

Families

Skokie Public Library Is Here for You

The library is a special place for families. What would make life better for your family? It's highly likely that we can help! Here's a brief overview for busy families.

Books, Books, Books

From board books for the newest family members to gorgeous picture books, to fiction and nonfiction for new and experienced readers, you may find yourself taking home as many books as you can carry! It's never too early to help kids build a love of reading, and our staff will always help kids find just the right book for them. The Grow a Reader program focuses on babies to kindergarten, and every June and July, our fabulously fun summer reading is for all ages (you, too, grown-ups!).

We know you're busy, so you can leave the searching to us. You know your kids and we know books. With our Bookmatch for Kids service, you can take full advantage of our staff's expertise and get custom recommendations just for your child.

Oh, and it's easy to forget, because there wasn't enough space inside the Kids Room, but we have more than books. The videos for kids are along the wall just outside the Kids Room, so be sure not to miss those!





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HHM Hispanic Heritage Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm

Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, noon to 6 pm

Closed September 2 and 27

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Events for Kids and Families

Our calendar is bursting with fun, free events for families. Storytimes take place multiple times a week—some for families and others for specific ages. See the current line-up on pages 4–7, or go to the online calendar for full details at any time: calendar.skokielibrary.info. Pro tip: Some events require registration, others are drop-in, so it's always good to check the details.

More Services for Families

Yes, we have a lot going on for our Skokie families, more than we can share on these pages. Find even more on our website:

skokielibrary.info/services/families



Podcast for Parents and Caregivers



Staff share experiences as parents and recommend library resources on Your Family, Your Library.

skokielibrary.info/your-family-your-library



Spaces Just for Kids and Their Grown-ups

Kids of all ages can come to the library to explore, learn, play, and read. The big Kids Room is full of books, of course, and lots of spots to read and share the books. The fish tank is always popular! And you'll also find surprising things to do and toys to play with. When kids help clean up after playing, they can even get a sticker for helping.

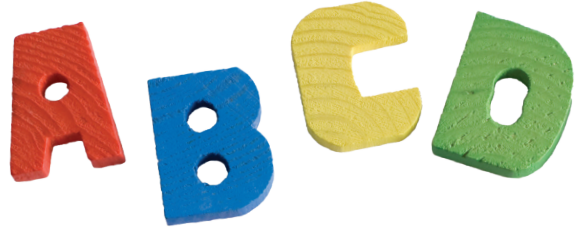
Smaller spaces are designed for specific activities or ages. For the older kids, there's a computer lab, and several study rooms for concentrating or working in small groups. The BOOMbox is a space dedicated to STEAM exploration for kids in grades K–8, with new activities featured regularly. The courtyard is a favorite space for families to play or participate in group activities led by library staff.

When the Activity Room isn't being used for an event, it's a great place to make some art. And we have a private nursing room, as well as a Sensory Break Room for times when the big room is just too stimulating and a break is needed. When it's time for a snack, the Café is close to the Kids Room and offers tables and vending machines if you didn't bring your own snacks.

So bring the kids and explore. To make your visit the best it can be, staff members are always available to point you to what you want and to answer any questions or help solve any problems you may have. Kids younger than eight need to have a grown-up with them at all times. At parent discretion, older kids may use the library independently.

