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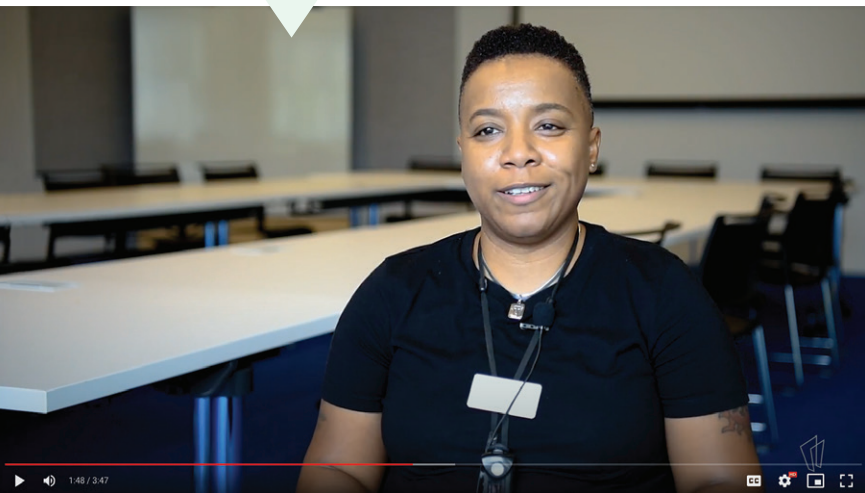


# Meet the Safety Team

The members of our safety team work to create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone who comes to and works at the library. They approach difficult situations using compassion and nonviolent communication. But they aren't only around when there is a problem—they love to be a bit goofy and fill your day with joy, as well!



“  
I just want the community to feel welcome. That this is their space. This is a safe space to come.  
”



Watch a video about Thalma at [skokielibrary.info/thalma](http://skokielibrary.info/thalma)

Currently watching:  
*She-Hulk and Heartstopper*  
Fun Fact: Jackie was able to travel to England and India last summer.



**Jackie**  
Safety Officer

“I love to see small success stories when we help people with their goals and are able to see them through to the end. Also transforming difficult moments in someone’s day to give them ‘new soil’ in a way so they can take root and blossom.”

Currently reading:  
*Grant* by Ron Chernow



**Alex**  
Safety Officer

Alex is a full-time high school teacher and avid outdoorsman, in addition to being part of our safety team. One evening, while making sure the third floor was secure, he locked another staff member outside. “He would have spent the night outside if I didn’t see him working near a window I walked by later on.” They both laugh about it to this day!



**David**  
Safety Officer

Currently watching: *The Good Doctor* and *The Flash*

David has a nickname of “snack safety officer” because for years he has had snacks available for staff and teen patrons to enjoy. He also has a second full-time job as a special-ed teacher.

“I enjoy coming to work every day because I work with the greatest staff in the world. I enjoy that I get to build wonderful relationships with staff and patrons, and our safety team feels like a family.”



**Thalma**  
Safety Manager

Currently listening to: motivational speaker Bishop TD Jakes

Funny story: “A squirrel came to the door carrying a tortilla and the doors opened. The squirrel looked at me and I was trying to be cool but I was really terrified. I stood by the door and we watched each other for about a minute, then the squirrel moved away, the doors closed, and it enjoyed its snack.”

Thalma says what she loves most about her job is her team: “I truly enjoy our communication and how we hold each other accountable. I enjoy our open honest conversation about how we can continue to learn from our patrons and staff.”

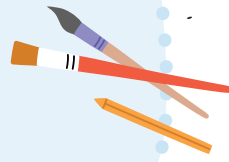




Nancy sewed shopping bags with pocket pouch from a thrifted curtain and sheet as birthday gifts for friends. She loves upcycling materials and making something reusable.



