



SKOKIE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

September & October 2021



Everyone
is
welcome
here.

SKOKIE
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LIBRARY
Monday-Friday
9 am-9 pm
Saturday
9 am-6 pm
Sunday
Noon-6 pm

This Is Your Library

Whether you just moved to Skokie, you've been here awhile but never get around to visiting, or you're already a dedicated library regular—there's something for you to discover in our newly renovated building. Come on in!

Your library card is free and never expires as long as you live in Skokie. Bring us an ID or utility bill that shows your Skokie address and we'll set you up on the spot.

What can you do with a library card? Too much to fit on one page! Keep reading...

www.skokieliibrary.info



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

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



Meet Our Patron Services Team

When you visit the library, you're likely to meet a member of our talented and diverse Patron Services staff. You also hear their voices when you call us on the phone.



Emily

Worked at the library: 23 years

Other language: Greek

Fun fact: Emily has an extensive collection of pens.

"It brings me joy to see patrons over the years—I made your first library card and now you're in high school? Wowzers!"

Currently reading: The Light of Days by Judy Batalion



Frances

Worked at the library: 2 months

Other language: Some Korean

Fun fact: Frances has perfect pitch.

"The best feeling for me is having someone walk away with all of the answers and information they need to move forward."

Currently reading: Weather by Jenny Offill



Mary Jo

Worked at the library: 12 years

Fun fact: Mary Jo enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren, all age two and younger.

"I most enjoy interacting with patrons, especially the young children. It makes me happy to see children here enjoying the books, storytimes, and wonderful events our youth librarians plan for them."

Currently reading: The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson



Lulu

Worked at the library: 1 month

Other language: Arabic

Fun fact: Lulu broke her high school's record for most books checked out in the school year

"Don't be shy about approaching us about 'that book with the beekeeper your friend recommended to you and you're not sure of the title' or that animated movie you watched a clip of in 2013. Most of the time we will be able to work out what it is together!"

Currently reading: The Silence of the Girls by Pat Barker

Get Stuff

The library is full of books, movies, music, tech gadgets like cameras and WiFi hotspots, STEAM kits filled with things like telescopes and robotics sets, and other stuff like umbrellas and bike locks that you can check out and take with you. It's a lot!

Finding

There are three main ways to find things:

- You can look around for things that catch your eye on our shelves and displays.
- Search our catalog if you're hunting for something specific.
- Let us help you find just the right thing by asking a staff member for an expert recommendation.

Once you have your items, use the self-check machines near either library entrance to check them out.



Reserving

If what you want isn't immediately available, you can log into your library account online and place items on hold. We'll send you an email when they're ready for you, and you'll have seven days to pick them up. If you selected pickup at the library, enter through the west doors. Your items will already be checked out to you. Just grab them and go! If you selected pickup at the bookmobile, visit any of our scheduled community stops. Learn more about the bookmobile on the last page.

Renewing & Returning

We'll renew your eligible items for you automatically. Most things can be renewed up to three times if no one else is waiting. We don't charge overdue fines! If something is more than 21 days overdue, you won't be able to check out or renew anything until you return the overdue item.

Return things any time in the book drop on the south driveway of the library. You can also return things inside either entrance when the library is open, or bring them to the bookmobile at any of its stops.



Find all the details: skokielibrary.info/about/getting-items

Learn Something New

Make Something

From 3D printers to laser engravers, from sewing machines to hand looms, we have all kinds of equipment for you to explore. Adults and teens can visit the Studio on our second floor for a selection of introductory ready-to-make projects that our staff will guide you through. Kids in grades K–8 will find interactive learning experiences in the BOOMbox.



Get Expert Help

Our staff can help you find an absolutely perfect book or movie, and we can also help you find answers to your questions about...almost anything! We have resources for all of these and more:

- Personal finances and consumer information
- Taxes
- Elections and voter information
- Health and medicine
- Real estate

We can help you:

- Research your family history
- Learn a language
- Figure out how to use your new tech device
- Look for a new job
- Start or run a business
- Become a US citizen
- Solve a tricky homework problem



Wherever you're starting from, and whatever you want to learn to get there, we're here with you. See page 8 for how to get in touch.