KIDS & FAMILIES

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



Alphabet Soup

Age 3–6

Tuesdays in September, 1:30–2 pm

Together Time

Age 0–23 months

Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

Dance Party

Age 0–4

Thursdays in September, 10:30–11 am

STEAM Engines

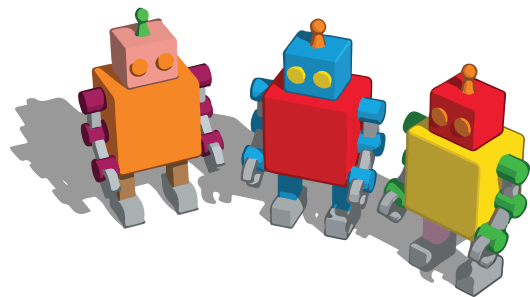
Age 5–9

Thursdays, September 5, October 3
4:30–5:15 pm

Introduction to 3D Modeling and Tinkercad

Age 8–12

Sunday, September 8, 1–2:30 pm



Nature Play

Age 0–5

Mondays in September
10–11 am

Fun Time for Littles

Age 0–5

Mondays, 1:30–2:30 pm

Learn Basic Tigrinya

Age 5–12

Monday, September 9, 5–6 pm

Pokémon Club

Age 7–12

Tuesdays, September 10, October 15, 4:30–5:30 pm

Graphic Novel Hangout

Age 7–12

Thursdays, September 12, October 10, 4–5:30 pm



Let's Take a Walk

Age 0–5

Fridays, September 13, October 11, 10:30–11:15 am



Storytimes

Book Babies

Babies to 11 months who are not yet walking

Wednesdays
9:30–9:50 am

Wonderful Ones

Age 1

Wednesdays
10–10:20 am



Terrific Twos

Age 2

Thursdays in October
10–10:30 or 11–11:30 am

Preschool Storytime

Age 3–6

Tuesdays, 10–10:30 am

Family Fun Storytime

Wednesdays, 6:30–7 pm

Melody and Motion Storytime

Age 0–5

Fridays, 10–10:30 am
(except September 27)

Saturday Family Storytime

Saturdays, 10–10:30 am



Snack Attack: After School Snacks

Age 8–12

Friday, September 13, 5:30–6:30 pm

Climate Change STEAM Projects for Families

Saturday, September 14, 2–3 pm

Library Fun at the Farmer's Market

Sundays, September 15, October 13, 10:30–11 am

Early Entry to the Kids Room

Children and Teens with Disabilities

Sundays, September 15, October 20, 11 am–noon

International Dot Day

Global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration inspired by *The Dot*, by Peter H. Reynolds

Sunday, September 15, 1–2 or 3–4 pm



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Age 5–8

Monday and Tuesday
September 16 and 17 (both days)
4:30–5:15 pm

Learning at the Library: Hello, Homeschoolers

Tuesday, September 17, 10–11 am

Tuesday, October 22, 1–2 pm

Making Nature Impressions in Clay

Age 5–8

Wednesday, September 18, 4:30–5:30 pm



Nature Art for Tweens

Thursday, September 19
4:30–5:30 pm

Make It Yourself

Age PreK+
Fridays, September 20, October 18, 4:30–5:30 pm

Lego Party

Mondays, September 23, October 14, 4:30–5:30 pm

Your Family, Your Library: Caregiver Conversation

Thursday, September 26, 7–8 pm (adults)



Adventures in Rock Tumbling

Age 7–12
Mondays, September 30–October 28
4–6 pm

ABC, Look at Me

Age 3–6
Tuesdays in October, 1:30–2 pm

Puppet Playtime

Age 2–8
Wednesday, October 2, 10:30–11 am (online)

Tween Advisory Group

Friday, October 4, 5:30–6:30 pm

Small Hands Crafts

Age 2–6
Mondays in October, 10–11 am



HHM Adventure Club: Uruguay

Age 5–10
Tuesday, October 8, 4:30–5:15 pm

HHM Learn Basic Spanish

Age 5–12
Friday, October 11, 4:30–5:30 pm

Family Nature Crafts

Saturday, October 12
1:30–2:30 pm



Learn Traditional Bharatanatyam Dance Steps

Sunday, October 13, 3–4 pm

Decoupage Mini Pumpkins

Age 5–8
Wednesday, October 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

Tween Felting Workshop

Thursdays, October 17 and 24, 4:30–5:30 pm
(uses sharp needles)



Jason Reynolds Viewing Party and More

Age 8+
Tuesday
October 22
6:30–8 pm

Halloween Costume Parade

Thursday, October 31, 10:30–11:15 am



Teens

Check the online calendar for ongoing and late-breaking teen events and events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info.

Friend Squad

Wednesdays, September 4, October 9
6–7:30 pm

All about Tutor.com

Thursday, September 12, 4:30–6 pm

HHM Teen Book Chat with Churros

Sunday, September 15, 3–4 pm

Multilingual Book Café

Saturday, September 21, 1:30–3 pm

HHM Try Your Luck at Lotería

Monday, September 30
5–6 pm



Teen Mental Health First Aid

Age 15–18
Sunday, October 6, noon–6 pm

Teen Climate Crew: Prairie Restoration

Monday, October 14, 2–4 pm



FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info. Registration opens September 1 except for events during the first week of September, which are already open.

