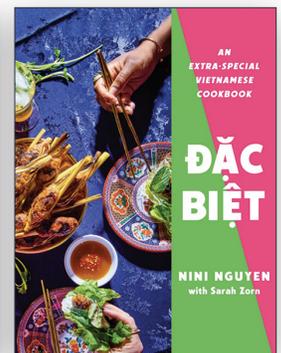
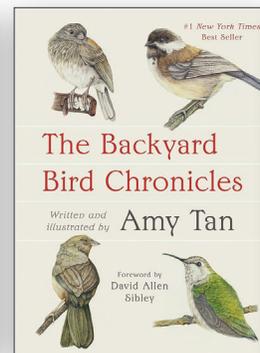


A beautifully written, powerful, and sensitive collection of essays that I can't recommend enough. The author reflects on several interweaving topics, including her Indigenous identity, colonialism, traditional practices, family, two-spirit people, activism, healing, and more.

—Sharon

Staff Picks 2024

Each year, staff pick some of our favorites of the year to suggest to you. Go to the full lists on the website and read what staff had to say about each title, then place holds on the ones you want to check out: skokielibrary.info/staffpicks



Nonfiction

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Get to Know the Board



Our Board of Trustees is responsible for governance of the library and is composed of seven members serving six-year terms. The Board works collectively with the library's executive director.

Some of the most important duties of the Board include establishing and supporting library policies, adopting the annual budget, approving an annual tax levy, approving monthly expenditures, developing long-term strategic and financial plans, and advocating for the library within the community. The Board generally holds public meetings at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the Business and Community Center on the second floor of the library. The meetings are also streamed live on YouTube.

Learn more about our current trustees, view the upcoming meeting schedule, read past meeting minutes, and more on our Board of Trustees web page.



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BHM Black History Month events

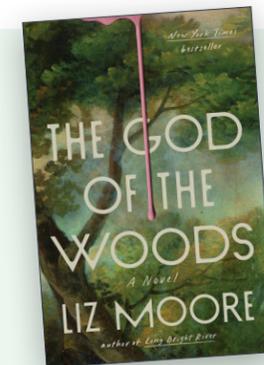
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Literary Fiction



An isolated summer camp. A serial killer on the loose. A wealthy family with lots of secrets... This historical mystery delivers all of the thrills and intrigue.
 —Brenna

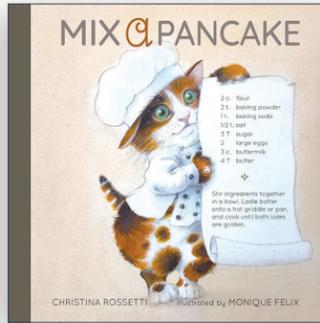
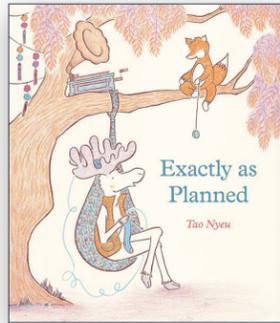
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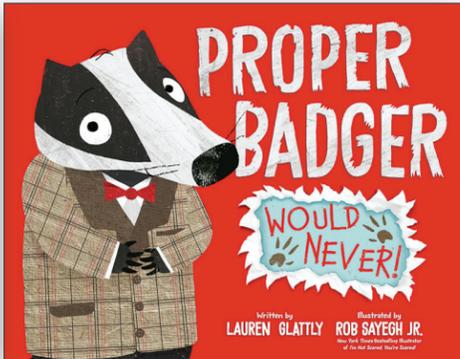
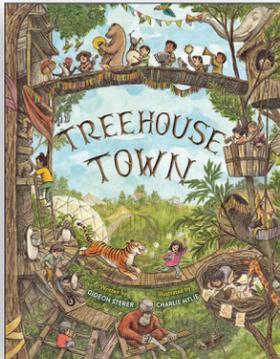
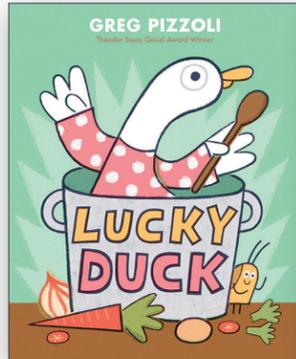
Mystery and Suspense