Get More Online

Download eBooks and audiobooks, stream movies and TV shows, listen to music, read digital comics, take online classes with LinkedIn Learning and Creativebug, get online access to magazines and newspapers, including *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, and much more. Learn more at:

skoki.library.info/library-at-home



Worked at the library: 24 years

Other languages: Russian,
Ukrainian, Polish

Fun fact: Luba is a professional
musician and church organist.

Watch her perform on the
library's YouTube channel.
skokielibrary.info/lubaconcert



Luba

"Some of our patrons recognize
my voice on the phone and know
me by name. I love to answer
music questions, so please
contact me if you have any."

*Currently reading: short stories
by Ivan Shmelev*

Worked at the library: 11 years

Other languages: Gujarati, Hindi

Fun fact: Sweetal is a henna artist.



Sweetal

"We're really a family at work and
we support each other every day.
I enjoy talking to different patrons
every day and connecting with
them through small conversations."

*Currently watching:
Kim's Convenience*

Worked at the library: 3 months

Other language: Urdu

Fun fact: She was in a documentary
about how 9/11 affected the lives of
Muslims living in America.



Samrah

"I'm proud to be part of an
organization that strives to
foster education, literacy,
and hobbies throughout
the community."

*Currently reading:
Becoming Eve by Abby Stein*

Worked at the library: 29 years

Fun fact: Margie has visited
Turkey four times.



Margie

"Meeting and interacting with
people from diverse cultures is
one thing people may not realize
is so amazing about this job."

*Currently reading:
The Venice Sketchbook
by Rhys Bowen*

Worked at the library: 12 years

Fun fact: Lynnanne travels to all the
major league baseball stadiums.
She's been to eight so far.



Lynnanne

"We love questions and
are here to help you."

*Currently reading:
I Hold a Wolf by the Ears
by Laura van den Berg*

Worked at the library: 2 years

Fun fact: Janet has more than 350 pairs of
shoes and boots (mostly for dancing!).



Janet

"People would be surprised
to know how much we help
the community. We have
knowledge, to some degree,
about every aspect, event, and
department of our library."

*Currently reading: Just as I Am
by Cicely Tyson*



Worked at the library: 8 years

Fun fact: Mary Ann was born in the Motor City but raised in Arizona.

Mary Ann

"The variety of questions we get and the information we are asked to gather are limitless. I enjoy this, as I always learn something new."

Currently reading: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



Worked at the library: 1 year

Fun fact: Maridsa's favorite place is Malaga, Spain.

Maridsa

"We're often the first contact patrons have with the library, so we need to be ready to answer almost anything over the phone, in person, or over chat. We do our best to get the information you need, and if we can't find that information, then we get you connected with someone who can."

Currently reading: Somebody's Daughter by Ashley C. Ford



Worked at the library: 1 year

Fun fact: Gaby visited this library frequently as a child.

Gaby

"Many of the resources I share with people are the very resources that have made a substantial impact on my worldview since I first started visiting Skokie Public Library as a child, and that I still use to actively challenge my thinking and inspire me today."

Currently reading: Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier



Worked at the library: 2 years

Other languages: Dari/Farsi, Pashto, Urdu/Hindi

Fun fact: Farishta is very handy and loves doing home improvement projects.

Farishta

"I love seeing the excitement on the faces of families when I help make their first library cards."

Currently Reading: A Rip in Heaven by Jeanine Cummins



Worked at the library: 3 years

Fun fact: Mary used to work in the hotel industry, planning conferences and conventions.

Mary

"The staff you see at the first floor Help Desks rotate in and out of the call center, so the people you interact with there are the same people who answer your phone calls and chats."

Currently reading: All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Come on In

Plug In

Use our free public WiFi. Just select “Skokie Library” on your device—no password required! There are plenty of electrical outlets throughout the building for recharging.

