

Be in the Know



We love connecting you with the information you need. We especially want you to know about all the things you can use and do at the library. Did you know you can check out a GoPro camera? Request a private meeting room? Borrow a charger if you forgot yours? Get one-on-one help with technology?

Inside this issue you'll learn more about using your library and meet some of the people who can help answer your questions.

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Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed September 5 and October 24




Get Stuff


The library is full of books, movies, music. We also have tech gadgets like GoPro video cameras and WiFi hotspots, STEAM kits filled with things like air quality detectors and Hapi mini drums, and other stuff like umbrellas and bike locks that you can check out and take with you. It's a lot!

Finding

There are three main ways to find things:

Look around for things that catch your eye  on our shelves and displays.

 **Search our catalog** if you're hunting for something specific.

Let us help you find just the right thing by **asking a staff member** for an expert recommendation. 

Once you have your items, use the self-check machines near either library entrance to check them out.

Reserving

If what you want isn't immediately available, you can log into your library account and place items on hold. We'll send you an email when they're ready for you, and you'll have seven days to pick them up. If you selected pickup at the library, your items will already be checked out to you. Just grab them from the shelves near the west entrance. If you selected pickup at the bookmobile, visit any of our scheduled stops. Learn more about the bookmobile: skokielibrary.info/bookmobile

Renewing and Returning

We'll renew your eligible items for you automatically. Most things can be renewed up to three times if no one else is waiting. We don't charge overdue fines. If something is more than 21 days overdue, you won't be able to check out or renew anything until you return the overdue item.

Return things any time in the book drops on the south driveway of the library or at the southeast corner of the building. You can also return things inside either entrance when the library is open, or bring them to the bookmobile at any of its stops.

Find all the details: skokielibrary.info/about/getting-items



Whether you are looking for a quiet place to study or work away from home, or you need to collaborate on a school or work project, or host a meeting, we have spaces for you.

Study Rooms

18 rooms for adults and teens, from 1 to 6 people

5 rooms for kids, 3 rooms for teens

Some have a whiteboard, some a display screen

Reserve up to a week in advance, up to two hours a day

Meeting Rooms

Three meeting rooms with capacities of up to 50 people

Requests accepted 10–60 days in advance

Local community organizations and businesses welcome

No charging admission or selling or marketing products or services

Skokie Public Library card required

Request online with a library card:

skokielibrary.info/services/study-meeting-rooms



Study, Work, Gather



Make Something

From sewing machines to hand looms to 3D printers to laser engravers, we have all kinds of equipment for you to explore. Adults and teens can visit the Studio on our second floor for a selection of introductory ready-to-make projects that you can drop in and try anytime. Our staff is always on hand to guide you through. Kids in grades K–8 will find interactive learning experiences in the BOOMbox.

Get Expert Help

Our staff can help you find an absolutely perfect book or movie, and we can also help you find answers to your questions about...almost anything! Maybe you're looking for a job, starting or running a business, trying to become a US citizen, are a parent or caregiver in need of support, or you're just stuck on a homework problem?

Wherever you're starting from, and whatever you want to learn to get there, we're here with you.

We have resources for all of these and more:

- Personal finances and taxes
- Consumer information
- Elections and voter information
- Health and medicine
- Real estate
- Family history
- Learning a language



Get More Online

Download eBooks and audiobooks, stream movies and TV shows, listen to music, read digital comics, get online access to magazines and newspapers including *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, take online classes with LinkedIn Learning and Creativebug, and much more. Learn more at: skokilibrary.info/library-at-home

Learn Something New



Get some fresh air in one of our courtyards.



Kids and families will find fun toys and activities in our play area.



Teens have a home of their own on the first floor, complete with a video game lounge.



Café and vending machines



Second floor reading room, great for quiet contemplation.



There is lots of seating near the magazines and newspapers.

Hang Out

If you just need a place to be, welcome to your library! The library has tons of comfy places to read, play, chat, and relax.

Currently listening to: lo-fi music because it's the best way to chill



Kirk

Information Services Specialist

What brings me joy about my work is seeing patrons use a new computer skill I've shown them, or seeing a patron discover a new interest. We provide so many great resources and activities—tech classes, internet access, 3D printing, faxing documents—the available resources really surprise a lot of people.

