



March & April 2025



Meet Our Maker in Residence

JULIE OH



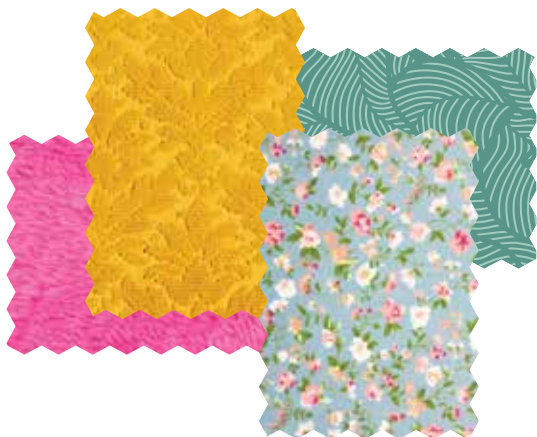
maker in residence

As our first maker in residence, Julie Oh sees sewing as both an art form and a practical tool. In her upcoming work in the Studio during March, she hopes to help create a ripple effect of creativity, sustainability, and resourcefulness throughout the library.

Daughter of a dressmaker, Julie began sewing at age 11 and has always been fascinated by creating new designs and experimenting with fabric. Her love for vintage fashion and sustainability inspired her to transform a collection of vintage scarves into children's dresses. She also draws inspiration for her creations from her Korean heritage and from mid-century modern design.

During the residency, Julie hopes to work closely with others in the community who share an interest in sewing, design, and sustainability. She would love to collaborate with talented individuals, sharing her skills and helping them transform their ideas into tangible, useful creations.

Come and enjoy this versatile and timeless craft while using the equipment and machines that are available in the makerspace. Through workshops and collaborative projects, Julie aims to empower you to explore sewing as a medium for personal expression, sustainable fashion, and practical utility.





Get to Know the Board



Gene Griffin

Gene Griffin, J.D., Ph.D., has been a library trustee since 2015 and is currently the Board president. He is an attorney and clinical psychologist retired from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, where he spent his career working with high-risk youth in child welfare, children's mental health, education, and juvenile justice.

He has particularly enjoyed the board's role in adapting the library offerings as the community's use of the library has changed, including completing a total renovation of the building. He is committed to the library values of intellectual freedom, and equity, diversity, and inclusion.



Shabnam Mahmood

Shabnam Mahmood has been a member of the library Board since 2020 and currently serves as vice president. A self-described bookworm from an early age, she continues to explore new titles and attend events. Shabnam is a writer and university educator who holds a graduate degree in British and children's literature.

She appreciates her colleagues on the board and values the opportunity to learn from people with diverse perspectives and backgrounds. Shabnam enjoys witnessing the community come together in the library, a safe and judgment-free space where individuals can discover themselves and connect with others.



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Julie will have regular office hours in the Studio throughout March. Check the Studio for details. Julie will also be leading the following events—capacity is limited, registration required unless noted.

Alteration Basics

For adults. Bring 1–2 pieces of clothing to alter or mend.
Thursday, March 6, 5:30–7 pm

Decorate a Quilt Square

Drop-in event for kids 5–12.
Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 am–noon

Use Recycled Materials with Our Maker in Residence

For adults. Use recycled fabrics and materials to make pouches, totes bags, or a quilt square. Great option: bring recycled fabric or clothes to use.
Thursday, March 20, 1–2:30 pm

Collage Quilt Squares

For grades 9–12. Learn basic sewing skills and make a square for our community quilt.
Tuesday, March 25, 4:30–6 pm

maker
in residence

We're Making a **COMMUNITY QUILT**

During all of March, everyone is welcome to stop by the Studio to pick up a template and instructions for making a square to contribute to our quilt. You can make your square in the Studio or take the instructions home and then come back with your completed square. We can't wait to see how Julie puts everything together to make a one-of-a-kind Skokie Public Library creation!