Adults and teens can use a computer on the second floor. Printing and scanning are also available. Kids through grade 8 can use computers in the Lab when it is open:

skokilibrary.info/lab

Skokie cardholders can also use Chromebooks in the library. Check one out at the second floor Help Desk. Use it to check your email, browse the internet while your child is participating in a storytime session, or whatever else you need.

Experience an Event

Whether you want to learn something new, talk about a book with others, or bring your little one to a fun storytime session, we have free events for every age. Many require registration so we have enough supplies and don't overcrowd a room. Starting on page 10, you'll find events for September and October. We sometimes add events after this newsletter gets printed, so stay up-to-date online:

calendar.skokilibrary.info



Hang Out

If you just need a place to be, the library provides that rare indoor space that doesn't expect you to spend money to hang out. We've got places to read, play, meet, and relax. Get some fresh air in one of our outdoor courtyards, or grab a snack from the vending machine in our café area. Teens have a home of their own on the first floor, complete with a video game lounge. Kids and families will find fun toys and activities in our play area.

If you want quiet, our beautiful second floor reading room is a great place for reading and contemplation. If you need a space of your own to work or study alone or in a small group, see page 13 to learn about our study rooms.



Talk to Us

In Person

Visit the library or the bookmobile in person. We're here to answer your questions and help you find what you need.



By Email

Send us an email at tellus@skokielibrary.info and we'll direct it to the staff person who can best help you. You can also sign up for our email updates at [skokielibrary.info/email-signup](https://www.skokielibrary.info/email-signup)



Using an App ▶▶▶

Message us on social media.

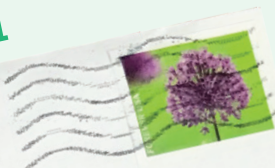
On the Phone

Call us at 847-673-7774.
We answer the phone whenever the library is open.



Through the Mail

Skokie Public Library
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Chat with Us Online

Type your question or comment in the chat box where it says "How can we help?" at the bottom of our website and a real person will respond to you whenever the library is open.

● How can we help?



LINK UP WITH THE LIBRARY

We're where you are on social media. Here's what to expect when you connect with us on your favorite platform.

Facebook

Watch our monthly Kids Book Chat on Facebook Live, and other occasional Live events. We also share upcoming events and fun photos. facebook.com/skokiellibrary



Instagram

Find fun and engaging photos and videos of our spaces, materials, and community. We also host a monthly Instagram Live book discussion and other live streams in between. instagram.com/skokiellibrary



Spotify

We create a new playlist each month filled with staff-curated songs. Search for "Skokie Public Library" on Spotify.



Advisory Team on Instagram

This is where our team of expert librarians share their recommendations for books, movies, and more. instagram.com/skokiellibraryadvisoryteam



YouTube

Awesome videos for all ages include our Rise and Shine Storytime and STEAM Engines series, concerts filmed in our auditorium, how-tos, cooking demos, author interviews, tours, and tons of other fun stuff. youtube.com/user/skokiellibrary
And check out our YouTube Events channel for event recordings, book talks, and more. youtube.com/c/SkokiePublicLibraryEvents



Goodreads

Join us for monthly book discussions, view books we've previously read, and join the conversation at any time. Search for "Skokie Public Library" in the Community Groups section.



Twitter

Get regular updates with an emphasis on services, events, and opportunities for kids, teens, and families. twitter.com/skokiellibrary

