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Year in Review Highlights
Fiscal Year 2018–2019

6,953 people attended programming for our Summer Challenge.
The Summer Challenge helps keep kids’ minds engaged & stay focused to prevent the summer slide, a decline in reading ability & academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn’t in session.

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You can explore & try new things at the library. New devices in Tech Takeout include diagnostic tools, iPods preloaded with Audible, smart home kits, & telescopes.

A knitting machine & 12 STEM kits were added to the WouldShop™ to inspire creativity & learning.

A donation from the Darien Lions Club added a video magnifier for people with low vision.

Thanks to the Lawrence Family, Bea’s Garden was established in the Prairie Patch, including an insect & sensory garden to teach families about nature.

700 people attended Pet-Palooza in celebration of our 30th anniversary. We collected supplies for pet rescues & shelters.

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45 games, so families & friends can gather & spend quality time together.

Thanks to the Darien Woman’s Club, we added Braille & STEM kits & puzzles for families to check out.

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Learn more about our year at yearinreview.ippl.info.
Create Your Own Collage
Laura is teaching a five-week class in collage this fall. See page 11.

In Memory of Rob Vuillaume
We mourn the loss of our friend Rob Vuillaume, who passed away on June 6, 2019.

Rob was a valued partner of the library and the community. Through The Gift of Carl Foundation, set up in memory of Rob’s son Carl, Rob and his wife Charleen worked to provide awareness and educational opportunities in the fields that gave Carl joy.

For over 14 years, we have partnered with Rob and The Gift of Carl Foundation to bring opportunities for teens to share their talents through Write-On and The Sound. Most recently, The Gift of Carl has donated musical instruments for our community to check out. The family continuously celebrates the talents of others, turning everyone they meet into friends.

“The best and most true compliment that I can give to Rob is that he was such a dad,” said Natalie Williams, Kids & Teens Department Head. “While he loved his own family so much that you couldn’t know him without knowing of them, he also acted like a dad to many people at the library—the staff and the teens that he worked with—in that he made time to check in, to tease, to make jokes, and to share his advice. He was a role model; someone you could look up to. Rob showed us that hard days are better if you can encourage someone else.”
Free classes for IPPL cardholders ages 13 and up, unless noted. Register at calendar.ippl.info, call 630/887-0637, or visit the Adult Ask Us Desk. (R) Registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.

**MICROSOFT OFFICE**

**Word Basics**
*Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:30–8 p.m. (R)*

**Flyers & Invitations**
*Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1:30–3 p.m. (R)*
This is an intermediate level class. Attendees must be proficient using Word.

**PowerPoint Basics**
*Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10–11:30 a.m. (R)*

**Excel Basics**
*Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*
*Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m.*
(R) This is a two part class; attendees must register for both sessions.

**Intermediate Excel**
*Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (R)*
Must take Excel Basics or be proficient in Excel.

**ZOOMAX VIDEO MAGNIFIER**
Assistive device for those with low vision. 7-inch screen. Perfect for use at home.

Learn more at techtakeout.ippl.info.

Funding provided by the Darien Lions Club.

**Planning for Your Digital Afterlife**
*Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30–8 p.m. (R)*
Your email, online banking accounts, and social media all contribute to the legacy of your digital estate. Explore strategies for your digital afterlife including password management tools and best practices for sharing your digital assets.

**SHOP ONLINE**
*Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1:30–3 p.m. (R)*
Take advantage of online tools to help you get the most out of your online shopping experience. Find out how to get cashback with Ebates, automatic coupon searching with Honey, plus other tips.

**Cut the Cable Cord**
*Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1–3 p.m. (R)*
See page 11 for details.

**Virtual Reality**
*Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1–2 p.m.*
*Thursday, Nov. 14, 7–8 p.m.*
Drop in to explore and experience virtual reality equipment.

**Smart Assistants**
*Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30–8 p.m. (R)*
Discover how to set up and use a smart home assistant such as Amazon Echo or Google Home.

**DEVICES**

Bring your device, Google Play ID/Apple ID, and password.

**iPhone/iPad: Basics**
*Saturday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. (R)*

**Android: Basics**
*Thursday, Sept. 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (R)*

**Maps & Navigation**
Have travel plans this holiday season? Learn about basic navigation, nearest stores, and points of interest using your maps app.