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WHM Women's History Month events

AAHM Arab American Heritage Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed April 20

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ADA 35

Americans with Disabilities Act

Celebrating All Year

Throughout 2025, we are highlighting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which turns 35 this year. We'll be both celebrating its accomplishments and bringing awareness to the work still left undone.

An important civil rights law, the ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life. This includes jobs, schools, transportation, and all public places and private places that are open to the public. The ADA became federal law July 26, 1990, and intends to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else.

The ADA is the living testament to our nation's commitment that we will always stand up for our neighbors' right to live fulfilling lives.

—Tammy Duckworth,
U.S. Senate

Civil rights are not a guarantee of the good life, but an equal opportunity and responsibility to participate in producing the good life for oneself and for all. Government alone cannot implement ADA; this is a responsibility of all Americans.

—Justin Dart, "Father" of ADA

During March and April, people with various disabilities can participate in any of these events:

Friend Squad

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2
6–7:30 pm

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8
1:30–2:30 pm

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

Sunday, March 16, 11 am–noon

Melody and Motion Sensory Story Time

Sunday, March 16, 12:15–12:45 pm

Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays, March 19, April 16
1:30–2:30 pm

Sensory Coloring Hour

Wednesday, April 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

Neurodiverse Students and the Transition to College

Thursday, April 10, 5–6:30 pm

Book Discussion:

I Will Die on This Hill

Thursday, April 16, 7–8:30 pm

DIY Sensory Support Tools

Friday, April 18, 1:30–2:30 pm

All Brains Are Beautiful

Monday, April 28, 6:30–7:30 pm

Find additional events throughout the year, explore lists of materials our staff have created, and see more resources at skokielibrary.info/events/ada-35



Disability is a portal, a way of focusing our gaze and sharpening our lens on the intricacies of our humanity.

—Alice Wong
author of *Disability Visibility*



LearningExpress

Great Resource for High School,
College, and Career

Looking for a way to level up your academic, professional, or personal skills? Try LearningExpress, an online resource for teens and adults that's free for everyone who has a Skokie Public Library card. What will you find? An extensive library of practice tests, interactive tutorials, college and career guides, and more.

Especially for High School and College Students

High schoolers can take advantage of a comprehensive collection of practice tests, study guides, and flashcards for the SAT, ACT, and AP exams. College students will find the same materials for GRE exams. There also are exercises to improve math, reading, and writing, plus college readiness materials such as essay writing guides, interview prep, and tips for navigating the application process.

For Career Exploration and Advancement

For teens and adults, LearningExpress offers resources that include resume-building tools and job search strategies as well as test prep for occupational certifications in nursing, real estate, civil service, law enforcement, and more. In addition, GED prep resources are available in English and Spanish.

How to Get Started

Once you create a LearningExpress account, you can save your work in progress and create a personalized learning plan.

Create your account:
skokie.info/teenlearning



Get Homework Help Through Tutor.com

Connect with expert tutors for live, one-on-one help with homework assignments. You can use this free service, with your Skokie Public Library card, from your computer at home or inside the library to get help completing your homework assignments and improving your grades.

This free service is available seven days a week for English and Spanish-speaking students in kindergarten to college, from noon to midnight. Each session lasts about 20 minutes. Create a free Tutor.com account for your family and use up to five sessions a week.

Additional resources include writing review, where you submit a draft of your written work and get comments back within 24 hours, as well as practice quizzes for various levels of English and algebra. There are also videos in subjects such as statistics and grammar, and resources for SAT/ACT/AP preparation. The skills center offers worksheets and problem sets in various areas of science, social studies, and more.

And as if getting help with school work isn't enough, Tutor.com also features a college and career center, where you can get help with resumes and cover letters.



Watch a video here:
skokie.info/tutor

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.skokielinearly.info.



