



In This Issue

Meet Our Teen Services Team	2
<i>High school can be pretty hard and we're here to help</i>	
Patron Spotlight and Events for Teens	3
<i>Meet our teen interns</i>	
Events for Kids and Families	4
<i>Dance to stay warm, make stuff, and meet authors</i>	
Working with Our Schools	6
<i>Local educator Lisa Talbert shares how the library serves her students</i>	
What's Cooking?	8
<i>The holidays are here—get some inspiration for your kitchen</i>	
Events for Adults	10
<i>Pick your favorite format: in-person, online, or hybrid</i>	

www.skokiellibrary.info



5215 Oakton Street
Skokie, IL 60077
847-673-7774
tellus@skokiellibrary.info

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed November 25, December 24, 25, and January 1. Closed 5 pm December 31.



Meet Our Teen Services Team



Grace

Advice to my teenage self: "Your boldness is to be celebrated, and it will carry you into embracing risk."

Favorite book to recommend: I love *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley.

"I wish more people knew how empowering it can be to work with teens! I strongly believe that teenagers are as brave as any protagonist in adventure stories. They are change makers in their peer groups and school—all while juggling homework, finals, and external expectations."

Currently reading *Bubble* by Jordan Morris

Advice to my teenage self: "Trust yourself and stay curious."

Favorite book to recommend: My favorites to recommend are fantasy, like Daniel Jose Older's *Shadowshaper*, and realistic fiction dealing with mental health, like *You Know I'm No Good* by Jessie Ann Foley and *Memory of Light* by Francisco X. Stork.



Laurel

"What I love about my work is that I am constantly learning, I get to work alongside passionate, interesting people, and I get to spend time with the amazing young people of Skokie!"

Currently reading *Radical Friendship* by Kate Johnson (who happens to be my sister)

Meet some of the staff who work with middle and high school students at the library. You might see them in the Teen Room recommending books, helping with homework, leading events, playing games, and generally being cool.

Advice to my teenage self: "You are better at math than you think, you've just had some bad teachers. It's okay to not be okay. Be kinder than you have to be."

Favorite book to recommend: Comics like *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas. Honestly, I've been getting a lot of recommendations from teens lately.



Rachael

"I am a nerd and think brains are super cool, and I think more adults would give young people a break if they had a better understanding of adolescent brain development."

Currently reading *I Am Not Starfire* by Mariko Tamaki and *There Will Be No Miracles Here* by Casey Gerald and listening to a million podcasts

Advice to my teenage self: "Put the same amount of effort and time into your hobbies as you do your academics because you just might discover your gift."

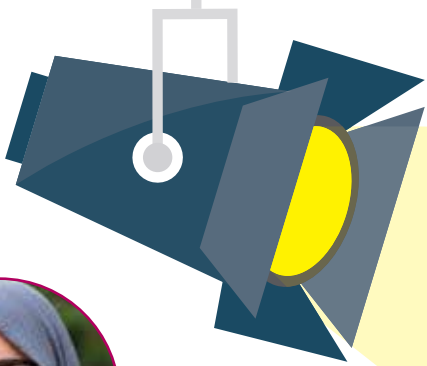
Favorite book to recommend: *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers



Earl

"Working with teens is challenging but very rewarding. What I love most about my job is the energy the teens bring. It keeps me youthful."

Currently listening to *Certified Lover Boy* by Drake and *Donda* by Kanye West



Patron Spotlight

Let's hear from some of the teens who use the library!



Hafsa

Favorite book of all time: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

"I'm a 17 year-old student at Niles North High School and a Public Library Association (PLA) intern at the library, trying to learn as much as I can about librarianship. For my internship, I am helping the library promote financial literacy. This is a project that I am very passionate about and that I feel deserves more recognition, as it is such an important skill in our lives!

I enjoy the ambience of the library. The hardworking staff at the library have created such a welcoming environment, where I can enjoy conversing with others in the Teen Room, or use the study rooms for a quiet study session. The new renovations exceeded my expectations and have allowed me to feel more comfortable in the library. I wish more people knew about the extensive resources offered by the library, like Homework Help by tutor.com, and free accounts on many websites for library card holders.

Currently listening to Tomorrow x Together's and Stray Kids' new albums, and rewatching Grey's Anatomy

Favorite books: Rupi Kaur poetry

"Hello! I am Misha Gandhi (she/her), a senior at Niles North High School and PLA intern at the library. I really like how the library is a study-focused space but you can meet new people, create relationships with librarians, and also do fun volunteer opportunities for the community. I like to hang out in the teen space with my friends and get projects done because it's a very open space where I can talk and be comfortable as well.