**5th anniversary celebration**

*Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2–4 p.m. (R)*
*Thursday, Nov. 14, 2–3 p.m. (R)*

**iPhone/iPad: Intermediate**
*Thursday, Oct. 10, 2–4 p.m. (R)*

**Android: Intermediate**
*Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (R)*

**1-ON-1 TECHNOLOGY HELP**
Reserve a 30-minute session with a volunteer tech tutor.

Call the Technology Center at 630/887-0829. Only one session may be booked at a time; subject to availability.

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**INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS**

Get in-depth training on basic computer operation, mouse skills, file management, internet searching and safety, and email.

Class content is progressive and requires a seven-week commitment.

Presented by People’s Resource Center, which also provides free, refurbished desktop computers for home use to all students. Learn more during class.

*Wednesdays, Oct. 16–Nov. 27, 10–11:30 a.m. (R)*

**4th anniversary celebration**

*See page 11 for details.*

(*R*)
KIDS & TEENS TECH

We have technology classes for every age. See the respective pages for registration information and program descriptions.

LITTLE KIDS

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Ages 3−5. See page 6.

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Grades 1−3. See page 8.

LEGO Robotics: Programming
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Grades 4−8. See page 8.

VR: Play & Explore
Sunday, Oct. 20, 1−3 p.m.

TEENS

LEGO Robotics
Thursday, Nov. 7, 4−5:30 p.m.
Teens. See page 9.

VR: Play & Explore
Sunday, Nov. 10, 1−3 p.m.
Teens. See page 9.

EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH TECH TAKEOUT

Borrow our digital DSLR camera, video microphone, and tripod. Perfect for professional headshots, vacation photography, and photos of inventory for eBay and Etsy.

Visit techtakeout.ippl.info to get started.

Weekly Schedule

The WouldShop™ is our creative space to make, design, and build. The possibilities of what you can create are endless. Need inspiration for creation? Ask us or visit wouldshop.ippl.info to see the equipment we have available.

- **Ages 8−18:** Always open
- **Adults:** Monday−Friday, 9 a.m.−2 p.m.
  Saturday, 1−4 p.m. (excluding some scheduled classes or school holidays)

**Trainer help is available . . .**
- **Ages 8−18 years:** Thursdays, 6−8 p.m.
- **Ages 8+, including adults:** Saturdays, 1−4 p.m.

**Note:** There is no charge for equipment usage, but we have limited materials and supplies available for purchase. We encourage you to bring your own consumable materials, such as vinyl, yarn, or fabric.
ALL AGES

Dadurdays
Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Drop in with dad or another caregiver and enjoy donuts and activities.
Saturday, Sept. 7: Star Wars
Saturday, Oct. 12: LEGO Block Party
Saturday, Nov. 23: Flag Football

Wendy & DB Peace Concert
Sunday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.
Enjoy songs and fun in celebration of International Peace Week.

Pumpkin Patch
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2–4 p.m. (R)
Bring your whole family to decorate pumpkins and enjoy fall-themed snacks.

Dragon Training Camp
Monday, Oct. 14, 12:30–3 p.m.
It's a day off school! Play games, create your family shield, and enjoy How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG).

Cat’s Pajamas
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6–8 p.m.
Show off your pajamas while enjoying cat-themed stories, crafts, and activities.

Pokémon Party
Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Join us for a Pokémon celebration. Visit calendar.ippl.info for a schedule of events.

Be a Star at Family Reading Night
Thursday, Nov. 21, 6–7:30 p.m.
Hear stories by community stars, the audience, and library staff at this annual statewide event. Refreshments served.

LEGO My Eggo
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Enjoy Eggo waffles and watch The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (PG).

COMmUNITY STORYTIMES

Whole Foods Kids Club Storytime
Thursdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, & Nov. 7, 11:45 a.m.
Whole Foods Market, 6300 Kingery Hwy., Willowbrook. All ages with adult. After IPPL presents stories and songs, Whole Foods Market provides the snacks.

Barbara’s Bookstore Storytime
Fridays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, & Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.
Barbara’s Bookstore, 810 Village Center Dr., Burr Ridge. All ages with adult. Stories, songs, and fun.

STORYTIMES

Números y Letras
Fridays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, & Nov. 15, 10:15 a.m. (R)
Ages 3–6. This bilingual storytime teaches basic concepts, such as numbers and letters, in Spanish.