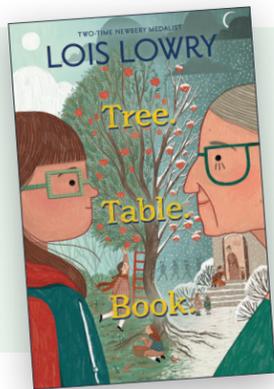
Romance



Babies-Pre-K



Grade K-2

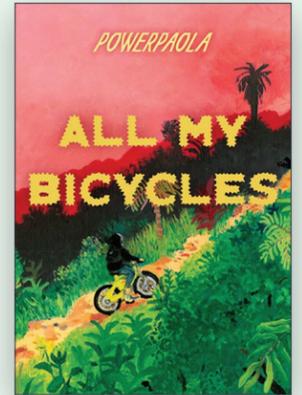


*I loved this book about an intergenerational friendship between an 11-year-old girl and her best friend who is 77(!) years older than she is (you can do the math)!
—Shelley*

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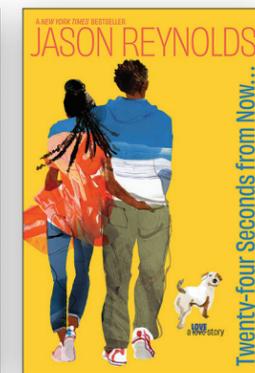
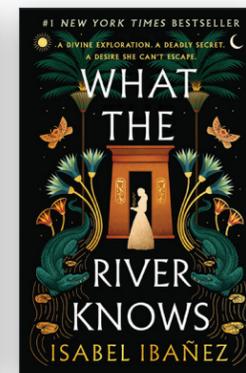


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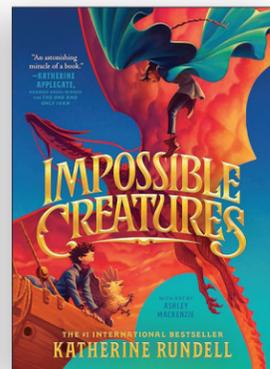
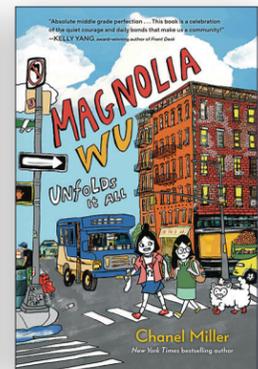
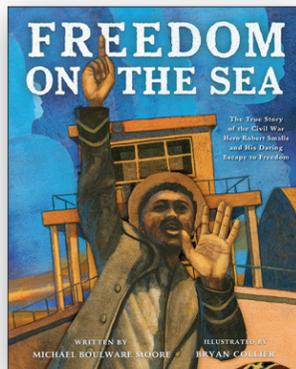


I found the author's idea of exploring relationships and events in their life through their connection with bikes and transportation to be incredibly profound. It moved me to tears several times!