WHM

Seeing and Celebrating Women International Women's Day Service Project

Saturday, March 8, 3-4 pm

Asking for a Friend

Wednesdays, March 19 and April 23, 4:30-6 pm

Explore Coding Careers

Tuesday, March 25, 2-3:30 pm

Navigating Student Loans

Monday, April 7, 7-8:30 pm (online)

Teen Craft: Moon Phases Wall Hanging

Friday, April 11, 4:30-5:30 pm

Headed to College

Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 pm (online)

AAHM

Teen Book Chat with Baklava

Sunday, April 27, 3-4 pm

Teen Summer Service

Starting April 25, complete the online form for volunteer opportunities that will start June 9. More info: skokielinearly.info/volunteer

KIDS & FAMILIES

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

Preschool Exploration

Age 3–6
Tuesdays, March 4 and 11, 10–10:30 am

Stay and Play

Age 2–6
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 am

alphabet soup

Dance Party

Age 3–6
Tuesdays, March 4, 25, 1:30–2 pm

Together Time

Age 0–23 months
Wednesdays (except April 16 and 23)
10–11:30 am

Puppet Playtime

Age 2–8
Wednesdays, March 5, April 2, 10:30–11 am (online)

Math Party
Age 5–8
Wednesdays, March 5, April 2
4:30–5:30 pm

Mathematics
 $2 \times 2 = 4$
 $A + B$
 $\frac{A}{C} - \frac{B}{C} = \frac{A-B}{C}$
 $15 \times 15 = 225$

Cabin Fever: Family Game Night

Friday, March 7,
6:30–7:30 pm (online)
Tuesday, March 25,
6:30–7:30 pm (online)



What Is Holi?

All ages
Saturday, March 8, 3:30–4:30 pm

Chapter Book Chats

Age 5–8
Mondays, March 10, April 14, 4:30–5:30 pm

Adventure Club

Age 5–10



New Zealand

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30–5:15 pm or
1:30–2:30 pm (homeschoolers)

Kids Open Gaming

Age 5–12
Tuesdays, March 11, 25, April 8, 22, 4–6 pm

For Tweens

Age 8–12

Watercolor Painting for Tweens

Thursday, March 6, 4:30–5:30 pm

Pokémon Club

Age 8–12
Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, 4:30–5:30 pm

Tween Volunteering

Library Helpers
Monday, March 24, noon–1 pm

Cards for Seniors

Friday, April 25, 5:30–6:30 pm

Improv Fun

Tuesday, March 25, 2:30–3:30 pm

Snack Attack: Mini Pizza

Friday, April 4, 5:30–6:30 pm

Tween Felting Hour

Monday, April 7, 4:30–5:30 pm



Tween STEAM: Balloon Rockets

Thursday, April 10, 4:30–5:30 pm

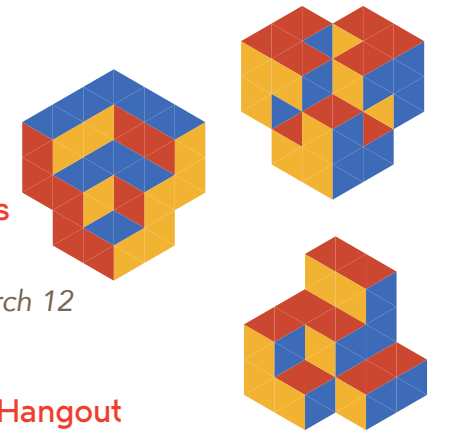
Upcycled Hedgehog Craft

Friday, April 11, 4:30–5:30 pm



Building Blocks

Age 5–8
Wednesday, March 12
4:30–5:30 pm



Graphic Novel Hangout

Age 7–12
Thursdays, March 13, April 17, 4:30–5:30 pm

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

All ages
Sunday, March 16, 11 am–noon



Little Miss Ann Concert for Kids

All ages
Monday, March 17, 11 am–11:45 am

Global Recycling Day

Age 5+
Tuesday, March 18, 5–6 pm





Fairy Tale Dance Party

Age <6

Friday, March 21
10–10:30 am

Science Club Jr.