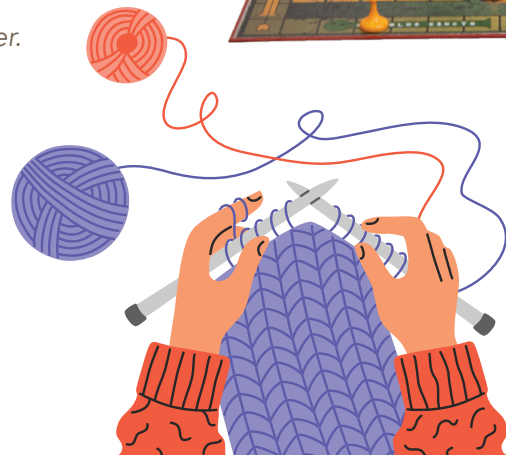
# HANDMADE HOLIDAYS



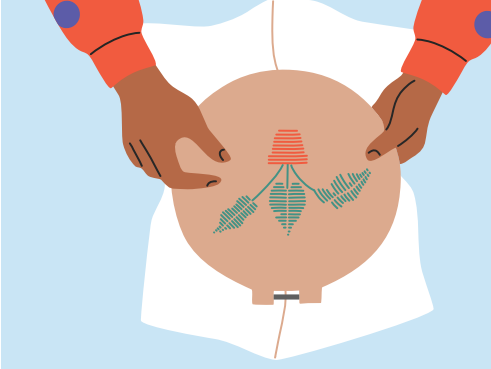
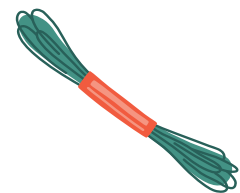
We share a piece of ourselves when we create a gift for someone we love. We've gathered lists of books you can use for inspiration and step-by-step instructions when making your own special gifts this holiday season. And see some of the handmade gifts our staff have made or received and what makes them special.



As a teenager, Christie made this knit tie for her grandfather. He wore it proudly on numerous occasions.



John created a custom "Harry Potter—Slytherin" version of the classic board game Sorry! "I called it Ssssory! to give it the snake hiss in the name. My daughter loves this Christmas gift and we play it often."



## MAKING THE HOLIDAYS

Inspiration for adults at every skill level



## GIFTS FROM KIDS

A plethora of ideas for kids to make cherished gifts for those they love



Mariah says, "Knowing how much I love The Muppets, my friend Michelle made this for me. Seeing it when I wake up makes me smile. Handmade gifts connect us—it's like a piece of her is there with me."



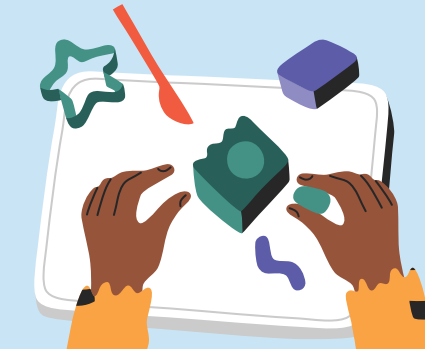
Emily received this unique goth doll, modeled after the gift recipient's favorite comic book called Emily the Strange because not everyone likes Barbies.



## GREAT IDEAS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY GIFTS

Create unique gifts that capture beloved memories

To see our holiday lists, go to [SKOKIEPUBLICLIBRARY.INFO/LISTS/HOLIDAYS](http://SKOKIEPUBLICLIBRARY.INFO/LISTS/HOLIDAYS)



# KIDS & FAMILIES

Capacity for individual events is limited. Check the online calendar for added events and sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info).

## STEAM Saturday

For kids younger than 6

Saturdays, November 5, 19, December 3, 17, 10:30–11 am



## Mike Maxwell: Family-Friendly Comedian

Laugh out loud in a show designed for families with elementary-age children.