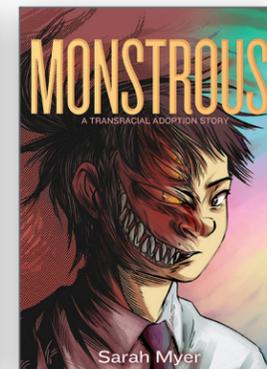
—Wesley



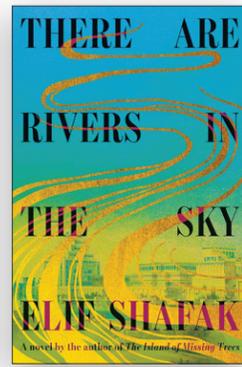
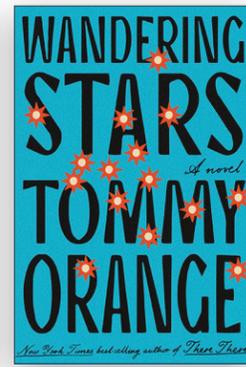
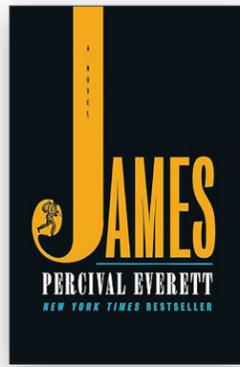
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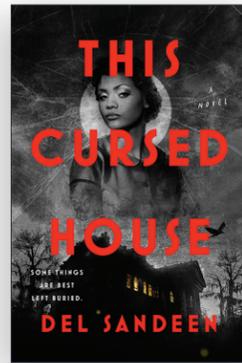
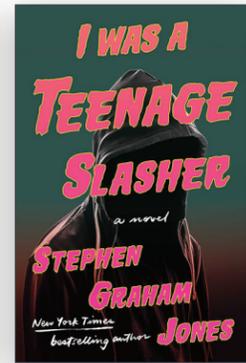
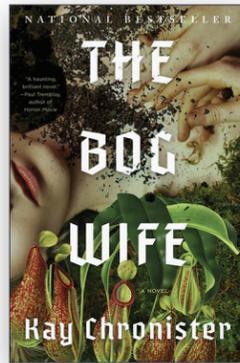
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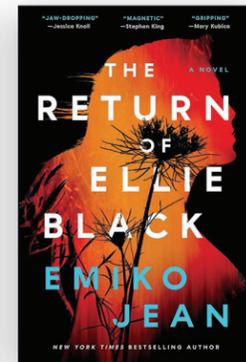
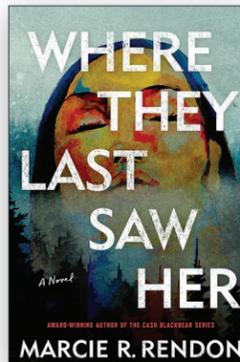
Graphic Novels



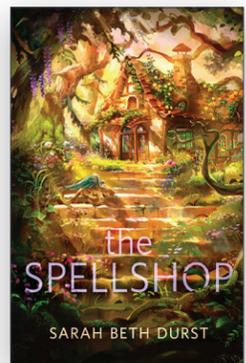
Historical Fiction



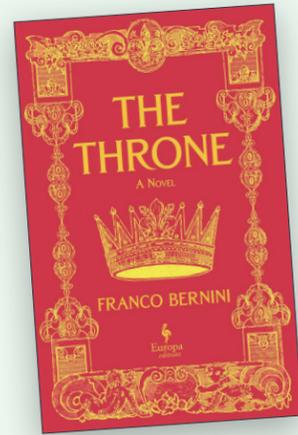
Horror



Thrillers



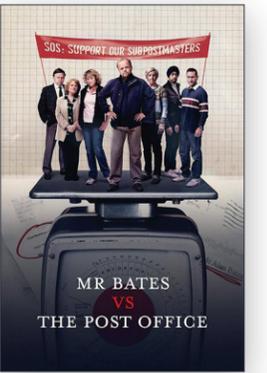
Science Fiction and Fantasy



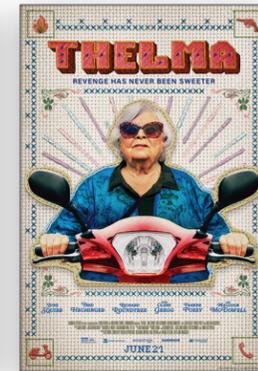
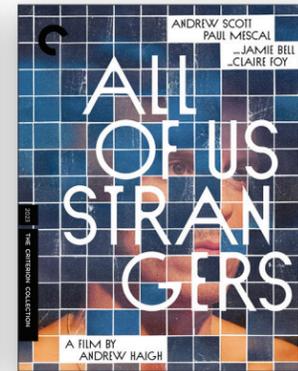
This Italian import makes Wolf Hall or The Game of Thrones seem like love fests as Machiavelli matches wits with the sinister Cesare Borgia to save his homeland and his own life.

