



SKOKIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

May & June 2021



NEIGHBORHOOD ADVENTURES



June-August

Two ways to participate:

Online at skokielibrary.info/summerreading

Get a paper map from the summer reading display at the library or bookmobile



www.skokielibrary.info



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Skokie, IL 60077
847-673-7774
tellus@skokielibrary.info

For current hours and services,
call or go to skokielibrary.info/hours
Visiting the library?
Go to skokielibrary.info/what-to-expect

KIDS & FAMILIES

All events are held online.
Sign up for all events to
get the link to attend at
events.skokiellibrary.info.
Check the deadlines to sign up,
and we'll let you know how to
pick up supplies if needed.

Little Kids

Face-to-Face Time

Mondays, 1:30–2:30 pm
(except May 31)

Library Dance Party

Tuesdays, 10:30–11 am

Preschool Puppet Playtime

Wednesdays, May 5, 12,
June 2, 9, 10:30–11 am

Storytime

Thursdays, 1:30–2 pm

Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, 10:30–11 am

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30–11 am



Pride Storytime

Saturday, June 13, 1:30–2 pm

Families

Adventure Club

Tuesdays, 3:30–4:15 pm

May 11: Hawaii

June 8: Berlin

Family Game Night

Fridays, May 7, 21, June 4, 18, 6:30–7:15 pm

Fun with Rainbow Therapy Dogs

Children with disabilities and their families

Sundays, May 23 and June 20, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Be the Artist

Mondays, May 17 and June 21, 5:30–6 pm



Code Monsters

Tuesdays, May 18 and June 15, 3:30–4:30 pm



Family Art Party in a Bag: Reserve Your Kit

Sign up by Friday, May 28 or June 25

June 18 and 19

Activities for kids,
teens, and adults

Celebrate Juneteenth

skokiellibrary.info/juneteenth

Interactive Storytime: A Princess, a Prince, and a Dragon

Wednesday, June 16, 10:30–11 am OR 1:30–2 pm



School-Age Kids

Show and Tell

Fridays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25,
4:30–5:30 pm, Ages 6–9

Sparkle and Shine

Jewelry Design

Sundays, noon–1 pm

May 9: Rosette Bracelet

June 27: Magic Wand Pendant



Origami Workshop

Wednesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

May 12: Flowers

May 26: Birds



Booking with a Buddy

Details: skokilibrary.info/bookingbuddy

Registration opens June 1 for grades 1–3



Kids Book Chat: Pride

Wednesday, June 9, 6:30–7 pm

Mythical Creature Crafts: Mermaids

Saturday, June 13, 3–3:30 pm OR 4–4:30 pm

Hand-Sewn Plushies for Kids

Thursday, June 24 OR Tuesday, June 29,
4:30–5:30 pm



Visit skokilibrary.info/aapihm
to learn about all of our events
honoring Asian American and
Pacific Islanders Heritage Month!



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events honoring Pride Month!

Teens

Teen Library Collaborative

Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

Connect, Transform, Act: Teens Take Action and Take Care

Fridays in May, 3:30–4:30 pm

Sew a Plushie!

Two-Part Workshop

Tuesdays,

May 11 and 18,

4:30–5:30 pm



Hallyu Fan Meetup

Monday, May 24, 4:30–5:30 pm

Headed to College

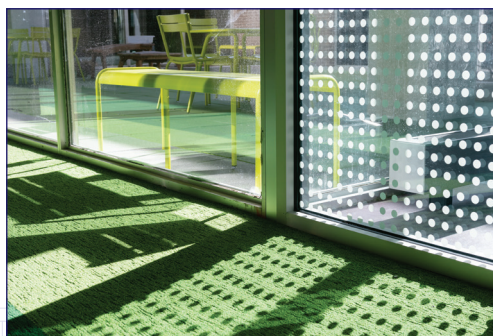
Wednesday, May 26, 6:30–7:30 pm





RENOVATION 2020

PHASE THREE: **The Kids Room**



We're almost there! At our print deadline, the construction crews were taking care of the last details and staff were moving picture books to their new shelves in the Kids Room. In fact, all of our books are now back from storage and available for you to check out and enjoy.

skokielibrary.info/renovation

What does a collection development librarian do



Meet Our Collection Development Team

Making sure we have the best materials possible for you to check out and use is the mission of our collection development staff. It's a huge responsibility choosing among the overwhelming number of titles published every year, and that's only a part of their jobs. Meet them and find out more about what they do and how much they love their jobs and our community.



