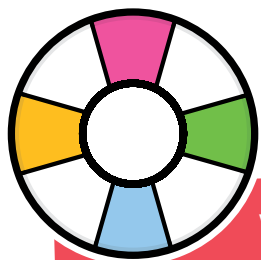


Summer Reading Continues Through July 31



We hope you're having a blast already, but if you're late to the party, it's not too late to start!

Visit the library or stop by the bookmobile to pick up a booklet. Instructions are available in English, Spanish, and Urdu. All ages and all types of readers are welcome!

Decorate your booklet with stickers available in the library. Downtown Skokie businesses participating in the Clue-themed scavenger hunt will also have stickers. For a list of locations, visit skokie.info/scavengerhunt.



We're grateful to the sponsors who make it possible for kids in our community to take home books to keep during Summer Reading 2025.

North Shore Community Bank & Trust

Endeavor Health Skokie Hospital

New This Year Choice of Prize!

Qualifying participants who complete summer reading can choose between a t-shirt and a library tote bag.

DoubleTree by Hilton Chicago North Shore Conference Center

Kaleidoscope Dance

Kiwanis Club of Skokie Valley

ProAuto

Rotary Club of Skokie Valley

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DPM Disability Pride Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
 Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
 Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed Friday, July 4

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A New Art Initiative

Art has been integral to our library since the 1960s. We have always had a robust slate of exhibits in the library, and have acquired pieces from these shows and through generous donations by members of the community.

Completion of our recent renovation prompted us to begin a new art initiative. We want to ensure that the art on the walls better represents the people in our community. Our vision is “to establish a robust and relevant collection of visual art. Building on our artistic legacy, we will invigorate our permanent collection with work that inspires and enlightens, reflects the evolving diversity of our community, provokes further investigation and deeper understanding, and cultivates a culture of art appreciation.”

We invite you to see and celebrate our six new pieces at a reception scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 17.

The exciting new pieces will be on display, and the art committee, along with several of the artists, will talk about the new initiative and the new pieces.



Drawing inspiration from her Egyptian and Honduran heritage, Jackie Milad focuses on symbols and myths representing the cyclical nature of life and death. In her works, these symbols create a narrative that transcends temporal boundaries. Starting on paper, Jackie layers fragments of painted fabric and detailed drawings to construct her works. Combining collage, sewing, and mounting creates a harmonious fusion.

Jackie Milad

Melissa Leandro

Melissa Leandro explores her own cultural identity and uses family memories to create vibrantly layered, topographical textile works filled with imagery she has drawn and collected. She uses traditional and nontraditional processes of stitching, quilting, weaving, and batik dyeing. She manifests thoughts of family history, remembered childhood fantasies, and nostalgic cultural ephemera. Her work is shaped by experiences and relationships; specifically, family memories of her mother's work as a housekeeper, her grandparent's chicken farm, and her father's livelihood as a construction worker and builder.



Pooja Pittie is a self-taught visual artist based in Chicago, whose work explores the complex interplay between body and mind, movement and stillness. Living with a progressive form of muscular dystrophy, her work draws on the dynamics between a slowing body and an active, curious mind. She weaves together personal memories, cultural heritage, motherhood, and her experiences of disability, creating intricate compositions that speak to resilience and identity.



Pooja Pittie

Meet the Five Artists

Moises Salazar Tlantenchi



Growing up in Chicago to immigrant parents, Moises Salazar Tlantenchi experienced firsthand the instability of living in the United States and the violence one can face. Their paintings act as a visual exploration of their interest in Colonial, Mexican, and Catholic histories, primarily alongside LGBTQIA+ narratives. Using glitter, a material often stigmatized, they create depictions of queer and immigrant bodies, with faceless figures serving as a stand-in for any queer Latinx youth. The figures are proudly defiant and glamorous.

Jooseal Lee explores the beauty of individuality and the collective narrative that emerges when we come together. In her work, each tea bag represents a unique individual, steeped in their own experiences, memories, and emotions. The colors and textures symbolize their personal journeys, with the variations in hue and depth reflecting the complexity of human emotions and experiences. Just as tea bags are infused with diverse flavors and aromas, each person carries within them a richness that contributes to the tapestry of life.