—Steven

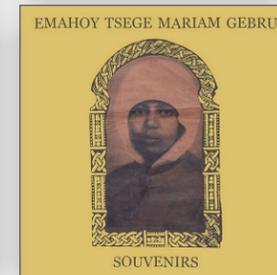
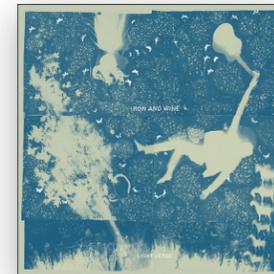
Staff Picks 2024



Television



Film



Music



Chicago-based recording engineer, musician, poker champion, cat lover, gourmand, and, most important, community builder, Steve Albini, passed away suddenly earlier this year. While not intended to be [his band's] final album, To All Trains is, sadly, that. It's also as direct, brilliant, and thoughtful as all the rest.

—Adam

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FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at events.skokilibrary.info. Registration opens January 2 except for events during the first week of January, which are already open.

ESL Café

Wednesdays, starting January 8, 12:30–2 pm

FOR JOB SEEKERS

Navigating Job Search Websites

Thursday, January 9, 5:30–7 pm

Organize Your Job Search and Get Results

Wednesday, January 21, 2:30–4 pm

Create a Resume in Microsoft Word

Thursday, January 30, 5:30–7:30 pm

Overcoming Job Loss

Wednesday, February 19, 6–8 pm (online)

Interview Skills and Tips

Thursday, February 27, 5:30–6:30 pm



Chicago Pizza with Steve Dolinsky

Thursday, January 9, 7–8 pm (online)

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, January 10, February 21, 1–2 pm

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11
1:30–2:30 pm

Braille 101: Reading by Feel

Tuesday, January 14, 7:30–8:30 pm

The Soothing Experience of Tea

Variations of Chai

Thursday
January 16
5:30–7 pm

China and the Six Teas

Thursday
February 13
6–7:30 pm



Your Library 101

Wednesday, January 22, 6–7:30 pm

Sunday, February 23, 1–2:30 pm

Cognitive Dissonance: A Surrealist's Approach to Imagery

Wednesday, January 22, 7–8 pm

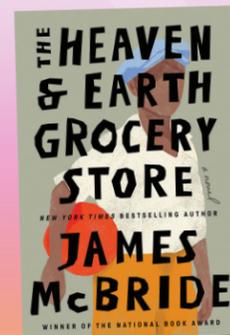


Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

Thursday, January 23, 7–8 pm (online)

Gaming for Grown-ups: Princesses and Pirates

Friday, January 31, 7–8:30 pm



BHM An Evening with James McBride

Tuesday,
February 4
7–8 pm (online)

BHM Exploring Black American Poets and Poetry

Thursday, February 6, 6:30–8 pm



BHM Emergence and Evolution of Blues Music in America

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30–8 pm



An Evening with Amy Tan

Wednesday, February 19
7–8 pm (online)

Learn to Play Mahjong

Thursday, February 20
7–9 pm

Checking and Freezing Your Credit

Tuesday, February 25
5:30–7 pm

Who's Gonna Win the Oscar?

Wednesday, February 26, 7–9 pm



Performances

Free tickets given out at 2:30 pm

Tuvergen Band: Mongolian Fusion Music

Sunday, January 5
3 pm



Bengali Music with Ochin Pakhi
Sunday, January 19, 3 pm

Wurtz-Berger Duo: Cello and Piano
Sunday, January 26, 3 pm

Young Steinway Concert
Matthew Kim, Violin, and
Kashyap Prasad, Piano
Sunday, February 2, 3 pm

BHM Alysha Monique: Journey through Black American Music
Sunday, February 9, 3 pm