I wish more people knew about the events the library holds such as the college workshops, business education, career help, and much more!"

Currently listening to SZA and Khalid on Spotify while driving or studying



Misha

Teens

Teen Library Collaborative

Grades 6–12

Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 pm

Online: November 4,
December 2

In-Person: November 18,
December 16

Friend Squad

Ages 11–16

Wednesday,
November 10,
6–7:30 pm

Get That Scholarship

Tuesday, November 9,
6:30–8 pm

Fan Favorites

Thursdays,
November 11 or
December 9,
4:30–6:30 pm

Planning on Paper

Sundays, November 21
or December 19, 2–3 pm



KIDS & FAMILIES

Sign up for online and in-person events at events.skokilibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.

Online Events

Preschool Puppet Playtime

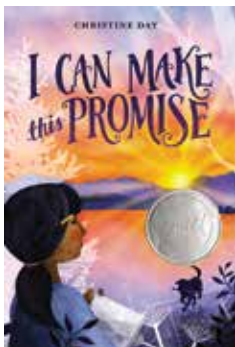
Wednesdays, November 3, 10, December 1, 8, 10:30–11 am

Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, 10:30–11 am (except November 26 and December 24 and 31)

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30–11 am (except December 25)



Kids Book Chat

Tuesdays, 6:30–7 pm on Facebook Live

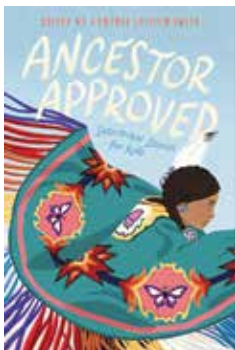


Books about Indigenous Communities

November 10

Staff Picks 2021

December 8



Adventure Club: Japan

Tuesday, December 7, 4:30–5:15 pm

In-Person Events

Adventure Club: Japan

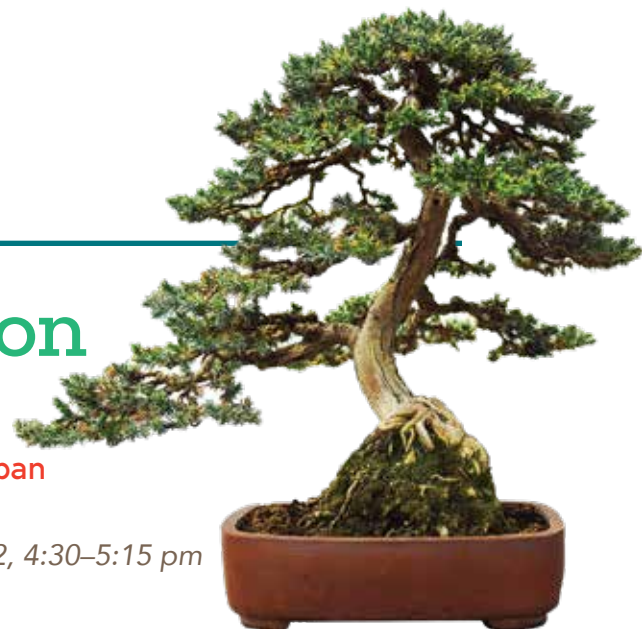
Grades K–2

Tuesday, November 2, 4:30–5:15 pm

Storytime

Ages 3–5

Thursdays, 1:30–2 pm (except November 25 and December 30)



Wood Painting with Blue Rose Art Studio

Thursday, November 4, or Monday, November 29, 6:30–7:30 pm

Pour Painting with Blue Rose Art Studio

Saturdays, November 6 or December 11, 1:30–2:30 pm

Math Party in a Bag Age 7 and younger

Number Sense

Reserve by Monday, November 8

Operations

Reserve by Monday, December 13

Children's Book Week

Books available for purchase from Booked.