Jooseal Lee

KIDS & FAMILIES

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

Stay and Play

Age 2–6

Tuesdays, 10–11 am

Together Time

Age 0–23 months

Wednesdays through August 13
10–11:30 am

Puppet Playtime

Age 2–8

Wednesdays,
July 2,
August 6
10:30–11 am
(online)



DPM

Sensory Art

All ages

Wednesday,
July 1, 1–3 pm,
and Tuesday,
July 22, 3–5 pm

Nature Play

Age 2–6

Mondays, 9:30–10:30 am

Improv with Northlight Theatre

Grade 4–8

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29, 5–6 pm

DPM

Disability Pride Storytime

Age 0–6

Wednesday, July 9, 1:30–2 pm

Make It Yourself

Age PreK+

Fridays, July 11, August 22, 4:30–5:30 pm



Who's on the Bus (at Winnebago Park)?

All ages

Saturday, July 12, noon–1:30 pm

Pokémon Club

Age 8–12

Tuesdays, July 15, August 19, 4:30–5:30 pm

Guinea Pig Appreciation Day

Age 5–13

Wednesday, July 16, 2:30–3:30 or 4:30–5:30 pm



DPM **Developmental Playgroup**
Age 0–5
Fridays, July 18, August 15, 1:30–2:30 pm

DPM **Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour**
All ages
Sundays, July 20, August 17, 11 am–noon

DPM **Sensory-Friendly Family Movie**
Dog Man
Monday, July 21
2:30–4 pm
Paddington in Peru
Monday, August 18
2–4 pm



Storytimes

TUESDAYS July 8–29

Preschool Storytime 3–6 years 1:30–2 pm

WEDNESDAYS July 9–August 13

Babies and Tots
Storytime Outdoors 0–23 months 9:30–10 am

THURSDAYS July 10–August 14

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

FRIDAYS July 11–August 15

Melody and Motion 0–6 years 10–10:30 am

SATURDAYS July 12–August 16

Family Storytime all ages 10–10:30 am

SUNDAYS

DPM Melody and Motion 12:15–12:45 pm
Sensory Storytime all ages July 20, August 17
Babies and Tots 12:15–12:35 pm
Storytime Outdoors 0–23 months July 27, August 24

Family Movie
The Bad Guys
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30–8:15 pm

DPM **DIY Support Tools for Kids and Teens with ADHD**
Age 5+
Wednesday, July 23, 1–2 pm



Party in the Park at Tecumseh Park
All ages
Friday, July 25
4:30–6:30 pm



Art in the Park
At Greenwood St. and McCormick Blvd.
All ages
Saturday, July 26, 1–3 pm

Kindergarten 101

Sunday, July 27, 1–2 pm

Wednesday,
August 13
6–7 pm



DPM **Art Exploration: Judith Scott**
Age 6–12

Wednesday, July 30, 4:30–5:15 pm

Family Time Capsules

Age 0–12

Monday, August 4, 6–7 pm

Preschool Exploration

Age 3–6

Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 1:30–2 pm

Party in the Park at Laramie Park

All ages

Saturday, August 9, 1–2:30 pm



Jim Gill Concert and Playful Writing Activity

Sunday, August 10
1:30–3 pm

Y2K Craft Party

Age 5+

Thursday, August 14, 4:30–5:30 pm

Popsicle Party

Age 5–8

Friday, August 15
4:30–5:30 pm

Movie Marathon: Millennial Favorites

Saturday, August 23, 11 am–5:30 pm

Sunday, August 24, 12:30–5:30 pm



Community Drum Circle

Sunday, August 24, 3–4 pm

Adventure Club: Taskmaster Editions

Age 5–10

Tuesday, August 26, 4:30–6 pm

Storytime Stroll

Age 0–5

Wednesday, August 27, 10–10:45 am

Tweens

Age 8–12

Volunteering

Make Microgreens

Friday, July 11, 1–2 pm

The Amazing Human Body

Neurons

Sunday, July 27, 3–4 pm

Hands

Saturday, August 9, 2–3 pm

Tween Art: Oven-Baked Clay

Tuesday, August 5
1–2 pm

Snack Attack: Back to School

Friday, August 8
5:30–6:30 pm



WATCH FOR THE BOOK BIKE



Be on the lookout this summer for our book bike! You can find us, weather permitting, at all sorts of events. You may even spot us exploring your neighborhood on one of our community rides. Come say hello, chat, and maybe get a book to take home!



skokie.info/bookbike



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.