Currently reading: *Ten Steps to Nanette* by Hannah Gadsby, among other things



Martha

Information Services Specialist

I enjoy working through a problem alongside a patron; whether it's figuring out how to redeem a birthday coupon for free pancakes, scanning documentation to apply for citizenship, or helping people through the job search process.



Amy

Information Services Supervisor

Currently reading: *The Body Keeps the Score* by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.

The Information Services team is a joy to work with, with a lot of unique strengths and an amazing willingness to go the extra mile to help people. And we get some equally wonderful patrons who visit us at the desk. I've always loved the "you never know who will walk in" nature of libraries, and the Skokie community is gracious and kind. Plus, people have really interesting questions sometimes!

Meet the Information Services Team

Members of our Information Services team, who you can find at the second floor help desk, are adept at finding answers to all kinds of questions. They can help you troubleshoot computer problems; print, copy, and fax; answer research questions; book study rooms; and, of course, find and recommend nonfiction books, magazines, and newspapers. They also lead technology classes and other events, and offer help and training on using our databases and research tools.



Exploring the Second Floor: Technology

In addition to being home to most of our nonfiction books and study rooms, the second floor offers technology that can help with many day-to-day needs. Is your home printer out of ink? Is your internet on the fritz? We can likely help you get done what you need to get done.

Copying–Scanning–Faxing

Whether you have paper and need paper copies or have paper and need a digital copy to save, email, or fax, we've got you covered. Outbound faxing is free. We aren't able to accept inbound faxes, though. There are lots of options, so feel free to ask staff at the Help Desk to narrow down the options to the one you need.

Computers

Desktop computers are available for you to use to browse, fill out online applications, shop, print a boarding pass, or whatever you need to do. If you prefer to sit elsewhere in the building, Chromebooks are available for in-library use.

Printing

You can print in black and white or color from a library computer or a mobile device.

Old-fashioned Technology

Microfilm and microfiche still exist, and we have readers for both types of film storage.

Accessories

Forgot your phone charger? We've got some to lend.

Need to read something tiny that's straining your eyes? Ask for a magnifier.

Need to get rid of paper that includes sensitive personal information? Use our shredder.

Have a disk but a laptop with no disk drive? Borrow a portable disk drive.

Prefer a mouse to a laptop navigation pad? We have mice you can use.

Anything else? Just ask—we may have it.

Individual Help with Technology

On Wednesday afternoons, 3–5 pm, come to the Help Desk to sign in for a one-on-one session with staff. When demand is high, we may need to limit sessions to 15 minutes.

Technology Classes

We offer classes ranging from computer basics to intermediate spreadsheet skills, word processing to photo editing. See page 12 for the current lineup.



Favorite resource: The library's digital collections on local history



Perry

Information and Research Librarian

When your question requires a bit more digging, I'm one of the people doing the research and getting back to you. I enjoy weirdly specific local history questions. Someone asked us about the history of an apartment building in Skokie, and it turned out we had a 1929 ad for it in our digital collections.

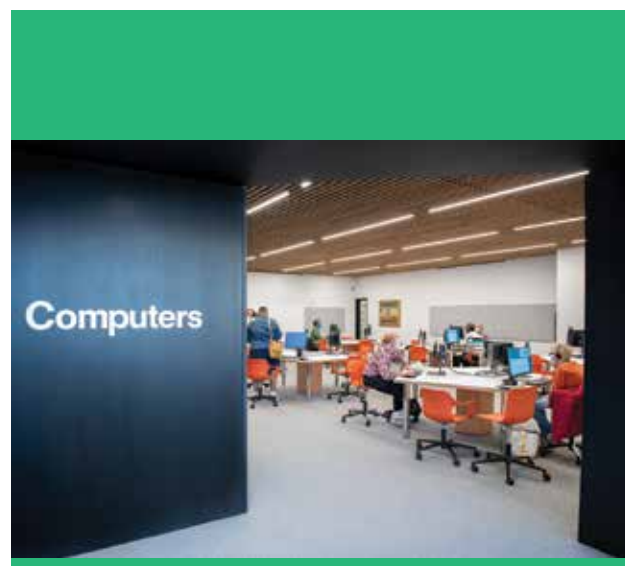
Currently watching: *Best Leftovers Ever!*



Edwin

Information Services Specialist

I enjoy helping people and sharing technical knowledge. My job enables me to do both. I also enjoy working with my teammates—they're awesome. There are so many classes and resources offered here in the library that people will find helpful and useful.