ESL Café
Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

Writing Workshop with Northlight Theatre: High Lights
Tuesdays, September 10–October 15
1–2:30 pm

Low Vision Support Group
Tuesdays, September 10, October 8
1:30–2:30 pm



Discover Your Creative Spark: Art Workshops
Thursdays
September 12–26
1–2:30 pm

Job Interviewing: Preparation and Practice
Wednesday, September 18, 2–3:30 pm

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Mexican Folk Art: Decorating Alebrijes

Thursday
September 19
6–7:30 pm

Introduction to Yoga
Fridays, September 20
October 18, 1–2 pm

ELL Literacy Circle
Tuesdays, September 24–December 10
10 am–noon

Community Conversation
Library Strategic Priorities
Tuesday, September 24, 2–3 pm
Wednesday, September 25, 6:30–7:30 pm

Writing a Book from Idea to Shelf to Reader
Tuesday, September 24, 6:30–8 pm



The Ark of Naija: Nigerian Storytelling

Saturday, September 28, 2–4 pm

Hungry to Grow Your Food Business?
Monday, September 30, 9:30–11 am

The Euphoria Quilt Project and Collective Joy (online)
Tuesday, October 1, 7–8 pm

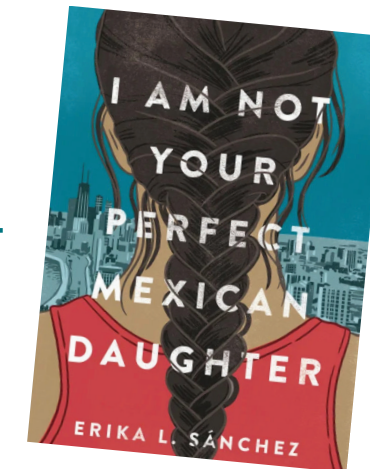
Share Crafts at the Bookmobile at Schack Park
Sunday, October 6, 1–3 pm

Spooky Storytelling
Tuesday, October 8, 6–8 pm

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Being Imperfect with Erika Sanchez

Wednesday, October 9
7–8 pm (online)



Understanding Medicare
Thursday, October 10, 7–8:30 pm

Let's Discuss Space
Tuesday, October 15, 1:30–2:30 pm

Job Seekers: Create a Professional Brand
Wednesday, October 30, 2–3:30 pm



Civic Literacy

Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken in and What We Can Do about It
Thursday, September 19, 7–8 pm

Learn about Banned Books Week
Monday–Thursday, September 23–26, 4–6 pm
With the Bookmobile at Terminal Park
Wednesday, September 25, 4:30–5:30 pm

Civic Lab: Voting, Disability, and Accessibility
Thursday, September 26, 6:30–7:30 pm

Civic Lab: Election Preparation Trivia
at Sketchbook Brewing Co.
Tuesdays, October 15 and 22
6:30–8 pm

Election Information Drop-in
Monday, October 28
11 am–1 pm
Tuesday, October 29
3–5 pm

Wednesday, October 30
11 am–1 pm



Movies (drop in)

Friday Film
Fridays at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

The Boys in the Boat American Fiction
September 13
September 6

Arthur the King Wicked Little Letters
October 18 October 25

Morning Movie
Wednesdays at 10 am
Tyson's Run Ghostbusters: Afterlife
September 18 October 16

Movie Night
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

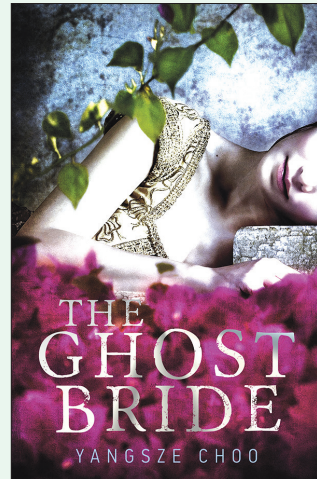
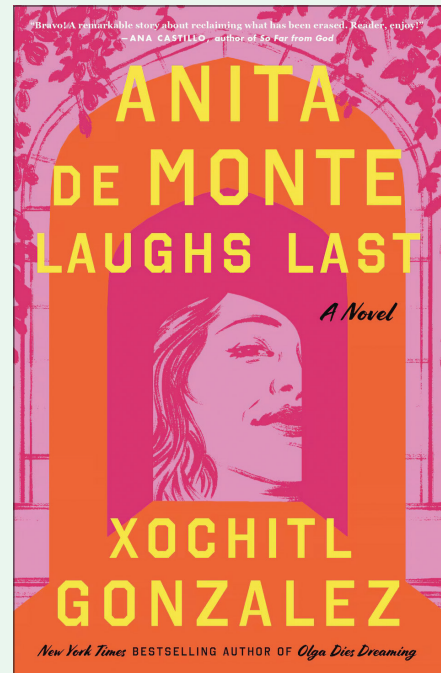
HHM **Language Lessons** Beans
September 18 October 23