Tabletop Game Creation



Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 4–6 pm



Teen Summer Service

Monarch Community Science Project

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30–11:30 am

Book Worms

Fridays, July 11, 18, 25, 3–4:30 pm

Crafting for a Cause

Sundays, July 13, 27, 1–2:30 pm

DPM Disability Pride Picnic

Sunday, July 20, 12:15–1:15 pm

Hide and Seek After Hours for High School Students

Saturday, August 2, 5:30–8 pm

Welcome Back Bash

Tuesday, August 12, 4–6 pm

Monday, August 25, 12:30–2:30 pm

Imagining Positive Futures

Thursday, August 21, 5:30–6:30 pm

Courtyard Games

Tuesday, August 26, 4–5 pm

FOR ADULTS

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

ESL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

Nature's Timetable

Monday, July 7, 11 am–noon

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, July 8, August 12, 1:30–2:30 pm



Third Space Thursdays

Self-Portrait

July 10, 2–4 or 6:30–8:30 pm

Play with Clay

July 24, 6:30–8:30 pm

Trivia from the Year 2000

August 7, 6:30–8:30 pm

Word Games and Wordsmithing

August 21, 6:30–8:30 pm



Ins and Outs of Pet Adoption

Saturday, July 12, 11 am–noon

Health and Plastic

Sunday, July 13, 2–3 pm

Eat Healthy: Nutrition for Adults 55+

Wednesday, July 16, 10–11 am

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, July 18, August 15, 1–2 pm



YIVO Presents Jewish Jokes and Yiddish Implications

Conducted primarily in Yiddish

Sunday, July 20, 3–4:15 pm

Broken Shoulders Project Presents Stories for Adults

Tuesday, July 22, 6–7 pm



Learn About Disability Pride Month

Saturday, July 26, 2–4 pm

Learn to Play Mahjong

Tuesday, July 29, 2–4 pm

Heart Health for Adults 55+

Wednesday, August 6, 10–11 am

Bullet Journaling Basics

Wednesday, August 6, 5:30–6:30 pm



Accessibility Tools for People Who Are Visually Impaired

Thursday, August 7, 6:30–8 pm

YIVO Presents Tales from Jewish Tradition

Tuesday, August 12, 7–8 pm

Researching Local History

Thursday, August 14, 3–4 pm

Job Seekers: Resume and Cover Letter Review

Wednesday, July 16, 6–8 pm

Saturday, August 16, 10 am–noon



Who Am I?

Stamp a Self-Portrait at the Bookmobile

Saturday, August 16, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
(at Niles Township Government office)

Skokie Millennium Time Capsule Opening and Celebration

After 25 years, it's time to open this time capsule. What will we find inside?

Sunday, August 17, 1:30–3:30 pm

Breast Health for Adults 55+

Wednesday, August 20, 10–11 am

Versiti Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 26, 1:30–6 pm



Performances Free tickets given out at 2:30 pm for Sunday performances

Alloy Horn Quartet: Soothing Sounds

Listen to the music as a traditional concert, or participate in reflective practices as well with these musicians who are also trained in meditation.

Sunday, July 13, 3 pm

Violin and Cello Duo

Jonathan Kuo and Alexei Romanenko

Sunday, August 31, 3 pm

Wednesdays on the Green

Entertainment on the Village Green for all ages

Wednesdays at 7 pm through August 13,
except July 2 and August 6

Movies (drop in)

Morning Movie

Piece by Piece

Monday, July 7, 10 am

Wednesday, July 16, 10 am

Akeelah and the Bee

Monday, August 4, 10 am

Wednesday, August 20, 10 am



Friday Film

Fridays

A Dog's Way Home

July 11, 1:30 pm

A Complete Unknown

July 25, 1:30 pm and 6 pm

The Photograph

August 8, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Bride & Prejudice

August 29, 1:30 pm



Movie Night

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Short Films Shot Locally

July 15

I'm Still Here

August 19



Technology

One-on-One Tech Help

Wednesdays, 2–4 pm (except July 2)

Overview of Platforms for Building Websites

Monday, July 14, 5:30–6:30 pm

Search Engine Optimization and Website Discoverability

Tuesdays, July 22 and 29, noon–1 pm

Why Is the Internet so Full of Junk?

Wednesday, July 23, 5:30–6:30 pm

Computer Basics: Navigating the Internet

Friday, July 25, 11 am–noon

Introduction to Google Slides

Saturday, July 26, 10:30–11:30 am

iPhone Basics

Sunday, July 27, 1–2 pm

A Fresh Look at Microsoft Edge

Thursday, July 31, 5:30–6:30 pm

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

Saturday, August 9, 10:30–11:30 am

Talking Tech: Data Privacy and Online Security

Tuesday, August 12, 5:30–6:30 pm

Using Apple Notes

Monday, August 18, 1–2 pm

Getting Started with Libby and Hoopla

Thursday, August 28, 11 am–noon

Getting Started with Google Drive and Cloud Storage

Thursday, August 28, noon–1 pm

Book Discussions and Book Talks

Book Trails Walking Club

Wednesdays, July 2, 16,
August 6, 20, 4:30–5:30 pm
(at Emily Oaks Nature Center)