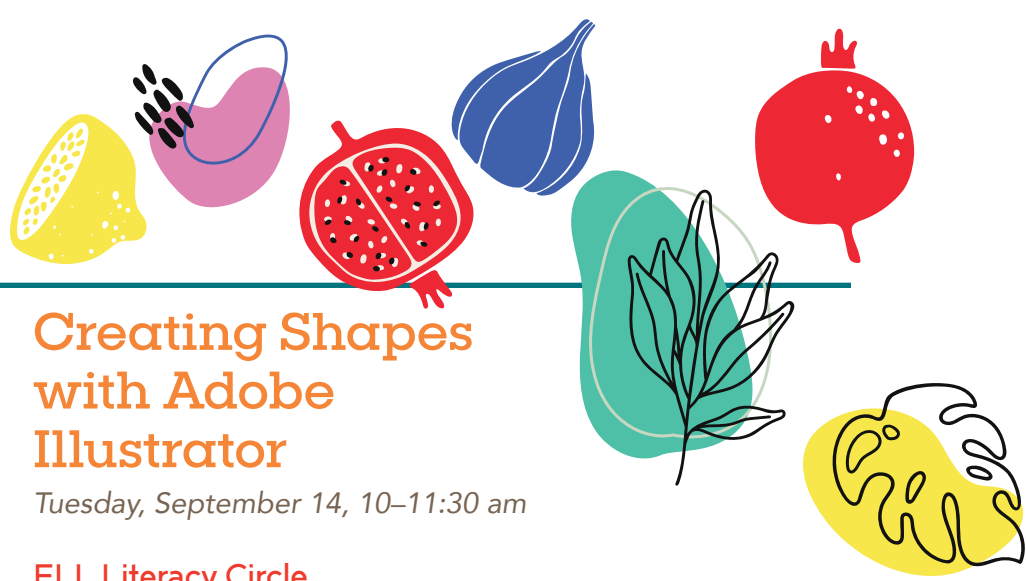


LinkedIn

Learn about library services and events that can help you meet your career goals, and other ways we make your life easier and more fulfilling. linkedin.com/company/skokie-public-library



FOR ADULTS



In-Person Events

Check for event details and sign up at calendar.skokielibrary.info. Registration opens September 1 for all events except those indicated as drop-in events.

ESL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm (drop-in)

Technology Classes for Beginners

PowerPoint 2019

Friday, September 10, 10–11:30 am

Tuesday, October 12, 6:30–8 pm

Excel 2019

Monday, September 13, 2:30–4 pm

Monday, October 4, 6:30–8 pm

Word 2019

Wednesday, September 15, 6:30–8 pm

Tuesday, October 26, 2:30–4 pm

Google Docs

Saturday, September 25, 10:30–11:30 am

Saturday, October 23, 10:30–11:30 am



Learn to Embroider a Patch

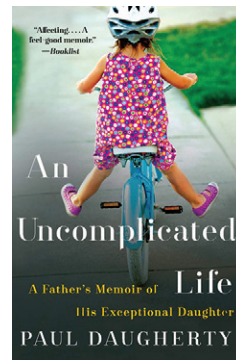
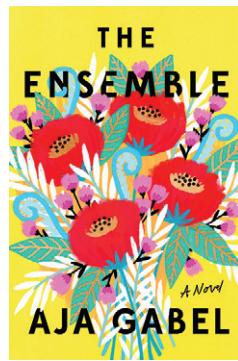
Saturday, September 11, 1:30–2:30 pm

Creating Shapes with Adobe Illustrator

Tuesday, September 14, 10–11:30 am

ELL Literacy Circle

Tuesdays, September 14–December 14, 10–11:30 am
Registration for this class closes September 13.



Talking Books Discussion Group

The Ensemble

Wednesday, September 15, 1:30–2:30 pm

An Uncomplicated Life

Wednesday, October 20, 1:30–2:30 pm

Concert: Something My Grandma Used to Sing—Mark Dvorak Performs

Sunday, September 19, 3 pm (drop-in)

Vinyl Cut a Sticker

Thursday, September 23, 11 am–noon

Thursday, October 21, 2–3 pm

Friday Film

Knives Out

Friday, September 24, 1:30 pm (drop-in)

Just Mercy

Friday, October 22, 1:30 pm (drop-in)

Mend or Alter Your Clothes

Sundays, September 26 and October 24, 3–5 pm





Hybrid Events

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



Happily Ever After Romance Discussion Group: *Island Affair*
 Sunday, October 3,
 3–4 pm