Neil

Information Services Specialist

Favorite resource for repair guides: [ifixit.com](https://www.ifixit.com)

I love trying to figure out the answer to a difficult question. It's like solving a tricky puzzle, and even if I can't find the answer right then and there, I always learn something along the way. It can sometimes feel like being a detective in a noir movie!



Currently reading: *Game of Thrones*

Brad

Information and Research Librarian

The great part about my job is that every day is different since I work with the public and I always learn something new. For example, someone recently asked where to find great tacos.



Currently watching: *Gangs of London*

Sargon

Information Services Specialist

I love working the desk and helping patrons connect with the correct information. It's extremely rewarding—though I wasn't able to fulfill someone's request for Elton John and his band members' phone numbers!

FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at calendar.skokiellibrary.info. Registration opens September 1.

ELL Literacy Circle

Tuesdays, September 13–December 13
10 am–noon

Knit and Crochet with Fiber Friends

Tuesdays, 4–6 pm (drop in)

ESL Cafe

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm (drop in)

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, September 13, October 11
1:30–2:30 pm



An Evening with Marlee Matlin

Online event or viewing party at the library
Wednesday, September 14, 7–8 pm

Learn a New Card Game: Cribbage

Thursday, September 15, 7–8 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, September 16, October 21
1–2 pm

Speech Training for Non-Native English Speakers

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30–8 pm

Movie Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
(drop in)

Summer of Soul

September 21

Compartment No. 6

October 19

Show Me the Money: Strategies on Pay Transparency and Negotiation

Wednesday, September 21, 7–8 pm

Maintaining Balance and Preventing Falls As You Age

Thursday, September 22, 4–6 pm

Friday Film

Fridays at 1:30 pm (drop in)

Love Sarah

September 23

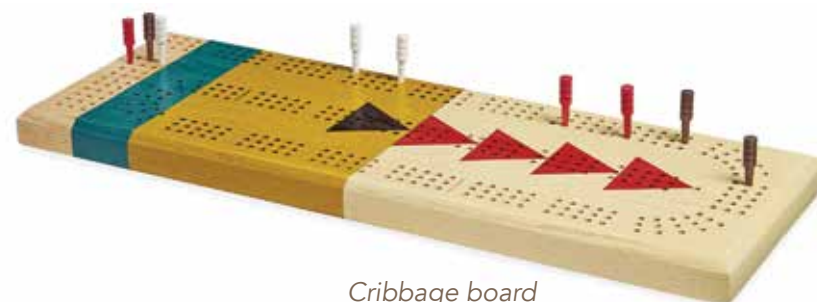
Cyrano

October 14

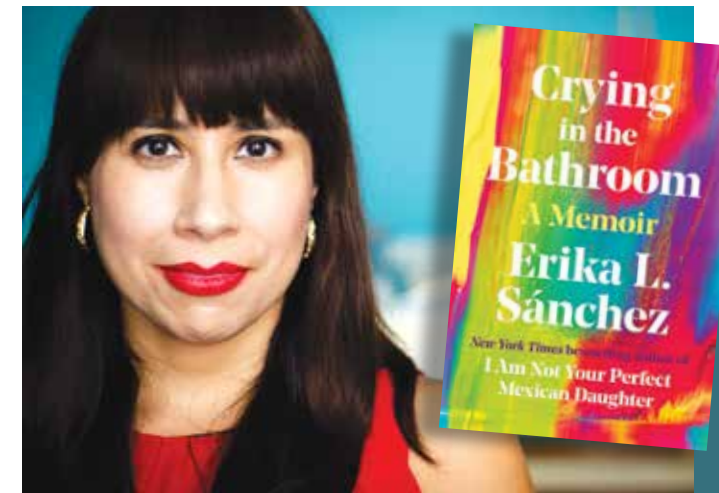
Job Searching in the Digital Age

Resources and tools to find job openings and track your job search

Monday, September 26, 6:30–7:30 pm (online)



Cribbage board



An Evening with Erika Sánchez

The author of *The New York Times* best-selling teen novel *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, talks about her new memoir for adults, *Crying in the Bathroom*.