Saturday, November 5, 4–4:45 pm

## Library Dance Party

Tuesdays in November, 10:30–11 am

## Adventure Club

Tuesdays, 4:30–5:15 pm

South Africa  
November 8

Brazil  
December 6



## Storytimes

### Pajama Storytime

Mondays, except December 26  
6:30–6:50 pm (online)

### Book Babies Storytime

Babies to 11 months who are not yet walking

Wednesdays, except November 23  
9:30–10 am

### Wonderful Ones Storytime

Age 1

Wednesdays, except November 23  
10–10:30 am

### Terrific Twos Storytime

Age 2

Thursdays in November, except Thanksgiving  
10:30–11 am or 11:15–11:45 am

### Storytime

Age 5 and younger

Thursdays, except Thanksgiving  
1:30–2 pm

### Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, November 4, 11, and 18  
10:30–11 am (online)

### Weekend Storytime

Age 5 and younger

Saturdays, November 12, 26,  
December 10, 10:30–11 am

### Bilingual Storytime: Urdu

Saturday, November 12, 2–2:45 pm

## Local Author Showcase

Meet local children's book authors and enjoy stories and activities inspired by their books.

Sunday, November 13, 2–4 pm

## Be the Scientist

Tuesdays, 4:30–5:15 pm

Earthquakes  
November 15

Cookie Science  
December 13



## Family Book Club

Grades 1–3 with an adult

Wednesdays, 5:45–6:30 pm

Words with Wings  
by Nikki Grimes  
November 16

Doctor De Soto  
by William Steig  
December 28

## Lego Challenge

Thursdays, November 17 and December 15,  
4:30–5:30 pm

## Fun with Rainbow Therapy Dogs

Sundays, November 20 and December 18,  
11:15 am–noon

## Family Game Break

Tuesday, November 22,  
6:30–7:30 pm



## Noon Year's Eve

Ring in the new year with music, dancing, a countdown, and festivities for the whole family.

Saturday, December 31,  
11 am–noon

## Wiggleworms

Wednesday, November 23, 10–10:30 am

## Kids Book Chat: Great Graphic Novels

Wednesday, November 23,  
6:30–6:50 pm (online)

## Family Movie

The Bad Guys

Friday, November 25,  
1:30–3:30 pm

Lightyear

Wednesday, December 28,  
1:30–3:30 pm

## Preschool Puppet Playtime

Wednesday, December 7, 10:30–11 am (online)

## Music 'n' Me

Thursdays, December 8 and 15, 10:30–11 am

## Puppet-Making Workshop

Saturday, December 17, 1:30–2:30 pm



## Scrapbooking

Monday, December 26, 1:30–3:30 pm

Friday, December 30, 1:30–3:30 pm

## Family Concert: Chicago Diamond Trio

Tuesday, December 27, 1:30–2:15 pm

## Teen-Led STEAM Projects

Thursday, December 29, 2–3 pm



# FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at [calendar.skokilibrary.info](http://calendar.skokilibrary.info). Registration opens November 1 except for events during the first week of November, which are already open.

**Assyrian Language: Eight-Week Intro**  
Tuesdays, November 1–December 20, 6:30–7:30 pm

**ESL Cafe**  
Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm (drop in)

**Find and Keep Great Employees**  
Wednesday, November 2, 6:30–7:30 pm (online)



Photo: Erica Fischer

**The History of Chicago's Hyde Park (in Russian)**  
Saturday, November 5, 2–3:30 pm

**Medicare Part D Sign-up Assistance**  
Individual appointments on November 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17.  
Call the library at 847-673-7774 to make an appointment.

**Low Vision Support Group**  
Tuesdays, November 8, December 13, 1:30–2:30 pm



## Ancient Cooking with Assyrian Kitchen

Discover the diverse and flavorful culinary heritage of the Assyrian people.

Thursday, November 3, 7–8:30 pm

**Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Drivers Express Unit**  
Friday, November 4, 10 am–2 pm

**Business Writing Essentials**  
Saturday, November 5, 1–2:30 pm (online)



Photo: Beni Köhler

## Author Caryn Rose on Why Patti Smith Matters

Veteran music journalist Caryn Rose presents Patti Smith's creative work, influence, and impact on rock and roll, visual art, and the written word.