Civic Lab: Hispanic Heritage Month

Friday, October 1,
 4–5 pm (drop-in)

Financial and Legal Planning for Retirement Years

Monday, October 4,
 4–5:30 pm

Tenant Workshop for Renters and Prospective Renters

Monday, September 13, 7–8 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, September 17 and October 15, 1–2 pm

Understanding Property Tax Appeals

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30–8 pm

Older Adult Living: Understanding the Options

Tuesday, October 5, 6–8 pm

YA for Adults Discussion Group:

Juliet Takes a Breath

Wednesday, October 6, 7:30–8:30 pm



Concert: American Compositions for Saxophone and Piano

Sunday, October 10,
 3 pm (drop-in)



Illinois Assistive Technology Program with the Low Vision Support Group

Learn about resources, programs, and assistive technology devices available through the Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP).

Tuesday, October 12, 1:30–3 pm

Understanding Medicare

Wednesday, October 20, 7–8:30 pm

Atypical Globetrotting

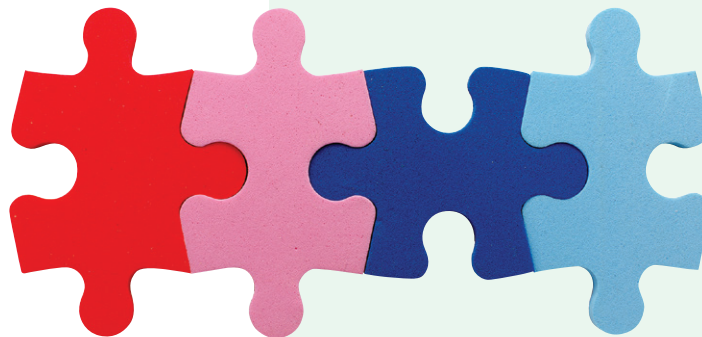
Monday, October 18, 7–8 pm

Design a Mini Puzzle: Intermediate Engraving

Tuesday, October 19, 7–8 pm

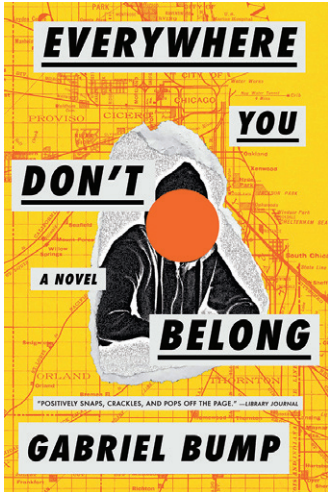
Movie Night: Academy Award Winner *Another Round*

Wednesday, October 20, 6:30–9 pm



Online Events

Except for the adult book discussions, you will receive your link to attend in the email that confirms your registration. Registration opens September 1 at calendar.skokielibrary.info.



Job Talk
Thursdays, 3–4 pm

LitLounge: Everywhere You Don't Belong
Wednesday, September 8,
7:30–9 pm

Low Vision Support Group
Tuesday, September 14,
1:30–2:30 pm

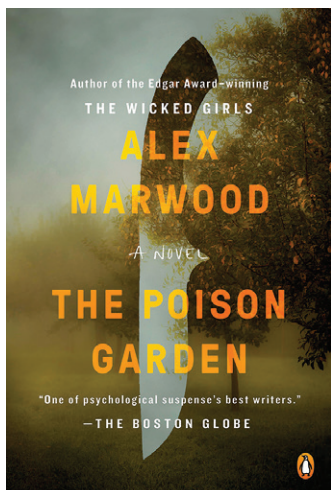
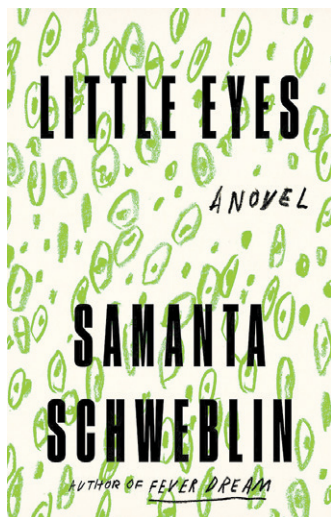
**Zoom into the Movies:
Mosquita & Mari**
Wednesday, September 22,
7–8 pm