Age 3–6

Fridays, March 21,
April 25, 11–11:30 am



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

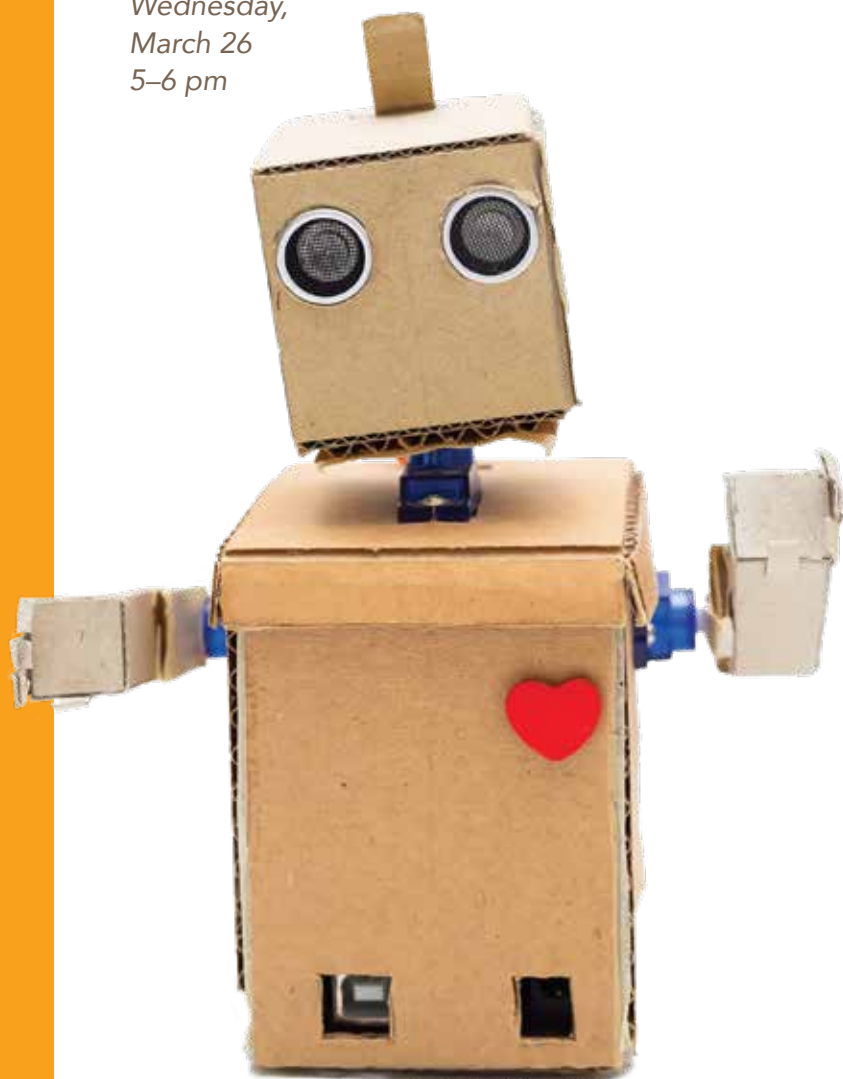
Monday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 25,
4–4:45 pm