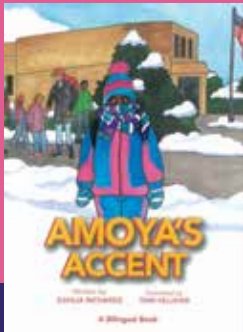
Meet the Author: Cozbi Cabrera

Tuesday, November 9, 11 am–noon



Meet the Author: Dahlia Richards

Friday, November 12, 5:30–6:30 pm



Meet the Author: Jarrett Dapier

Saturday, November 13, 11 am–noon



Peter and the Tree Children Story and Craft

Sunday, November 14, 12:15–1 pm

Be the Artist

Grades 3–5

Monday, November 15, 5:30–6:30 pm

Code Monsters

Grades 3–5

Tuesdays, November 16 and
December 21, 3:30–5:30 pm

Spanish Bilingual Storytime and Craft

Wednesday, November 17, 10:30–11:15 am

Fun with Rainbow Therapy Dogs

Sundays, November 21, December 19,
11 am–noon

Fingernail Art Extravaganza

Wednesday, December 22,
2–2:30 pm or 2:30–3 pm

Fun with Printmaking

Monday,
December 27,
3–4 pm or
4:30–5:30 pm

Tuesday,
December 28,
3–4 pm or
4:30–5:30 pm



Fun with Snow

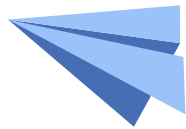
Wednesday, December 29, 1:30–2:30 pm
or 3–4 pm



Working with Our Schools

We don't simply wait for any of you to reach out to the library when you need us—we also work with Skokie schools and their staffs to bring library services to all of our kids in their school classrooms and libraries. We reached out to Lisa Talbert of Highland School to find out how we help make her job easier and improve learning for the kids in her school. Here's what she told us.

The Best Things the Library Offers



When we asked Lisa about the one best thing we do for her, she couldn't narrow it down to only one. First, we get every student a library card. Lisa says, "The library card is so powerful. Students use it for researching (using library databases) and checking out eBooks on their iPads."

She went on to mention the sheer quantity of print books and eBooks the library makes available: "When a class is doing research and we need enough books for everyone, the library has plenty to provide a variety of books on the topic."

Third, Lisa talked about our staff's helpfulness in making excellent recommendations and even going above and beyond on occasion to deliver books to the school when there is a last-minute need.

Lisa has also found that the meetings of all of the school librarians in Skokie, which are coordinated by Lorrie, our school services librarian, result in great ideas and book suggestions from her colleagues.



What Has Changed?

Lisa is in her 10th year working at Highland School, and she remembers being in touch with our staff liaison as early as her first week on the job. During her first year, we worked with District 68 to test how we could get every student a library card. The process has been fine-tuned and expanded to all the schools over the years, and Lisa says, "now it's a breeze to make sure every student in our school gets a library card."

Lisa is clearly a big fan of our school services, so much so that she would love to be able to offer more library services to the kids in her school: "more book talks, more puppet shows, more deliveries of books." Our staff members really love doing all of these things, too!



Lisa Talbert, Library Media Center Director, Highland School

Most Unusual Request

Lisa once asked to borrow a telescope for a family reading night the school was sponsoring. The answer was “yes.” Lisa says she has Lorrie’s email on “speed dial” because our school services librarian can either help her or knows who can and how to make it happen!

In addition to Lorrie, who specializes in working with K–8 schools, we also have staff who specialize in working with preschools and daycares, as well as kids with special needs. They provide direct services to teachers and schools, and they facilitate work by other library staff to lead events in the schools, such as puppet shows and book talks, and schedule tours for school classes.





Delicious Discoveries

Many of us will be spending extra time in the kitchen over the holidays—either cooking, or enjoying what someone else is making. Find inspiration in more than 5,000 cookbooks at the library: from beginner basics to advanced techniques, flavors from around the globe, allergy-friendly choices, and dishes for every diet. You can find multiple copies of current popular cookbooks near the stairs on the first floor, then head up to the second floor and browse the cookbook section, the new nonfiction shelves, and the food magazines.



FOR ADULTS

In-Person Events

Check for event details and sign up at calendar.skokiellibrary.info. Registration opens November 1 (open now for events during the first week of November).

Knit and Crochet with Fiber Friends

Tuesdays, 4–6 pm (drop in)

Practice Citizenship Interviews

Tuesdays, November 2 or December 7, 6:30–8 pm (drop in)



Introduction to the Embroidery Machine

Thursday, November 4, 11 am–noon
Saturday, November 13, 4–5 pm

Fabrics 101

Friday, November 5, 7–8 pm

The History of Chicago (in Russian)

Saturday, November 6, 2–3:30 pm

Introduction to Slides

Monday, November 8, 2:30–4 pm

PowerPoint 2019

Beginning: Friday, November 12, 10–11:30 am

Intermediate: Tuesday, December 14, 6:30–8 pm

Beginning Excel 2019

Monday, December 13, 2:30–4 pm

Beginning Word 2019

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30–8 pm

Tuesday, December 21, 2:30–4 pm

Beginning Google Docs

Saturdays, November 20 or December 11, 10:30–11:30 am

Technology Classes

Medicare Part D Sign-up Assistance

Call the library to make an appointment starting November 1.