Book Trails Walking Club
at Emily Oaks Nature Center
Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm
September 11, October 9

LitLounge
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

HMM Anita De Monte Laughs Last
September 11

The Ghost Bride
October 9



Book Discussions and Book Talks

Talking Books Discussion Group
Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

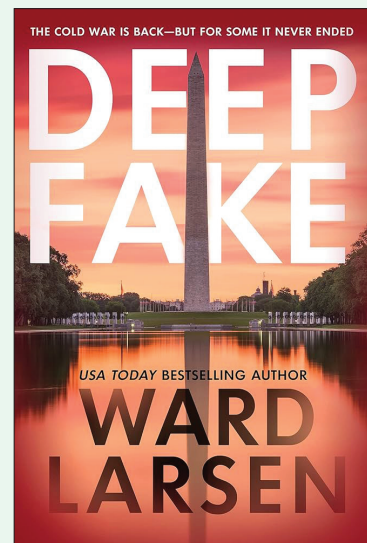
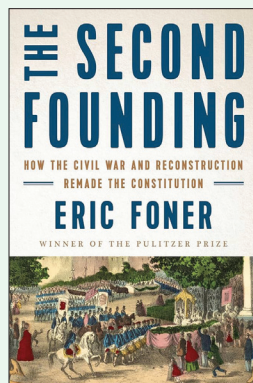
HMM Velvet Was the Night
September 18

Deep Fake
October 16

Civic Lab Book Discussion
The Second Founding
Wednesday, September 25, 7–9 pm

Genres on My Mind
Fiction and Nonfiction
Graphic Novels
Monday, September 16
3:30–4 pm (online)

Superheroes
Thursday, October 31
2–2:30 pm (online)



Technology

Computer Basics: Mouse and Keyboard Skills
Thursday, September 5, 5:30–7 pm

Google Slides for Beginners
Saturday, September 7, 10:30–11:30 am



One-on-One Tech Help
Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–4 pm
(starting September 9)

All about Android Phones
Monday, September 9, 3–4:30 pm

Getting Started with Gmail
Wednesday, September 11, 1:30–3 pm

Navigating Your iPhone
Monday, September 16, 11 am–12:30 pm

Windows Computer Basics: Files and Organization
Tuesday, September 17, 3–4:30 pm

One-on-One Tech Help with the Bookmobile: Assyrian and English
at 9131 Niles Center Road
Saturday, September 21, 2–4 pm

Editing Short Video Clips for Social Media
Wednesday, September 25, 5:30–7 pm

Stream Movies with Kanopy
Thursday, September 26, 7–8 pm

Introduction to Smart Speakers with Voice Assistants
Thursday, October 3, 5:30–7 pm

Microsoft Word Office 365 for Beginners
Saturday, October 5, 10:30–11:30 am

Talking Tech: Basics of Terminology and Lingo
Tuesday, October 8, 3–4:30 pm

Microsoft Excel for Beginners
Wednesday, October 9, 2–3:30 pm

Staying Safe Online: Scams and Phishing
Presented in Urdu

Sunday, October 13, 12:30–2 pm

Using PhotoPea: Free Photo Editing Software
Monday, October 14, 11 am–12:30 pm

Computer Basics: Navigating the Internet
Tuesday, October 22, 3:30–5 pm



Create a Resume Using Canva.com
Wednesday, October 23
5:30–7 pm

Learn with Online Training and Tutorials
Thursday, October 24
5:30–7 pm

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DAWN!



Dawn Wlezien
Volunteer/Accessibility Specialist

**2024 Alexander J. Skrzypek Award for
Exceptional Service to People with Disabilities**

Illinois Library Association

**Awarded for outstanding contribution to library services
for those who are blind or physically disabled**

"Dawn's success comes from the compassion, persistence, and sense of humor she brings to her work. She experiences great joy when patrons with disabilities learn new skills and express a sense of accomplishment. Her strong community relationships result in opportunities for individuals, which neither the library nor our nonprofit partners could accomplish alone."

—Nancy Kim Phillips, Director of Community Engagement