Family Movie: *The Wild Robot*

Wednesday, March 26, 3 pm or 6 pm

The Wild Robot Crafts

Wednesday,
March 26
5–6 pm



Teen-Led STEAM Projects for Kids

Age 6–11

Thursday, March 27, 3–4 pm

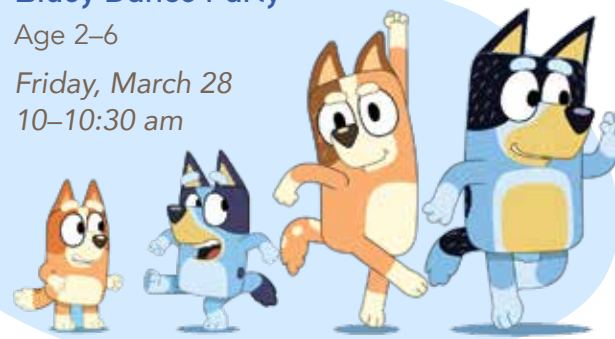
Pixar Palooza

Thursday, March 27, 6:30–8 pm

Bluey Dance Party

Age 2–6

Friday, March 28
10–10:30 am



Mario Kart Tournament

Age 8–14

Friday, March 28, 2–4 pm

Make It Yourself

Age PreK+

Fridays, March 28, April 18, 4:30–5:30 pm

Lego Open Play

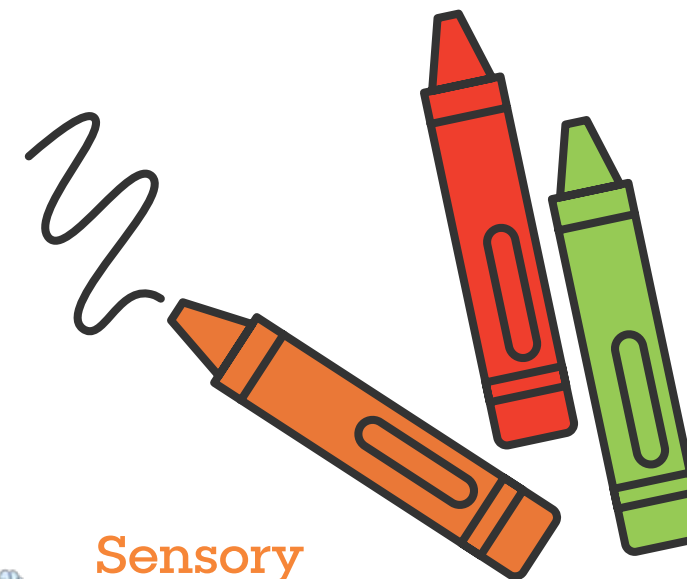
All ages

Mondays, March 31, April 28, 4:30–5:30 pm



Books and Bites: Arab American Heritage Month

Thursday, April 3
6:30–7:15 pm
All ages



Sensory Coloring Hour

Age 5–12

Wednesday, April 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

Playdough Playtime

Age 5–8

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

DIY Sensory Support Tools

Age 5+

Friday, April 18, 1:30–2:30 pm

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30–6:30 pm

Read to a Sea Creature

Age 5–8

Thursday, April 24, 4:30–5:15 pm

Be the Scientist: What Is Compost?

Age 5–10

Tuesday, April 29
4:30–5:15 pm
or 2–3 pm
(homeschoolers)



Celebrate Día: Children's Day/ Book Day

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30–8 pm

Storytimes

TUESDAYS April only

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

WEDNESDAYS except March 19 and 26

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
except April 30
Internationa Book Day all ages 1:30–2 pm
April 2 only

THURSDAYS except March 13, 20, 27

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

FRIDAYS except March 21 and 28

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

SATURDAYS except March 22 and 29

Family Storytime all ages 10–10:30 am

SUNDAYS

Babies and Tots
Storytime 0–23 months 12:15–12:35 pm
March 9, April 13
Melody and Motion
Sensory Storytime all ages 12:15–12:45 pm
March 16

FOR ADULTS

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

ELL Literacy Circle

Tuesdays, through June 13 (except March 25), 10 am–noon

WHM Exploring Space with Coralie Adam
Tuesday, March 4, 7–8 pm (online)



ESL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

Know Your Rights: Name and Gender Marker Changes

Wednesday, March 5, 7–8 pm (online)

Niles Township Property Tax Assessments and Appeals

Monday, March 10, 6–7:30 pm

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, March 11, April 8, 1:30–2:30 pm

High School District 219 Art Exhibit Reception

Wednesday, March 12, 6–7 pm

Third Space Thursdays

Thursdays, 2–4 pm or 6:30–8:30 pm

Bad Art Night

March 13

Learn Easy Hand Embroidery
April 3



Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, March 14, April 11, 1–2 pm