Rollick & Roll
Tuesdays, Oct. 8–Nov. 19, 10:15 a.m.
All ages with adult. Join us for this movement class.

Stuffed Animal Storytime
Wednesdays, Oct. 9–Nov. 20, 6 p.m.
All ages with adult. Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal.

Ukrainian Storytime
Thursdays, Oct. 10–Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m.
All ages with adult. Stories, rhymes, and songs in Ukrainian.

TECHNOLOGY

Lil-Coders: Scratch Jr.
Friday, Sept. 27, 10:15–11 a.m. (R)
Ages 3–5. Use MIT’s Scratch Jr. block coding editor to create simple programs and games.

Lil-Coders: Cubetto
Friday, Oct. 25, 10:15–11 a.m. (R)
Ages 3–5. This guided storytime allows toddlers to program the actions of Cubetto.

Lil-Coders: Coding Games
Friday, Nov. 22, 10:15–11 a.m. (R)
Ages 3–5. Play games and learn to code with no computers involved.
FALL SESSION

Little U storytimes run Oct. 7–Nov. 22. Registration begins Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. Space is limited. Child must be the appropriate age by Sept. 23, 2019.

Baby Brilliance ♂ EMON
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. or Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.
Ages birth–17 months with adult.

Talented Toddlers ♂ EMON
Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m. or Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Ages 18–36 months with adult.

Junior Genius ♂ EMON
Mondays, 10:15 a.m. or Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Ages 3–6 years. Caregivers must remain in the library.

Fantastic Families
Mondays, 9:15 a.m.
All ages with adult.

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Fantastic Families
Mondays, 9:15 a.m.
All ages with adult.

Swap games, enjoy open play, and make crafts.

PUZZLES AND BOARD GAMES
SWAP AND PLAY
SATURDAY, OCT. 5, 1–4 P.M.
Children, teens, & adults welcome

Bring gently used games and puzzles to either the Adult or Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk from Sept. 29–Oct. 4 to get a priority swap ticket for each item donated.

Priority swap tickets allow for entry 15 minutes early and are good for one item.

Parent Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Is there a program or service you wish the library provided? Do you have suggestions about our play space? We are starting a Parent Advisory Board, and we want to hear your ideas!

Child care and light refreshments provided.
Apply at the Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk.

Express Yourself

Mixed Media Canvas Class
Thursdays, Sept. 5–Oct. 3, 10:15 a.m. (R)
Ages 18 months–6 years with adult.
Experiment with a new art medium weekly, and build on a personal canvas in layers. Final masterpieces are taken home at the end of the session.

Open Play
Mondays, Sept. 9–30, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Ages 6 months–3 years. Explore a variety of toys, noisemakers, and activities.

Sign Language for Babies
Saturdays, Sept. 14 & 21, Oct. 19 & 26, and Nov. 9 & 16, 10 a.m. (R)
Ages birth–2 years. Learn how to help your baby communicate using American Sign Language from nationally certified specialist Annmarie Mead.

Classic Storytime Crafts
Tuesdays, Oct. 8–Nov. 12, 4 p.m. (R)
Ages 3–6. Make crafts based on favorite books like The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Cat in the Hat.

STEAM for Littles
Wednesdays, Oct. 9–Nov. 20, 5 p.m. (R)
Ages 3–5 with adult. Discover messy explorations of STEAM concepts.

Saturday Morning Cartoons & Crafts
Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.–noon
Drop by the WouldShop™ to watch cartoons and to create buttons, posters, and vinyl stickers. Donuts and coffee are served.

Picture Books on Parade
Friday, Nov. 8, 6–8 p.m.
Celebrate National Picture Book Month with special craft projects for our favorites.
Express Yourself

Sew Mighty Mid-Kids
Thursday, Sept. 12,
5:30–6:30 p.m. (R)
Grades 4–6. Make a small secret storage sack for coins, notes, or other small things.

Mid-Kid Krafts
Wednesdays, Oct. 2–Nov. 13,
4 p.m. (R)
Grades 1–3. Create seasonal art using leaves, pumpkin seeds, and plaid fabric.

Mid-Kids Kitchen 101
Thursday, Oct. 24,
5:15–6:15 p.m. (R)
Grades 4–6. Learn basic cooking tools and techniques to create a delicious snack.