Adult Book Discussions
Little Eyes

by Samanta Schweblin
Goodreads: Thursday,
September 23, 8–9 pm
Instagram Live: Tuesday,
September 28, 7:30–8 pm

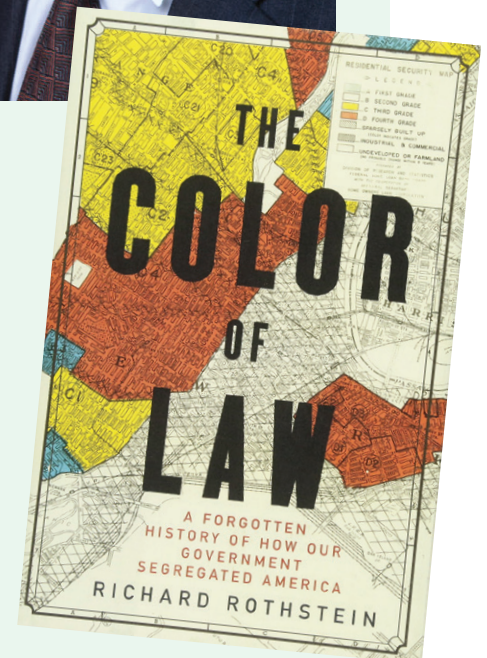
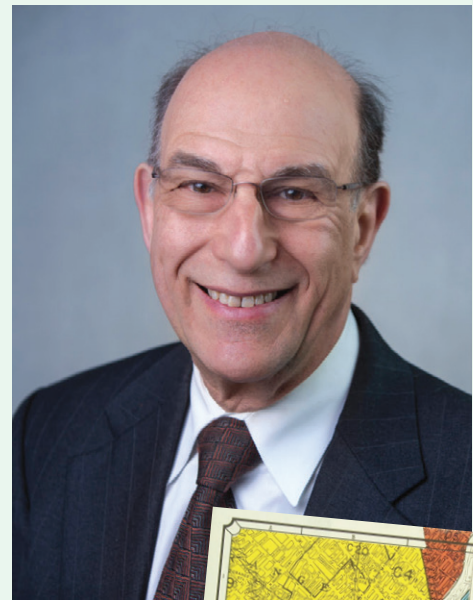
The Poison Garden
by Alex Warwood
Goodreads: Thursday,
October 21, 8–9 pm
Instagram Live: Tuesday,
October 26, 7:30–8 pm

**Civic Lab: Hispanic
Heritage Month**
Thursday, October 7, 6–7 pm



The Color of Law and Reversing Segregation with Richard Rothstein

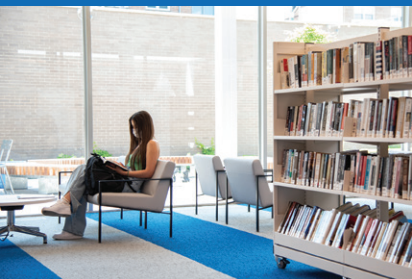
Wednesday, October 13, 7–8 pm



Study, Read, or Work at the Library



Whether you are looking for a comfy spot to read, a space away from home to study or work quietly, or a room where you can work with a small group, our newly renovated building is full of great spaces for you to explore.

