an exciting discovery with a youngster, be it the perfect book, an unexpected fact, or a solid joke, is a delight. Most of all, I love it when kids come in wearing costumes."

Currently watching:
Steven Universe

Favorite book as a child: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

Favorite book to recommend: *Skunk and Badger* by Amy Timberlake



Karen

"I think people are surprised to find out that we do a lot more than just sit at the desk, that so much planning and preparation go into everything we do!"

Currently reading:
Brother's Keeper by Julie Lee

Favorite book as a child: *The Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson (much better than *The Secret Garden*)

Favorite book to recommend: *The Magic Thief* is my go-to for kids who love *Harry Potter*



Cathy

"The best thing about my job is that I can build relationships with so many people. Just the other day, a dad stopped by to tell me his son, who was one of the first kids I had in storytime, is now finishing up his master's degree! In this job you never age—the patrons do—but we stay the same!"

Currently reading: I am doing a book talk about *Pride in June* so I'm reading a lot of different books so I can choose the best ones!

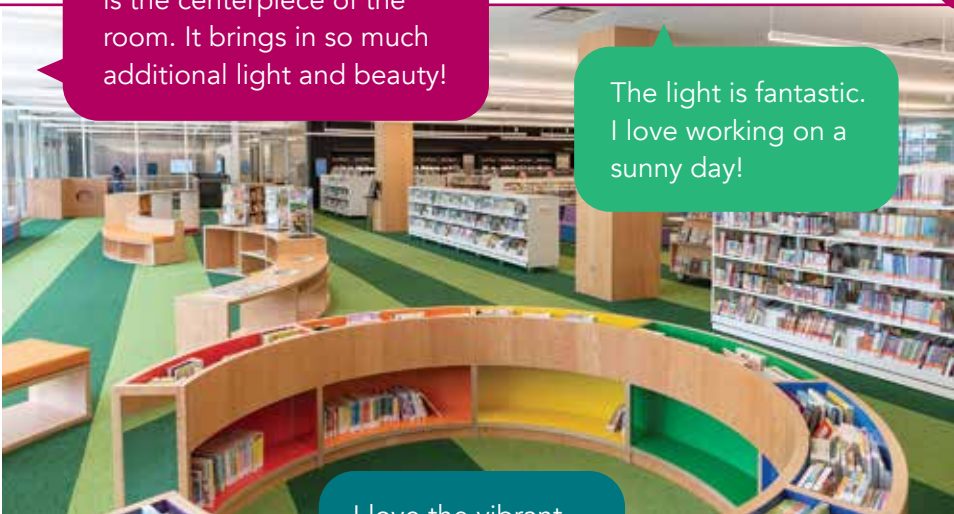
What do you love about the new space?

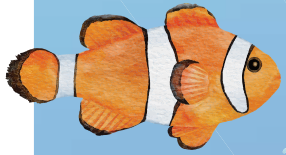
I love the way the courtyard is the centerpiece of the room. It brings in so much additional light and beauty!

The light is fantastic. I love working on a sunny day!

I love the vibrant colors—it's a joyful space to be in.

The courtyard—it looks so big and bright and cheerful!





Our fish friends had a mini-vacation during the renovation, but now they're happily swimming in their new permanent home in the Kids Room. Stop by and say 'blub blub,' (which is fish for 'hi!').



Favorite book as a child: *Charlotte's Web*

Favorite book to recommend: Jenny Nimmo's *Children of the Red King*



Mary

"Being a children's librarian is an incredibly physically active job. We're moving all the time—doing storytimes, making school visits, creating programs, searching out books. We're never sitting for very long. I love doing storytimes with little kids and babies. It's so much fun to share stories and songs with them and see their reactions. I love to make them laugh!"

Currently reading: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Favorite book as a child: *Anne of Green Gables*

Favorite book to recommend: *Finding François: A Story about the Healing Power of Friendship* by Gus Gordon



Meleesa

"The new space is big, bright, and open with tons of seating to hang out, visit, and read. I love meeting young readers and helping them find their next favorite book. It's especially great when I see them again and they tell me that they loved the book."

Currently reading: *Reckless, Glorious Girl* by Ellen Hagan

Favorite book as a child: *Pippi Longstocking*

Favorite book to recommend: *Can You Hear the Trees Talking? Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest* by Peter Wohlleben



Gudrun

"We really enjoy our jobs as much as we make it appear. I feel lucky to get paid for doing what I love, bringing joy to the kids and the parents when finding a great book, presenting an event, or just chatting with them as they come to the library. It's a nice feeling to know we make a difference in a family's life."