Thursday, September 29, 7–8 pm (online)

Practice Citizenship Interviews with HIAS

Thursday, October 6, 6:30–8 pm



Fall Foraging: Eat the Neighborhood

Sunday, October 9, 2–3:30 pm

Hospice and Palliative Care 101: Understanding Serious Illness Support

Wednesday, October 12, 4–5:30 pm

Understanding Medicare

Tuesday, October 25, 7–8:30 pm

In the Studio

Laser Engrave a Wooden Pen

Wednesday, September 7, 7–8 pm

Learn to Sew

Thursdays, September 15, October 6, 7–8:30 pm

Learn to Embroider:

Bring Your Own Jean Jacket

Friday, September 23, 4–5:30 pm

Laser Engrave a Small Wood Frame

Friday, October 7

4–5 pm

Embroider a Simple Burlap Bag

Wednesday

October 19

6:30–8 pm

Laser Cut Jewelry Designs

Tuesday

October 25

6:30–8:30 pm



Book Discussions

Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

An Equal Music
September 21

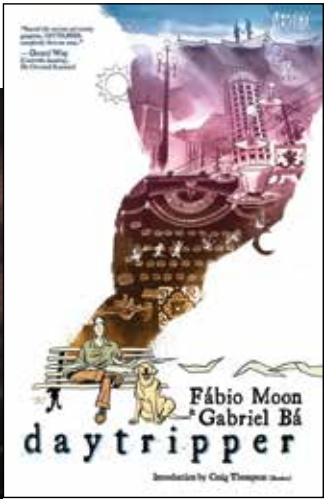
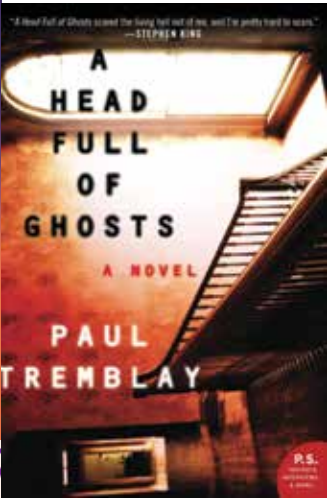
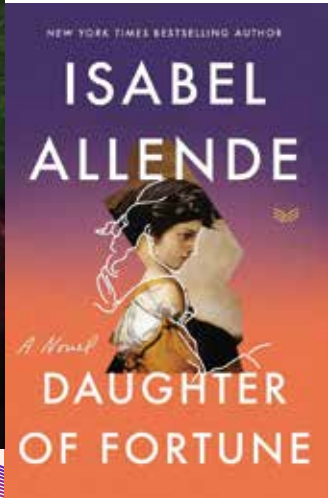
Mexican Gothic
October 19

LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm (online)

Daughter of Fortune
September 14

A Head Full of Ghosts
October 12



Our beginner's guide to horror can help you get acquainted with all the things that go bump in the night. Feel the fear in a safe, controlled way.
skokielibrary.info/horror-guide

Adult Book Discussions

The Hacienda

Goodreads: Thursday, September 22, 8–9 pm
Instagram Live: Tuesday, September 27, 7:30–8 pm

What We're Reading

Goodreads: Thursday, October 20, 8–9 pm

Her Majesty's Royal Coven

Instagram Live: Tuesday, October 25, 7:30–8 pm

Adult Graphic Novel Discussion: Daytripper

Wednesday, September 28, 7–8 pm (online)

Technology Classes

Getting Started with Gmail

Wednesday, September 7, 10–11:30 am

Powerpoint 2021 for Beginners

Saturday, September 17, 10:30–11:30 am

Word 2021 for Beginners

Wednesday, September 21, 10–11:30 am
Monday, October 10, 11 am–12:30 pm

Create a Resume Using Google Docs

Thursday, September 29, 3–4:30 pm

Introduction to Google Slides

Saturday, October 8, 10:30–11:30 am

Windows Computer Basics

Tuesday, October 18, 4–5:30 pm

Organize Your Email

Thursday, October 20, 3–4:30 pm (drop in)

Windows Computer Basics Plus

Tuesday, October 25, 4–5:30 pm

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

Performances

Tickets given to those present
starting at 2:30 pm

Ethos Duo Offers Music of Spanish and French Composers

Marina Hoover, Cello, and Sevgi Giles, Piano

Music by Granados, Cassadó, De Falla, Albinez, Debussy, and Saint-Saëns

Sunday, September 11, 3–4:30 pm

Young Steinway Concert

Sameer Agrawal, Violin, and Tyler Wang, Piano

Sunday, October 2, 3–4:30 pm



KAIA String Quartet

An ensemble devoted to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America.