Navigating Grief and Loss: Tools to Cope

Sunday, March 16, 1–2 pm

WHM Empowering Women in Business
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30–7:30 pm

How to Have Better Disagreements

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30–7:30 pm

Writing a Book: From Idea to Shelf to Reader

Thursday, March 20
6:30–8 pm



Spring Gardening Preparation and Seed Swap

Thursday, March 27, 6–7 pm

Find What Works to Calm Your Mind: Explore Types of Meditation

Thursday, April 3, 2–3 pm

Planning for Retirement

Thursday, April 3, 7–8:30 pm (online)



Bookmobile Bonanza

Wednesday, April 9

McNally Park
3:15–4 pm

Terminal Park
4:30–5:30 pm

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7–8 pm (online)

AAHM Moroccan Mosaics: Tile Coasters
Thursday, April 17, 5:30–7 pm

Terry Savage Talks Money

Wednesday, April 23, 7–8:30 pm (online)

Rethinking Lawns: Incorporating Native Plants into Home Landscapes

Thursday, April 24, 6:30–7:30 pm



All Brains Are Beautiful

Monday, April 28
6:30–7:30 pm



Performances

Free tickets given out at 2:30 pm

Young Steinway Concerts

Sundays at 3 pm

Joseph Kim, Guitar, and Yuriy Rogachev, Piano
March 2

Sasha Varchenko, Violin, and Allison Zhang, Piano
April 6

Landon Kim, Violin, and Prasad Piano Duo
April 13

WHM Breakthrough!
Dances for Curious Minds

Sunday, March 9, 3 pm



WHM

Christy Bennett Sings the Music of Irene Higginbotham: Oft-Overlooked Songwriter

Sunday, March 16, 3 pm



Black Tulip Ensemble

Music from the Dutch 17th Century
Sunday, April 27, 3 pm



Book Discussions and Book Talks

Photo by Matt Glavin

Pages Through History

Master, Slave, Husband, Wife
Wednesday, March 5, 7–8:30 pm

Remarkably Bright Creatures

Wednesday, March 11, 7–8 pm

LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

WHM Pelican Girls
March 12

The Light Eaters
April 9

Talking Books Discussion Group

Wednesdays,
1:30–2:30 pm

The Last Chance Library
March 19

No Time Like the Future