Ana Everling Quartet: Eastern European Roots

Sunday, January 12, 3 pm

Photo by Nathaniel Kowalsky



BHM Ayodele Drum & Dance: The Rhythms of West Africa
Sunday, February 16, 3 pm

Photo by Marc Monaghan



Movies (drop in)

Friday Film

Fridays at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Twisters
January 10

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
January 24

The Photograph
February 14

BHM Just Mercy
February 28

Morning Movie

Wednesdays at 10 am

IF
January 15

The Railway Children
February 19

Movie Night

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

MAHM Life without Basketball
January 28

Yuni
February 18

Technology

Microsoft 2021 for Beginners

PowerPoint

Saturday, January 4, 10:30–11:30 am

Excel

Monday, February 10, 11 am–12:30 pm

Word

Thursday, February 20, 11 am–12:30 pm

All About Apple Watches

Monday, January 6
12:30–2 pm

One-on-One Tech Help

Mondays and Wednesdays
2–4 pm (starting January 6)



How to Use WhatsApp

Wednesday, January 8, 12:30–2 pm

Computer Basics: Navigating the Internet

Thursday, January 16, 10:30 am–noon

Using PhotoPea: Free Photo Editing Software

Monday, January 20, 10:30 am–noon

Video Editing with Canva

Tuesday, January 27, 5:30–7 pm

Getting Started with Google Drive and Cloud Storage

Tuesday, February 4, 1:30–3 pm

Computer Basics In Urdu

کمپیوٹر کے بنیادی عوامل

Wednesday, February 12, 12:30–2 pm

Presenting with Google Slides

Saturday, February 15, 10:30–11:30 am

KIDS & FAMILIES

BINGO

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

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Age 8–14
Friday, January 3, 2–4 pm

Musical Bingo

Age 5–13
Friday, January 3, 4:30–5:30 pm
Saturday, January 4, 3:30–4:30 pm

Sensory-Friendly Family Movie

Inside Out 2
Sunday, January 5, 12:30–2 pm

Small Hands Crafts

Age 2–6
Mondays, 10–11 am
(Lunar New Year focus January 27)

Lego Open Play

Mondays, January 6, February 3
4:30–5:30 pm

Kids Open Gaming

Age 5–12
Tuesday, January 7, 4–6 pm

Together Time

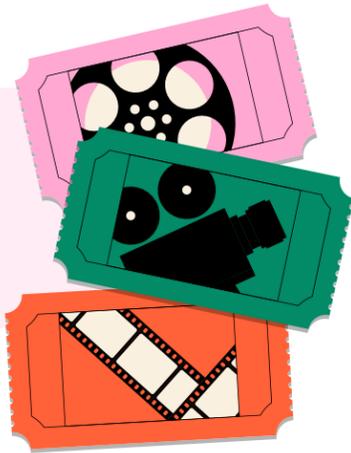
Age 0–23 months
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

Fantastic Bookmarks Craft

Age 5–10
Wednesday, January 8
4:30–5:30 pm

Graphic Novel Hangout

Age 7–12
Thursdays, January 9, February 13
4:30–5:30 pm



Storytimes

TUESDAYS

Preschool Storytime 3–6 years 10–10:30 am
ABC, Look at Me 3–6 years 1:30–2 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Book Babies 0–11 months 9:30–9:50 am
Wonderful Ones 12–23 months 10–10:20 am
Babies and Tots Storytime Outdoors 0–23 months 10:30–10:50 am
Family Fun Storytime all ages 6:30–7 pm

THURSDAYS except February 27

Terrific Twos 2 years 10–10:30 am
Terrific Twos 2 years 11–11:30 am

FRIDAYS except January 17

Melody and Motion <6 years 10–10:30 am

SATURDAYS

Family Storytime all ages 10–10:30 am

SUNDAYS January 19, February 16

Melody and Motion
Sensory Storytime all ages 12:15–12:45 pm

Make It Yourself

Age PreK+
Fridays, January 10, February 28, 4:30–5:30 pm



Chapter Book Chats

Age 5–8
Mondays, January 13, February 10, 4:30–5:30 pm



Adventure Club Visits Muslim American Communities in the USA

Age 5–10
Tuesday, January 14, 4:30–5:15 pm

Pick up a Winter Reading bingo card in the library or on the bookmobile through January 31.