Wednesday, November 9, 7–8 pm (online)

**Gallery Talk: Ivy Sundell and Visions of Life**  
Thursday, November 10, 6:30–7:30 pm

**Author Event: A Scientific Revolution: Ten Men and Women Who Reinvented American Medicine**  
Tuesday, November 15, 7–8 pm



## Meditation through Movement with MOMENTA Dance Company

This workshop will be taught from a seated position and can be enjoyed by people with a wide variety of abilities.  
Thursday, November 17, 6:30–7:30 pm

**Introduction to Yoga**  
Fridays, November 18, December 16, 1–2 pm

## Keeping Your Houseplants Happy

As we head into winter, learn how to keep your indoor plants going strong.

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30–8 pm

**Practice Citizenship Interviews with HIAS**  
Tuesday, December 6, 6:30–8 pm

**Art Sparks Writing with Ivy Sundell: Creative Workshop and Open Mic**  
Thursday, December 8, 6:30–8 pm



## Movies

**Morning Movie**  
Wednesdays at 10 am

**Where Hope Grows**  
November 9

**American Underdog**  
December 14

**Friday Film**  
Fridays at 1:30 pm

**Downton Abbey: A New Era**  
November 11

**The Lost City**  
December 9

**Movie Night**  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Song without a Name**  
November 30

**Give Me Liberty**  
December 21

# Performances

Tickets given to those present starting at 2:30 pm

## Young Steinway Concerts

Samuel Lam, Piano, and Simon Updegraff, Cello  
Sunday, November 6 at 3 pm

Henry Auxenfans, Violin, and Samuel Kim, Piano  
Sunday, December 4 at 3 pm



## Particularly Rapid Unintelligible Patter: Gilbert & Sullivan Patter Songs

Baritone Kingsley Day sings all 18 of these silly, catchy tunes.

Sunday, November 13 at 3 pm



## Young Steinway Alumni Concert

Robert Sanders, Violin

A 2021 graduate of the Eastman School of Music, Robert was one of two Americans selected for the Orchestra Academy of the Vienna Philharmonic.

Friday, December 30 at 7 pm



## Celebrating Resilience: Music by Iranian Bahá'ís

These composers were subjected to Iran's systematic persecution of members of the Bahá'í faith.

Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm

# Technology



One-on-One Tech Help  
Wednesdays  
3-5 pm



PhotoPea: A Free Alternative to Photoshop  
Monday, November 7, 3-4:30 pm

Understanding the Cloud  
Friday, November 11, 2-3 pm

Word 2021 for Beginners  
Saturday, November 12  
10:30-11:30 am

Introduction to Facebook  
Tuesday, November 15, 2-3 pm



Introduction to Google Photos  
Wednesday, November 30  
10-11:30 am

Google Docs for Beginners  
Saturday, December 3  
10:30-11:30 am

Word 2021 Drop-in  
Tuesday, December 6  
12:30-1:30 pm

Excel 2021: Charts and Graphs  
Thursday, December 15  
1:30-3 pm



# Book Discussions

## LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm  
(online)

The Seed Keeper  
November 9

Litera-Cheers  
December 14

## Adult Book Discussions

Fire Keeper's Daughter  
Goodreads: Thursday  
November 10, 8-9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday  
November 15, 7:30-8 pm

A Year in Books  
Goodreads: Thursday  
December 15, 8-9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday  
December 20, 7:30-8 pm

## Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 pm

Fly Girls  
November 16

The Authenticity Project  
December 21

## Adult Graphic Novel Discussion

Hip Hop Family Tree Volume 1  
Wednesday, November 23, 7-8 pm



# TEENS

Check the online calendar for added events or events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info).

## Navigating Your College Choices

Monday November 7,  
6:30-7:30 pm (online)

## Get That Scholarship

Tuesday, November 15,  
6:30-8 pm (online)

## Teen Library Collaborative

Grades 6-12

Thursdays, November 10 and December 8, 5:30-6:30 pm

## Anime and Manga Appreciation Club

Wednesday, November 30, 6-7:30 pm

YOU'RE MORE  
CREATIVE  
THAN YOU  
THINK

Are you looking for inspiration? Practical how-to skills?  
A daily creativity challenge?

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Just a few gems

- Make to Give: Charitable Crafting
- Make a Bath Soap and Body Scrub
- Make an Ice-Dyed Top
- Kool-Aid Dyed Yarn
- Kids Weaving