Fantasy Book Club

The Adventures of
Amina Al-Sirafi
Tuesday, July 8, 7–8 pm

LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

Sitting Pretty 
July 9

Literacheers!
August 13

Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

Saturday Night at the
Lakeside Supper Club
July 16

From Here to the
Great Unknown
August 20

Mystery Book Club

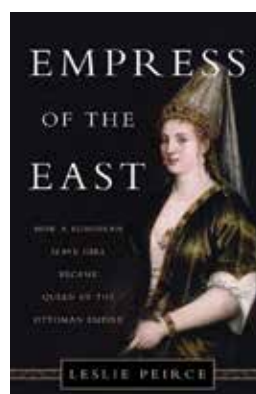
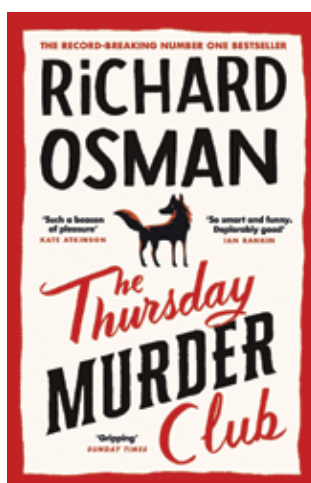
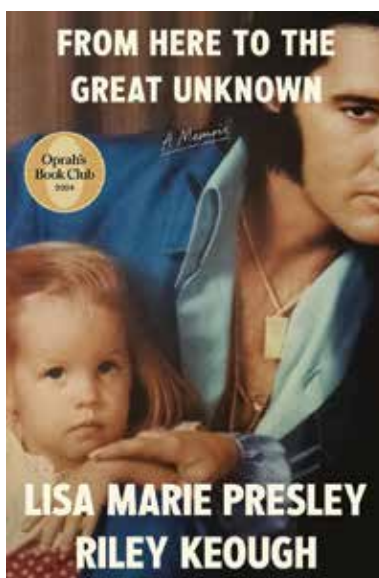
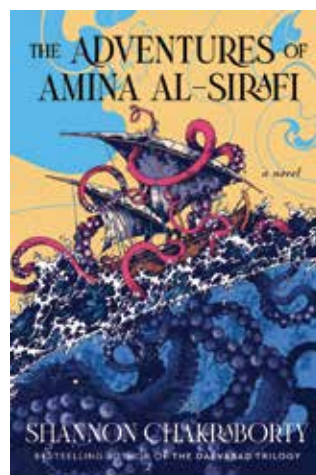
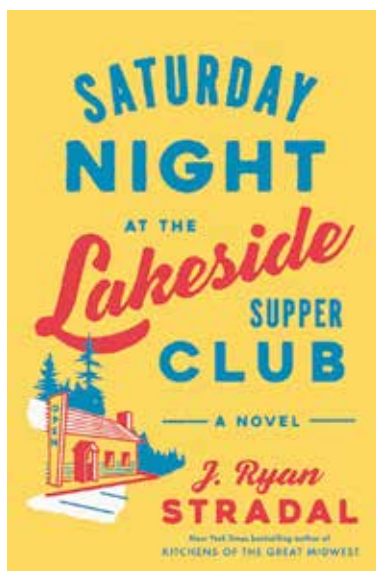
The Thursday Murder Club
Wednesday, August 6, 7–8:30 pm

Books and Brews at Soul Good Coffee

Saturday, August 23, 10–11 am

Pages Through History

Empress of the East
Wednesday, August 27, 7–8:45 pm



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How Do We Do Summer Reading?



We're offering fun for all ages. These special events are in addition to all the other events you'll find throughout this newsletter.

Summer Game Fest

Featuring Clue, lawn games, puzzles, classic and family-friendly games, a Mario Kart tournament, miniature painting, bingo, and more!

Mondays, July 7 and 28, 1–4 pm

Reading Party

Grab a book and join a reading party. We'll provide snacks and recommendations for refreshing summer reads.

Sunday, July 20, 3–4 pm

Art in the Park

Get creative with the bookmobile at Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park (Greenwood St. and McCormick Blvd.).

Saturday, July 26, 1–3 pm

Summer Reading Finale

Celebrate the end of summer reading with an hour of fun activities!

Friday, August 1, 6–7 pm

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