The Nightmare Before Christmas Interactive Movie
Saturday, Oct. 26, 5:30–8 p.m. (R)
Grades 5–8. Make the movie (PG) come alive as you play along with props, songs, and snacks.

Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest
Sept. 20–Oct. 20 • Ages 11–13
Participate in this global contest sponsored by the Darien Lions Club, which is selecting the winners and awarding prizes. The international prize is $5,000 and a trip to the United Nations. Visit the WouldShop™ starting Sept. 20 for details.

TOY HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT
Kickoff Event
Sunday, Nov. 24, 2–3 p.m. (R)
Grades 1–5. Learn about our homes and community, and build a shoebox house.

Toy House Drop-in
Monday, Nov. 25–Saturday, Nov. 30
Grades 1–5. Can’t make the kickoff event? Drop in anytime the library is open to build your own shoebox house.

Mid-Kids

Bike Safety for Back to School
Thursday, Sept. 5, 5–6 p.m. (R)
Grades 2–4. Friends from the Illinois Secretary of State teach bicycle safety. Bikes are not needed.

After School Homework Club
Mondays & Thursdays,
Sept. 9–Nov. 14, 3–5 p.m.
Grades 1–6. Library staff and teen volunteers set up a quiet space where kids can work with each other to complete their schoolwork. Note: This is not a tutoring service.

Fortnite Fridays
Fridays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, & Nov. 8,
3–5 p.m. (R)
Grades 3–8. Play against friends in custom matches, or enter the Battle Royale solo.

Mini-Scientists Academy
Friday, Sept. 20, 4–5 p.m. (R)
Grades 1–3. Learn and explore science.

Mini–Scientists Academy
Friday, Oct. 18, 4–5 p.m. (R)
Science for Peace
Friday, Nov. 1, 4–5 p.m. (R)

Home Schooling SMART
For grades 1–6. STEAM concepts for homeschooling families.

Tuesday, Sept. 24,
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. (R)
Exploring Space
Tuesday, Oct. 15,
noon–1:30 p.m. (R)
Earth’s Geography
Tuesday, Nov. 19,
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. (R)
Weather the Storms

Mandarin for Mid-Kids
Thursday, Oct. 3,
4:30–5:15 p.m. (R)

TECHNOLOGY

Harry Potter LED Wand
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2–3:30 p.m. (R)
Grades 2–6. Learn how to use the magic of electricity to make a light-up magic wand.

Brush Bots
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 4–5 p.m. (R)
Grades 1–3. Create a robot creature that glides across tables and floors.

LEGO Robotics: Programming
Thursday, Oct. 17, 4–5:30 p.m. (R)
Grades 4–8. Learn to program robots with the LEGO-based programming language.

VR: Play & Explore
Sunday, Oct. 20, 1–3 p.m. (R)
Grades 3–6. Explore VR worlds with Oculus, PlayStation VR, and Google Expeditions.

Hydraulic Butterfly
Saturday, Nov. 2, 1–2:30 p.m. (R)
Grades 3–6. Learn about water and physics, and create your own hydraulic butterfly.
Teens

**COLLEGE PREP**

**Practice Tests**
Ease your testing nerves with practice tests presented by College Tutors.

- **ACT and SAT test prep**
- **Language lab**
- **Live tutors**
- **Writing help**

**Five Strategies to College Application Success**
Monday, Sept. 30, 6:30–8 p.m. (R)
An expert from My College Planning Team will share tips for researching and selecting the right college, and writing a great essay. This program is most suitable for high school juniors and seniors and their parents.

**Teen Service Opportunities**
Visit teenservice.ippl.info to learn more about service opportunities at the library.

**Practice Tests**

- **Saturday, Sept. 21,**
  9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (R)
  **Practice ACT**

- **Saturday, Oct. 19,**
  9:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m. (R)
  **Practice SAT**

**Babysitting Basics**
Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, & Nov. 18, 6–7:30 p.m. (R)
Get tips for your babysitting toolbox for the first 30 minutes, then practice what you learned by watching children during the last hour. Each class builds a new skill, and upon completion, you’ll be confident to babysit. Participants can earn service hours.

**Puzzles & Board Games: Swap & Play**
Saturday, Oct. 5, 1–4 p.m.
Children, teens, & adults welcome. See page 7 for details.