Skokie cardholders: complete the whole card and earn a Skokie Public Library mug, while supplies last.

Braille 101 Reading by Feel

Age 8–12
Tuesday, January 14, 6–7 pm

Make Your Own

Age 5–8, 4:30–5:15 pm
Dragon Egg Wednesday, January 15
Wand Age 8–12, 4:30–5:30 Thursday, February 6
Puppet Tuesday, February 4
Magic Mirror Wednesday, February 12



Weave on a Mini Loom

Age 8–12
Thursday, January 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

Sundays, January 19, February 16
11 am–noon

MLK Day Family Service Project

Monday, January 20, 2–5 pm

Pokémon Club

Age 8–12
Tuesdays, January 21, February 18
4:30–5:30 pm

Read to a Mythical Creature

Age 5-8

Thursdays, January 23, February 20
4:30-5:15 pm

Science Club Jr.

Age 3-6

Fridays, January 24, February 27, 11-11:30 am



Snack Attack: Leftovers

Age 8-12

Friday, January 24, 5:30-6:30 pm

Kids Open Gaming

Age 5-12

Tuesdays, January 28, February 11 and 25
4-6 pm

Lunar New Year Family Party

Tuesday, January 28, 6-7 pm



Snow Painting STEAM Craft

Age 5-8

Thursday, January 30
4:30-5:30 pm



Tween Volunteering

Age 8-12

Fridays, 5:30-6:30 pm

Crayon Recycling: January 31
Make Toys for the Animal Shelter: February 21

World Hijab Day

Saturday, February 1, 2-4 pm

Puppet Playtime

Age 2-8

Wednesday, February 5, 10:30-11 am (online)

BHM Celebrate Black Hair

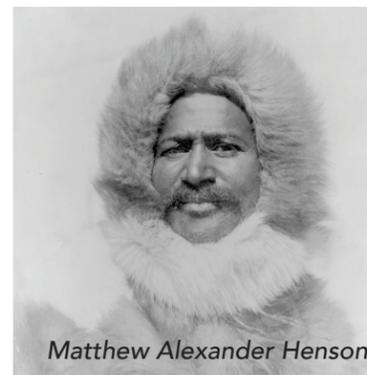
Age 5-8

Friday, February 7, 5-6 pm

All You Need Is Love

Sunday, February 9, 1-2 pm

Thursday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 pm



Matthew Alexander Henson

BHM Be the Scientist: Glaciers

Age 5-10

Tuesday, February 11
4:30-5:15 pm

Taylor Swift Party

Age 8-12

Friday, February 14
4:30-5:30 pm



Kenneth J. Dunkley

BHM Celebrate Black Inventors

Age 5-10

Monday, February 17
4:30-5:30 pm

Friday, February 28, 2-3 pm



Sarah E. Goode

BHM Family Movie: Cinderella (1997)

Thursday, February 20
6:30-8 pm

When I Grow Up

ede2 Dance Show
Sunday, February 23
3-4 pm



Garrett Morgan

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.skokielibrary.info.

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Monday, January 13, 6-7 pm

Climate Café

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11
6-7 pm

Teen Climate Crew: Seed Balls

Monday, January 20, 1-2:30 pm

Freedom of Speech with David Goldberger

Learn about the "Skokie case" and the uses and limits of our First Amendment from David Goldberger, the former ACLU attorney who represented a group of Chicago-area Nazis who sought to hold a demonstration in downtown Skokie in 1977.