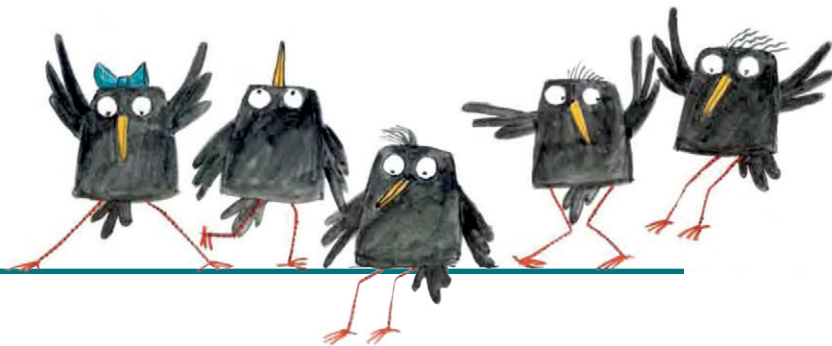


Quick Facts about Study Rooms

- 18 rooms for adults and teens
- 5 rooms for kids
- 3 rooms for teens
- Some have a whiteboard, some have a display screen
- Limits: 2 hours a day, reserve up to a week in advance

Reserve online with a library card:
skokie.library.info/study-rooms

KIDS & FAMILIES

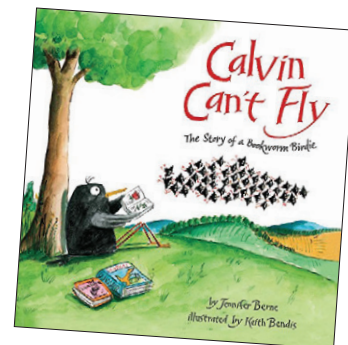


Sign up for online and in-person events at events.skokiellibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.



Calvin Can't Fly ASL Experience

Calvin, a bookworm birdie, teaches his flock what he's learned at the library. After watching a storybook video of Calvin's story, we're going to play games and learn ASL signs in a fun way. Accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Thursday, October 14, 4:30–5:30 pm

Online Events

Preschool Puppet Playtime

Wednesdays, September 1, 8, October 6, 13, 10:30–11 am

Family Fun Storytime

Fridays, 10:30–11:00 am

Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 am

Kids Book Chat

Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30 pm on Facebook Live

Banned Books

September 8

Hispanic Heritage Month

October 13

Adventure Club: Travel to Bolivia

Tuesday, September 28, 3:30–4:30 pm



In-Person Events

Book Babies Storytime

Babies up to 11 months, not yet walking

Tuesdays, September 8–October 13, at 9:30 OR 10 am

Library Dance Party

Tuesdays, 10:30–11 am



Nature Play

Ages 2–6

Wednesdays, starting September 8, 1:30–2:30 pm

Storytime

Ages 3–5

Thursdays, starting September 9, 1:30–2 pm





Math Party in a Bag

Age 7 and younger

Sets and Sorting

Reserve by Monday, September 13

Counting

Reserve by Monday, October 11

Courtyard Crafts

Grades K–5 (drop-in)

Monday, September 13,
4:30–6:30 pm

Monday, October 4,
3–5 pm

Be the Artist

Grades 3–5

Mondays, September 20 and October 18,
5:30–6:30 pm

Code Monsters

Grades 3–5

Tuesdays, September 21 and
October 19, 3:30–5:30 pm



Teens

Anime and Manga Appreciation Club

Grades 6–12, in-person

Thursdays,
September 2
and October 14,
6–7:30 pm



Teen Library Collaborative

Grades 6–12, in-person or online
Remind@spl-tlc

Thursdays, September 9, 23,
October 7, 21, 5:30–6:30 pm

Friend Squad

Ages 11–16, in-person

Wednesdays, September 29
and October 27, 6–7:30 pm



We All Play

Grades K–2

Sunday, October 10,
3:30–4:15 pm

Adventure Club: Travel to Bolivia

Grades K–2

Tuesday, October 12,
3:30–4:15 pm



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Hop On



Our bookmobile brings books, movies, and more to locations throughout Skokie six days a week. You can request to pick up your holds from the bookmobile, browse items, use free WiFi, and enjoy the friendly, knowledgeable staff you'll meet on the bus. Find a scheduled stop near you and learn more:

skokielibrary.info/bookmobile