Dave

Curates: youth nonfiction, biography, graphic novel, and paperback series collections

"It's my job to select materials that are well-balanced, accurate, and desirable. I also remove, or "weed" materials that are in poor condition, contain incorrect or outdated information, and show evidence of lack of use or interest."

Currently reading Bloom by Kenneth Oppel, and watching the exciting second season of For All Mankind



Megan

Curates: adult fiction, romance, cooking, health, self-help, home and garden, arts, crafts, pets, travel, sports, and CD audiobooks

"I make sure we have books that our patrons expect to find, plus plenty of books that surprise them, expand their horizons and fill them with the joys of learning, imagining, and reflecting their emotions. There's also a lot of physical work, since we're constantly displaying, shifting, moving, and adjusting our collections to make them more accessible and attractive."

Currently reading Just As I Am by Cicely Tyson



Larissa

Curates: world languages

"My first language is Russian. My passion is to make sure all members of the community have access to books and other materials in the language they want. I provide support to language learners and can give recommendations in almost any language the library has. I will never tell you 'we can't get it for you' if the item exists somewhere in the world."

Currently reading *This Other Eden* by Ben Elton, and watching *Resident Alien*



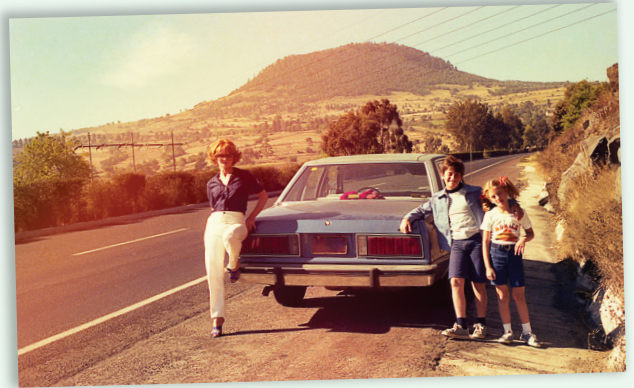
Steven

Curates: adult nonfiction, mysteries, large type, adult and teen graphic novels, and oversize paperback fiction

"I make discoveries so our patrons can make discoveries. I have to know a lot about books, of course, but just as important, I need to know about Skokie readers. I have a wonderful job because I absolutely believe in the product I am supporting. I know through my own experience that books can make for a better, richer, more pleasurable life."

Currently reading *A Place for Everything: The Curious History of Alphabetical Order* by Judith Flanders

What is the funniest thing you've found on the shelves?



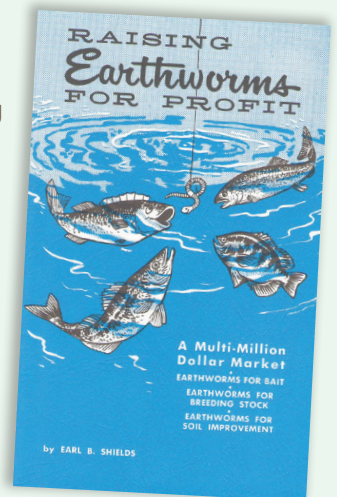
I once found a family photo. Luckily, I recognized them and was able to return it to the family.

—Dave

I always giggle at books on dog obedience that come back to the library all chewed up. (We replace those copies.) —Megan

I made a point of keeping our withdrawn 1959 copy of *Raising Earthworms for Profit* in case this librarian thing doesn't work out for me.

—Steven



Personal pictures, receipts from stores, a few medical insurance cards, squares of toilet paper. People use anything as bookmarks! —Larissa

What's something you wish more people knew about your work ?



Denise

Curates: junior high and teen collections, digital materials (Overdrive) for kids and teens, and video games for all ages

"I don't get to read all day (but I'd love to!). Sometimes people write off young adult novels as "bad," but I promise that they are some of the best books out there for adults as well as teens right now!"

Currently reading Love Is a Revolution by Renee Watson, and watching Kim's Convenience



Annabelle

Curates: adult eBooks and downloadable audiobooks, science fiction, and technology

"Publishers do not send libraries free books! We have to buy them all through various distributors."