Individual appointments: November 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18

Friday Film (drop in)

The Booksellers

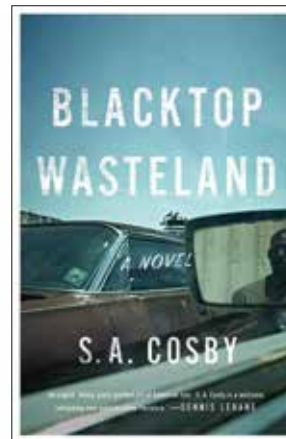
Friday, November 12, 1:30 pm

Little Women

Friday, December 10, 1:30 pm

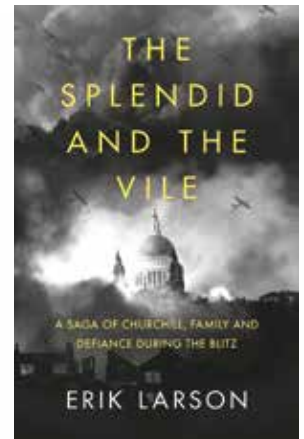
Talking Books

Wednesdays,
1:30–2:30 pm



Wasteland

November 17



The Splendid and the Vile

December 15





Mend or Alter Your Clothes

Sundays, November 21 or
December 12, 3–5 pm



Advanced Care Planning with The Five Wishes

Wednesday, December 1, 3–4 pm

Learn to Use the Laser Engraver

Wednesday, December 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

Let's Unpack Gratitude

What exactly is gratitude, and how does it shape our lives? Staff member Chris explores the meaning and science of this word.

Thursday, December 2, 7–8 pm

Design a Mini Puzzle: Intermediate Engraving

Tuesday, December 7, 7–8 pm

Movie Night (drop in)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

And Then We Danced

November 17

Yomeddine

December 15

Pages through History

Midnight in Chernobyl

Wednesday, November 17, 7–8:30 pm

Hybrid Events

When you sign up for these events, you will choose to attend either in person or on Zoom. Registration opens November 1 at calendar.skokiellibrary.info.

Self-Care for Busy People

Learn an everyday meditation, a grounding breathing exercise, how to start journaling, and more practical self-care practices for mind, body, and spirit.

Saturday, November 6, 10–11 am
(registration open now)

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, November 9 and December 14,
1:30–2:30 pm

Learn to Make a Felt Creature

Tuesday, November 16, 7–8 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, November 19 and December 17, 1–2 pm



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Online Events

Except for the adult book discussions, you will receive your link to attend in the email that confirms your registration. Registration opens November 1 at calendar.skokieliibrary.info (open now for events during the first week of November).

ESL Cafe

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm (except November 24)

Navigating Your Job Search

Tuesdays, November 2–23, 7–8 pm

3D Design with Tinkercad

Tuesdays, November 2 or December 14, 7–8 pm

LinkedIn for Business

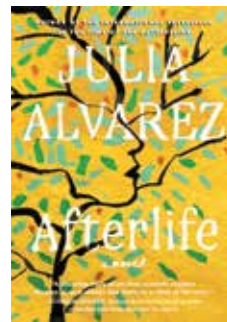
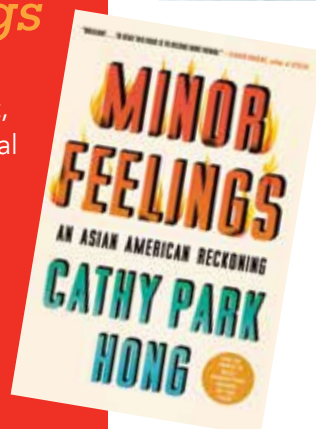
Wednesday, November 3, 6:30–7:30 pm



An Evening with Cathy Park Hong, Author of *Minor Feelings*

Hear about this bestselling book, a collection of honest, emotionally charged, original essays that explore Asian American consciousness.

Thursday, November 4,
7–8 pm



LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

Afterlife

November 10

Litera-Cheers: The Best of 2021

December 8



Adult Book Discussions

Moon of the Crusted Snow

Goodreads: Thursday,
November 11, 8–9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday,
November 16, 7:30–8 pm

The Year in Books

Goodreads: Thursday,
December 9, 8–9 pm

Instagram Live: Tuesday,
December 14, 7:30–8 pm

Building a Resume for Applicant Tracking Systems

Tuesday, December 7, 7–8 pm