Currently reading: *The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz



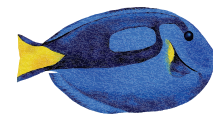
Shelley

Favorite book as a child: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Favorite book to recommend: *Sabriel* by Garth Nix

"We work hard to inspire joy and create learning opportunities all at the same time. I love interacting with kids and their grown-ups. It's important to listen well and make sure you check in with kids to make sure you've heard them, like "So you loved *Harry Potter*, but the books were a little too long and hard, so you'd like something similar but not quite as long and complicated?"

Currently reading: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell





Picture Book News

To make it easier to find the picture books you want, you can now see the book covers. Separate sections make it easier to find different types of books. The catalog shows each type as a **collection**, and there are matching section stickers on the books. The "Stories by Author" books don't fit in another section. New books, award winners, and holiday books are separate.



- All about Me
- Animals
- Bilingual
- Books with CDs
- Caring
- Issues
- Concepts
- Dinosaurs
- Favorite Characters
- History

- Interactive
- Holidays
- Longer Stories
- Nature & Science
- Royalty
- Stories by Author
- Tales & Rhymes
- Things that Go
- Wordless

FOR ADULTS

All events are held online.
Sign up for all events at
events.skokieliibrary.info.



ESL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

Job Talk

Thursdays, 3–4 pm

Zoom into the Movies

Wednesdays,
8–9 pm

Two Short Films
July 7

The Mole Agent
August 18



Being an Anti-Racist: Upstander Intervention in Action

Thursday, July 15, or Monday, August 23, 7–8 pm

Making Positive Change in Our Community

Are you interested in meaningful discussion about issues that separate us from others in our community, including race, gender, and cultural differences? Applications for the Skokie Cares SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) initiative will be available August 1 at skokiecares.org. Spaces are limited.

Low Vision Support Group

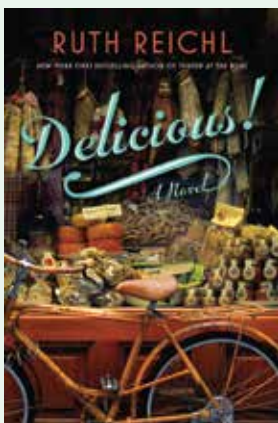
Tuesdays, July 13 and August 10, 1:30–2:30 pm

An Evening with Casey McQuiston

Casey McQuiston is *The New York Times* bestselling author of *Red, White, and Royal Blue* and the new release, *One Last Stop*.

Wednesday, July 14, 7–8 pm





Book Discussions

Talking Books

Delicious!

by Ruth Reichl

Wednesday, July 21,
1:30–2:30 pm

What I Talk about When I Talk about Running

by Haruki Murakami

Wednesday, August 18,
1:30–2:30 pm



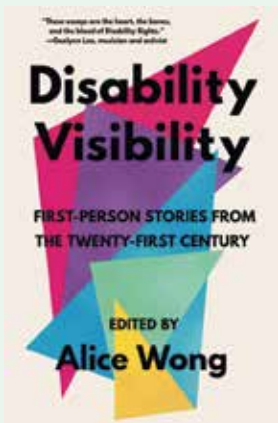
Adult Book Discussion

Disability Visibility

Edited by Alice Wong

Goodreads: Thursday,
July 22, 8–9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday,
July 27, 7:30–8 pm



Book Club Picks

Goodreads: Thursday,
August 26, 8–9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday,
August 31, 7:30–8 pm

LitLounge

Litera-CHEERS

Wednesday, August 11,
7:30–9 pm

Pages through History

Midnight at the Pera Palace

by Charles King

Wednesday, August 25,
7–9 pm



Introduction to Yoga

Fraturdays, July 16 and August 20, 1–2 pm

Name Change 101

Learn the criteria and procedures for making a legal name change in Illinois.

Tuesday, July 20, 7–8 pm

Food Science for the Win

Thursdays, 11–11:30 am

July 22: Stovetop Pizza

August 19: Caramelized Onions



Civic Lab: Accessibility and the ADA

Discuss rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, community resources, and ongoing barriers to access.

Monday, July 26, 7:30–8:30 pm

How to Maximize the Impact of Your Marketing Plan

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30–7:30 pm

Learn to Crochet

Wednesday, August 4, 2–3 pm

So You Want to Start a Book Club

Monday, August 9, 8–9 pm

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



The Studio is our brand-new, self-directed space for teens and adults interested in making, designing, and experimenting. Come see what it offers in addition to sewing and embroidery machines, a vinyl cutter, a laser engraving machine, and 3D printing.



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