Currently reading A World without Email by Cal Newport, and watching the HBO series High Maintenance



Sharon

Curates: movies and music

"Most popular original movies and series created to stream on subscription services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, Hulu or Apple TV+ usually are not available to order on DVD/Blu-ray, but I keep checking!"

Currently reading Dark Archive: Invisible Library Novel 7 by Genevieve Cogman, and watching lots of things for awards season



Christine

Curates: youth fiction from birth through grade 5

"How interesting it is! It's also super time-consuming. I don't just sit at a computer and order books."

Currently reading On Fire by Naomi Klein and rewatching Game of Thrones

What are YOU reading or watching?

In a recent week, these four types of items accounted for almost a quarter of everything checked out:

Picture books
Feature films
Easy readers
Kids fiction (also known as chapter books)



More great things found on shelves

An airplane ticket being used as a bookmark.
I love to know that our patrons are taking our materials with them on their adventures. —Denise

A baggie containing part of a sandwich that someone put down and forgot
—Christine



An uncashed rent check made out to a coworker
—Annabelle



An LP record
(with proper Skokie Public Library stickers) anonymously left in the AV area many years after we stopped circulating LPs. File under 'better late, than never.'
—Sharon

Basics of Selecting Materials for the Library

Here are a few of the factors our staff use to decide whether we should purchase any particular item:

- Is the author or subject popular in our community?
- Has it received good reviews?
- Do we already have something very similar to it?
- Does it represent a viewpoint not already well represented by our other materials?
- Is it new information in a field where knowledge changes quickly?
- Do we have space for it?
- Is it the best use of available funds?



Basics of "Deselecting" Library Materials

Sometimes the decision to withdraw an item is easy, sometimes it is difficult. Here are some of the factors involved:

- Is the content inaccurate or misleading?
- Is the item worn out or damaged beyond repair?
- Has a new edition been published?
- Is a newer or more comprehensive book on the same subject now available?
- Have people checked out this item?

FOR ADULTS

All events are held online.
Sign up for all events at
events.skokielibrary.info.



What's the Big Deal with K-Wave?

Introduction to K-Pop, Korean Drama, and More
Monday, May 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

The State of Small Business Assistance

Tuesday, May 4, 9-10 am

ESL Café

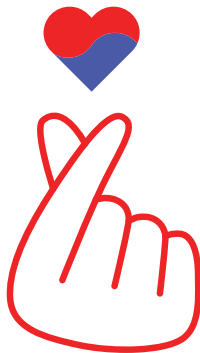
Wednesdays, 12:30-2 pm

Introduction to Inkscape for Laser Engraving

Wednesday, May 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

Job Talk

Thursdays in May, 3-4 pm



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Beginner Guide to Plant-Based Nutrition and Holistic Health

Thursday, May 6, 6:30-7:30 pm

Civic Lab



Asian American Activism
Monday, May 10, 7:30-8:30 pm



Queer Representation in the Media
Wednesday, June 23, 7:30-8:30 pm

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, May 11 and June 8, 1:30-2:30 pm