Victoria Moreira and Naomi Culp, Violin; Susan Bengtson Price, Viola; Hope DeCelle, Cello

Sunday, October 16, 3–4:30 pm

TEENS

Check the online calendar for added events or events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at events.skokielibrary.info.



Teen Library Collaborative

Grades 6–12

Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 pm

In Person, September 15, October 13

Online, September 1, 29, October 27

Anime and Manga Appreciation Club

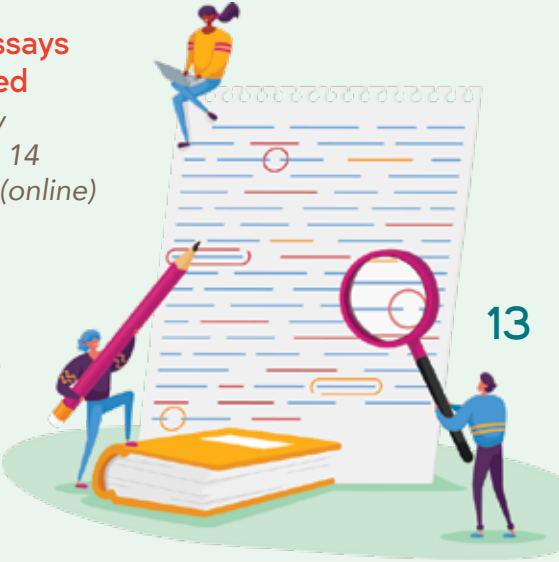
Wednesdays, September 28, October 26
6–7:30 pm

College Essays Demystified

Wednesday
September 14
7–8:30 pm (online)

FAFSA Workshop

Tuesday,
October 11
6:30–8 pm
(online)



KIDS & FAMILIES

Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.



Book Babies Storytime

Babies to 11 months who are not yet walking
Wednesdays 9:30–10 am

Wonderful Ones Storytime

Age 1
Wednesdays 10–10:30 am

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, September 3, 17, October 1, 15, 29, 10:30–11 am

Preschool Puppet Playtime

Wednesdays, September 7, October 5, 10:30–11 am (online)



Family Yoga

Thursdays in September, except September 1, 10:30–11 am

Storytime

Thursdays, 1:30–2 pm



LEGO Challenge

Thursday, September 22, October 27, 4:30–5:30 pm

Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, except September 2 and 16, 10:30–11 am (online)

STEAM Saturday

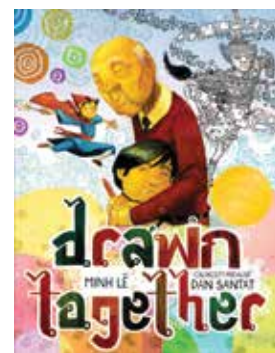
For kids younger than 6
Saturdays, September 10, 24, October 8, 22, 10:30–11:30 am

Nature Play

Mondays, except Labor Day, October 24, and Halloween 10:30–11 am

Story Stroll at Timber Ridge Park

Tuesday, September 13, 4:30–5:30 pm



Family Book Club

Grades 1–3 with an adult
Wednesdays 5:45–6:30 pm

Drawn Together

September 21
The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess
October 26



Kids Book Chat

Wednesdays, 6:30–7 pm (online)

The Book Was Better than the Movie
September 28

Stories to Tell in the Dark
October 26

Pajama Storytime

Mondays in October, except October 24 6:30–6:50 pm (online)

Terrific Twos Storytime

Age 2
Thursdays in October 10:30–11 am or 11:15–11:45 am

Be the Chef

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 5–6 pm

Crafternoon Fun

Monday, October 10, 2–3:30 pm



Adventure Club: Iceland

Tuesday, October 11, 4:30–5:15 pm



Family Dance Experience: Bharatanatyam Dance

Kalakriti School of Dance performs, followed by brief instruction on basic steps.

Saturday, October 15, 2–3 pm



Jewish Comfort Food

Rugelach

Thursday October 20 5:45–6:45 pm

Bagels

Sunday October 23 1:30–2:30 pm



Campfire Fun

Friday, October 21, 6–7:30 pm

Halloween Costume Parade

Monday, October 31, 10:30–11:30 am





September Is Library Card Sign-up Month



Register for a card at one of our first floor
help desks, or start the process online:
skokieliibrary.info/library-cards



Your library card connects you to a
world of resources and learning. It's
free, it never expires as long as you
live in Skokie, and we don't charge
overdue fines on anything, ever.