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Learn to program robots with the LEGO-based programming language.

**VR: Play & Explore**
Sunday, Nov. 10, 1–3 p.m. (R)
Explore and play VR worlds using Oculus, PlayStation VR, and Google Expeditions.

**Dungeons and Dragons**
Meets on the first and third Fridays of the month from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Run by teens. New and experienced players welcome.

**Get Spooky**
Saturday, Oct. 19, 6:30–9:30 p.m. (R)
Dress up for a costume contest, games, and plenty of tricks and treats during this after-hours event.

**Self-Portrait**
Friday, Oct. 25, 6:30–8 p.m.
Express yourself by painting a self-portrait and create an artist’s statement using our Mad Libs-style guide.

**Cool Compositions**
Submit your original short stories, poetry, or song lyrics for a chance at cash prizes. Pick up your entry form at the Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk or submit your entry online.

Entries are accepted Sept. 21–Oct. 19.

First, second, and third place winners in each category will be announced on Nov. 12 at the program below:

**An Evening with Samira Ahmed**
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us for an evening with New York Times bestselling author Samira Ahmed as she talks about inspiration, process, and the life of an author. Books are available for purchase and signing. Write-On winners are announced at this event.

Sponsored by The Gift of Carl Foundation

Learn more at writeon.ippl.info

Register at calendar.ippl.info, call 630/887-0718, or visit the Kids & Teens Ask Us Desk. Registration begins two weeks before each program unless noted.

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**COOKING**

**Artisanal Preserves: Small Batch Fruit Preserving for Home Cooks**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7–8:15 p.m. (R)**  
Limit 25 IPPL cardholders. Madelaine Bullwinkel, local cooking instructor and author, talks about the history and chemistry of fruit preserving and demonstrates how to make jam. Following the presentation, copies of her book, *Artisanal Preserves*, are available for purchase and signing.

**Instant Pot 101**  
**Monday, Nov. 4, 7–8:30 p.m. (R)**  
Limit 60 IPPL cardholders. In this cooking demonstration, Andrea Pracht from mykitchenclatter.com covers basic maintenance and use of these popular appliances. Recipes, but not tastings, are included.

**Aging Care Connections**  
**Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 25, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.**  
Representatives from Aging Care Connections provide information about aging and answer questions.

**OPERAS LOVERS LECTURES**

**The Barber of Seville**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1–2 p.m. (R)**  
Lecturer: Neil Adelman

**Luisa Miller**  
**Thursday, Oct. 3, 7–8 p.m. (R)**  
Lecturer: Carla Thorpe

**Don Giovanni**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1–2 p.m. (R)**  
Lecturer: David Blecher

**The Three Queens**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7–8 p.m. (R)**  
Lecturer: Belinda Potoma

**HISTORY**

**Madam President**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1–2:30 p.m. (R)**  
William Hazelgrove, author of *Madam President: The Secret Presidency of Edith Wilson*, shares how the First Lady became acting president of the U.S. after her husband Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke, months before women officially won the right to vote. Following the presentation, copies of his book are available for purchase and signing.

**Historic Pullman: The Man, the Town, & the Neighborhood of Today**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7–8:30 p.m. (R)**  
Through slides and narration, Gail Johnson tells the story of George M. Pullman, his iconic train cars, his utopian company town, and the surviving 1880s neighborhood.

**Foundation & Friends Concert: Legends of Sun Records**  
**Sunday, Nov. 17, 2–3 p.m. (R)**  
Guitarist and vocalist Randy Walker performs classic songs and shares the history of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins.

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**September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Visit ippl.info/get-a-card today!**
Pub Trivia
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. (R)
Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café, Dixie Room, S. 8025 Cass Ave., Darien. New location, same great trivia! Join us for a night of fun, facts, and figures. Register as an individual or grab some friends and create a team. Prizes for first and second place winners; donated by Countryside Bank.

Puzzles & Board Games: Swap & Play
Saturday, Oct. 5, 1–4 p.m.
Children, teens, & adults welcome. See page 7 for details.

Choose Your Medicare Supplement
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m. (R)
Tracy Furgason of Weiss Financial Ratings explains how to pick the best supplemental (Medigap) insurance quickly and easily to lower insurance premiums and save money. Learn to create a personalized report using the library’s Financial Ratings Series subscription.