Diasporadic: Multicultural and Multilingual Experiences

Tuesdays, May 11 and 18, 6-7 pm



Laser Engrave a Sandalwood Fan

Saturday, May 15, 4:30-6 pm

Decluttering and Organizing Your Home

Monday, May 17, 7-8 pm

Zoom into the Movies

Wednesdays, 8-9 pm



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May 19

Miss Juneteenth
June 16



Food Science for the Win

Thursdays, 11-11:30 am

May 20: Tempering Spices

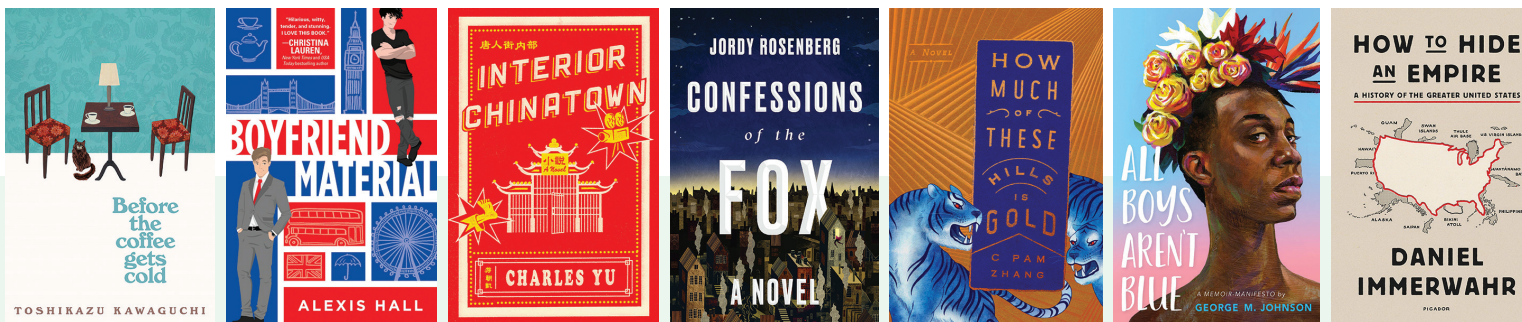


June 24: Popsicles

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, May 21 and June 18, 1-2 pm





Book Discussions

LitLounge

Before the Coffee Gets Cold

by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

Wednesday, May 12,
7:30–9 pm

Boyfriend Material

by Alexis Hall

Wednesday, June 9,
7:30–9 pm

Adult Book Discussion

Interior Chinatown

by Charles Yu

Goodreads: Thursday,
May 20, 8–9 pm

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

Confessions of the Fox

by Jordy Rosenberg

Goodreads: Thursday,
June 24, 8–9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday,
June 29, 7:30–8 pm

Talking Books

How Much of These Hills is Gold?

by C. Pam Zhang

Wednesday, May 26, 1:30–2:30 pm

All Boys Aren't Blue

by George M. Johnson

Wednesday, June 23, 1:30–2:30 pm

Pages through History

How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States

by Daniel Immerwahr

Wednesday, May 26, 7–8 pm

Experts in Arthritis

Linda Ehrlich-Jones, RN, PhD, discusses all forms of arthritis, including rheumatoid arthritis.

Monday, May 24, 6:30–7:30 pm

Design and Vinyl Cut a Sticker

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30–7:30 pm



Love Saves the Day! The Queer Origins of Modern Dance Music

Wednesday, June 2, 7–8 pm

Create a Design and Laser Engrave It

Saturday, June 5, 4–5 pm



Somewhere on the Rainbow



Conversations to celebrate and affirm our existence, no matter where we fall on the rainbow.

Saturdays, June 12 and 26, 3:30–4:30 pm

Let's Learn to Knit

Monday, June 14, 2–3 pm

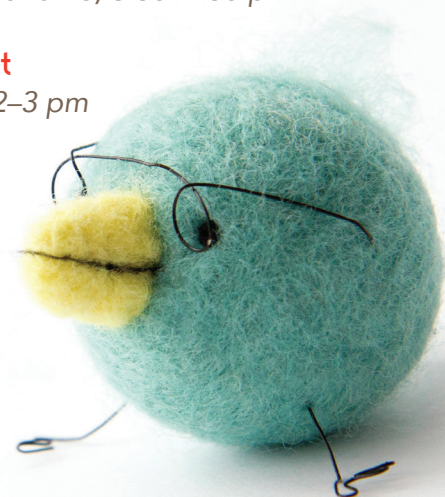
Learn to Make a Felt Creature

Thursday,
June 17, 6–7 pm



Vinyl Cut an Iron-on Patch

Wednesday, June 23, 5–6 pm



Navigating Your Job Search

Thursdays, 3–4 pm

June 3: Looking for a Job Today

June 10: Resumes and Marketing Materials

June 17: Informational Interviewing

June 24: Interviewing in the Virtual Age

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



Kids Book Chat on Facebook Live Wednesday, May 12 | Grades K-2: 5:30-6 pm



Kids Book Chat on Facebook Live Wednesday, May 12 | Grades 3-5: 6-6:30 pm



**COOL
SUMMER
READS**



Kids Book Chat on Facebook Live Wednesday, May 12 | Grades 6-8: 6:30-7 pm



See the complete lists and more at
<https://skokieliibrary.info/summer-reads>