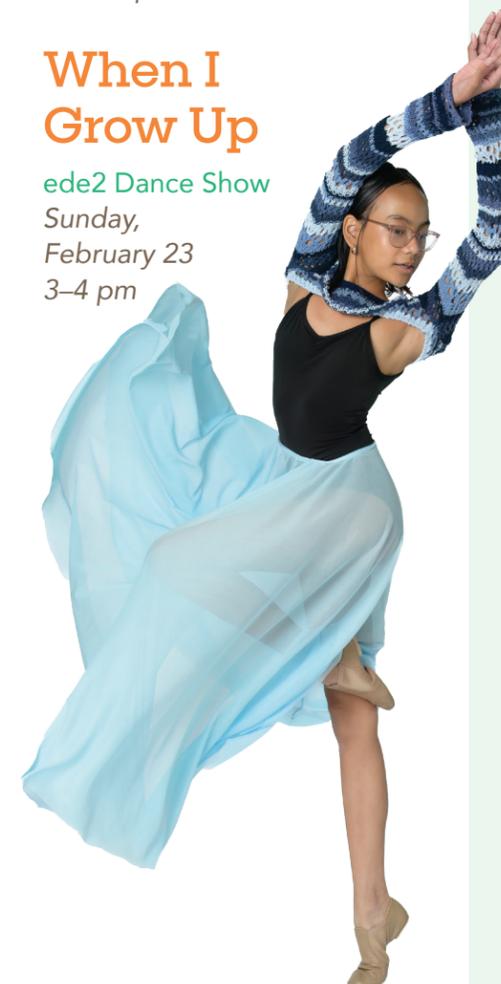
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Sew a Heart for Valentine's Day

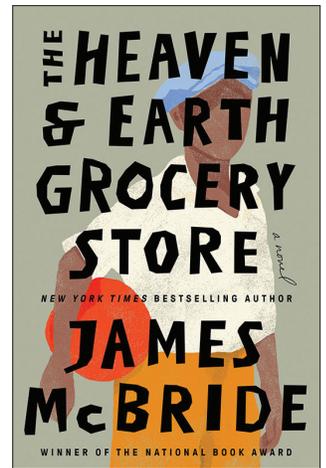
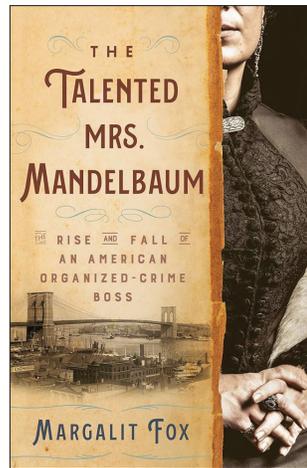
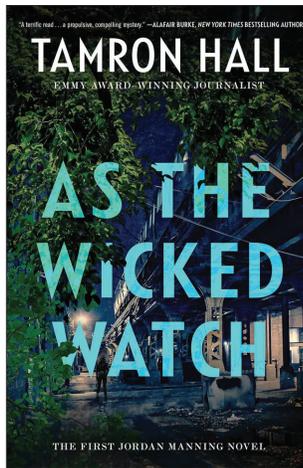
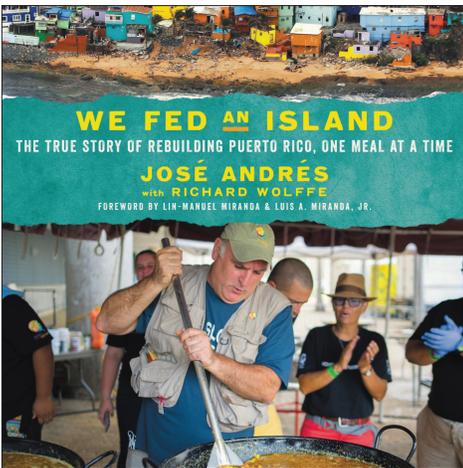
Saturday, February 8
1-2:30 pm

Switch Open Gaming

Monday, February 17, 1-3 pm



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



Book Discussions and Book Talks

Reading Party

Thursday, January 2, 1–2:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15, 6–7:30 pm

LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

We Fed an Island

January 8

Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum

January 15



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

February 19

Books and Brews

At Sketchbook Brewing Company,
Skokie

Saturday, January 18, 9–10:30 am



As the Wicked Watch

February 12

What to Read with Your Book Club

Thursday, February 6
7–8 pm