April 16

Book Trails Walking Club

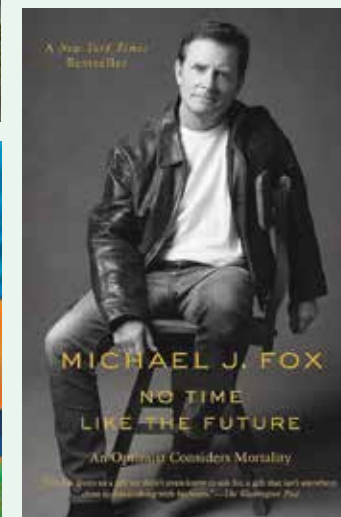
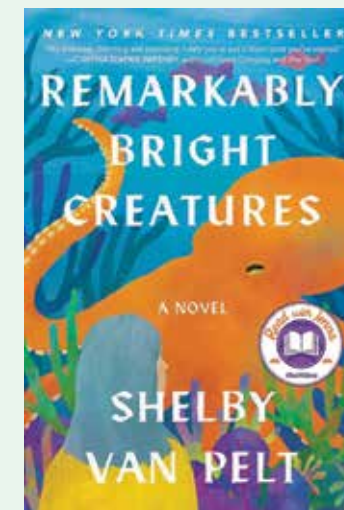
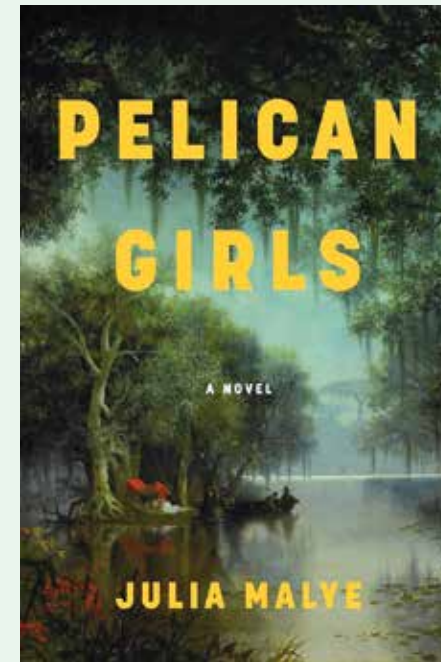
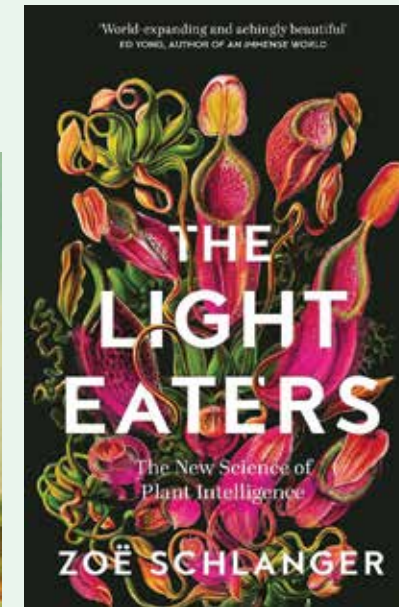
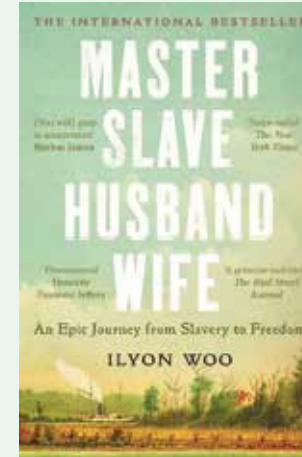
Wednesdays, April 2 and 16
4:30–5:30 pm
(at Emily Oaks Nature Center)

Let's Get Together Book Club

Thursdays, March 20–May 15
(except April 24)
6:30–7:30 pm

I Will Die on This Hill

Thursday, April 16, 7–8:30 pm



Technology

Introduction to Google Sheets

Saturday, March 1, 10:30–11:30 am

One-on-One Tech Help

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–4 pm

Exploring Creativity and AI

Wednesday, March 5, 3–4 pm

Online Learning with Library Resources

Saturday, March 8, 10:30–11:30 am



Cables, Ports, and Plugs

Thursday, March 13, 11 am–noon

Spring Clean Your Devices

Monday, March 17, 11 am–noon

Exploring AI Tools: Microsoft Copilot

Thursday, March 20, 6–7 pm

Introduction to Microsoft Office 365

Tuesday, March 25, 2–3 pm

Using Transportation Applications

Wednesday, April 2 3:30–4:30 pm (in Urdu)

Scams and Phishing: Staying Safe Online

Tuesday, April 8, 3–4 pm

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, April 12, 10:30–11:30 am

Digitizing and Preserving Family Archives

Wednesday, April 16, 3:30–4:30 pm

Using Your Phone to Plan Travel

Monday, April 21, 3–4 pm

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



Movies

(drop in)

Friday Film

Fridays

 9 to 5
March 7, 1:30 pm

White Bird
March 14
1:30 and 6:30 pm

iMordecai
April 11
1:30 and 6:30 pm

Enchanted April
April 25, 1:30 pm

 9 to 5:
**The Story of
a Movement**

Watch online between
1 pm on Friday,
March 21 and midnight
on Sunday, March 23



Morning Movie

Wednesdays at 10 am

Queen of Katwe
March 19

The Mitchells vs. the Machines
April 16

Movie Night

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

 Half the Picture
March 18

A School in Cerro Hueso
and Unspoken
April 15