Cut the Cable Cord
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1–3 p.m. (R)
Find out about streaming services such as Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and Sling TV.

Introduction to Sky Watching
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7–8:30 p.m. (R)
Michelle Nichols-Yehling from the Adler Planetarium teaches us how to operate our new telescopes (now available for checkout) and offers tips for sky watching with our eyes and mobile phones.

COD: What You Need to Know
Monday, Nov. 4, 5–7 p.m.
Stop by the lobby and ask questions of a representative from College of DuPage.

Superhero Next Door
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. (R)
Buddy L had a traumatic accident, but he made a full recovery. He shares his journey and teaches how to unlock your true potential by awakening your inner superhero, identifying your sidekicks, and keeping your villains at bay. Sponsored by the IPPL Foundation & Friends.

Create Your Collage: Animal Art
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2–4 p.m. (R)
Limit 15 IPPL cardholders. Using precut silhouettes of animals and insects, recreate new imagery and art with inspiration from simple materials during this hands-on program. All supplies provided.

DNA Kits & Your Family Tree
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m. (R)
Learn about the differences between DNA testing kits and how to use the results of your tests to help expand your family tree using the science of genetic genealogy.

Andy Warhol: Pop Art Is for Everyone
Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7–8:30 p.m. (R)
Andy Warhol is the subject of an upcoming Art Institute of Chicago exhibit. In this slide lecture, art historian Dr. Michelle Mishur presents a survey of Warhol’s career.

Personal Stories: A Veterans Day Event
Monday, Nov. 11, 2–4 p.m. (R)
Get an intimate glimpse into the lives of local veterans as they share their stories and the memories they keep.

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No registration required.

**Adult Chess Players**
Meets on the first three Mondays of the month at 6 p.m.

**Board Game Group**
For teens and adults. Meets on the last Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

**Current Events Group**
Meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m.

**Drama Reading Group**
Meets Wednesdays, Oct. 2–Nov. 6 from 2–4 p.m. This group reads plays out loud.

**English (ESL) Conversation Group**

**Genealogy Group**
Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month (third Thursday in November) at 1 p.m. Genealogical research and family history programs.

**Knot Just Knitting**
For teens and adults. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Open to all needleworkers.

**Mahjong Group**
Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. All skill levels welcome. No meeting in November.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES**

(R)Register at calendar.ippl.info, call 630/887-0637, or visit the Adult Ask Us Desk. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Movies begin at 2 p.m. Sponsered by IPPL Foundation & Friends.

- **Thursday, Sept. 5 (R)**
  A Dog’s Purpose (2017)

- **Thursday, Sept. 19 (R)**
  First Man (2018)

- **Thursday, Oct. 3 (R)**
  The Front Runner (2018)

- **Thursday, Oct. 17 (R)**
  The Upside (2019)

- **Thursday, Oct. 31 (R)**
  Five Feet Apart (2019)

- **Thursday, Nov. 7 (R)**
  On the Basis of Sex (2019)

**BOOK CLUBS**

Discussion books are available at the Checkout Desk one month before the meeting.

**NOVEL IDEA 📚**

Delve into a book’s characters, plot, setting, and themes. No registration required.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.**
  The Collector’s Apprentice by B. A. Shapiro (2018)

- **Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m.**
  Clock Dance by Anne Tyler (2018)

- **Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.**
  Little Faith by Nickolas Butler (2019)

**CRIME READERS 🕵️‍♂️**

Meets at Home Run Inn Pizza, 7521 Lemont Rd., Darien, at 6 p.m. for dinner (optional) and 7 p.m. for discussion. No registration required.

- **Thursday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.**
  Bloodhounds by Peter Lovesey (1996)

- **Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.**
  The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen (2018)

- **Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.**
  Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman (2017)
#LIBSOCIAL For 20–30somethings

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Harry Potter Illustrations: Drawing Workshop
Thursday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m. (R)
Limit 30. Learn the magic behind the Harry Potter chapter illustrations as artist Christine Thornton teaches us easy drawing techniques to recreate your own version.

Cooking for One or Two
Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. (R)
Learn how to prepare meals for one or two people easily at home. Chef Joyce provides recipes and tips during her cooking demonstration and teaches how to make perfectly portioned and healthy meals for your living situation.

Pub Trivia
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. (R)
Chuck’s Southern Comforts Café, Dixie Room, 8025 S. Cass Ave., Darien. See page 11 for details.

Inside the Box: Board Game Night
Friday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. (R)
Bring your favorite game to share, or play one of ours to kick off International Games Week.

Dinosaur Terrariums
Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m. (R)
Limit 15. Adopt mini dinos and build them the perfect prehistoric habitat in a jar.

(DR)egister at calendar.ippl.info, call 630/887-0637, or visit the Adult Ask Us Desk. Registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.

Follow us at meetup.com/libsocial.

Book Club Resources
If you lead a book discussion or you want to start one, we can help you.

The library provides multiple copies of books (regular, large print, or audio if available) for your group. We also can gather book reviews, discussion questions, and author information.

Let us know how we can help. Visit bookclubs.ippl.info, stop by the Adult Ask Us Desk, or call 630/887-0637.

GENLit BOOK CLUB
Meets for dinner and discussion. (R)egister at facebook.com/genlit, call 630/887-0637, or visit the Adult Ask Us Desk.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. (R)
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah (2016)
Meets at Taste of India, 7243 Kingery Hwy., Willowbrook

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m. (R)
Love, Hate & Other Filters by Samira Ahmed (2018)
Meets at Bernard’s Café & Deli, 14 W. 63rd St., Willowbrook

Meet Samira Ahmed this fall at the library! See page 9 for details.

#LIBSOCIAL CRAFTERWORK
Fit creativity into your busy schedule with one of our drop-in craft programs.

Cactus Rock Garden
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 5:30–7 p.m.
Paint rocks to create a beautiful planter that even the blackest thumb can’t kill.

DIY Mini Notebooks
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 5:30–7 p.m.
Make your own miniature notebook out of old library cards and other upcycled materials.
Jobs & Careers

Business Roundtable Sessions
Thursdays, Sept. 19 & Nov. 21, 6:30–8 p.m.
Meet informally with other small business owners and entrepreneurs for a discussion of challenges, successes, and ideas. These sessions revolve around a topic. Hosted by Fox Valley SCORE.

Sept. 19: Getting Started—Lessons Learned
Come with one item that you would do differently or wish you had known before opening your business.

Nov. 21: Where Am I? Where Am I Going?
Assess your business situation.

Preparing Your Tax Records for the End of the Year
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6:30–8 p.m. (R)
Learn how to get your business records ready for reporting 2019 taxes. Hosted by Fox Valley SCORE.

Mentoring Sessions
Small business owners and entrepreneurs can set up a free individual mentoring session provided by our partner, Fox Valley SCORE, a nonprofit association that assists small businesses. Find out more about starting your dream business or improving your current one. Get started at score.org.

Job Prep Week: Sept. 23-27

Job Hunting Drop-In
Monday, Sept. 23, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Drop by the lobby to get your job hunting questions answered and learn more about resources for job hunters from a representative from the Goodwill Workforce Connection Center.

Phone & Skype Interviews
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. (R)
Learn the difference between types of interviews and how to prepare for them, as well as tips on best presenting yourself when you’re not actually in the room.

Compensation Conversation
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. (R)
A representative from the Community Career Center reviews the various steps of the application, interview, and offer process. Learn tactics and language to communicate about compensation and ultimately maximize the employer’s offer.

Mock Interviews
Thursday, Sept. 26, 7–9 p.m. (R)
Practice your interviewing skills and receive feedback from hiring managers or job hunting professionals. 20-minute slots are available by appointment only; call the Ask Us Desk at 630/887-0637.

Register at calendar.ippl.info, call 630/887-0637, or visit the Adult Ask Us Desk. Registration begins Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m.
THANK YOU, DONORS
From creating innovative programs for children to bringing reading materials to the homebound, we are everyone’s library. We have programming that keeps teenagers engaged, and resources that help everyone from the small business owner to those who want to research their family genealogy. Your donation makes it possible for us to be a vital part of our community. Thank you to those who recently supported the library.

Book Nook Sales & Movie Donations, $1,900
Darien Woman’s Club, $1,530
AIG, $1,000
Darien Lions Club, $1,000
In memory of Beatrix Lawrence,
   James C. Mitchell, Jr., $500
   John & Patricia Naisbitt, $100
   Christopher & Michele Freiler, $25
Susanne Riedell, $300
In loving memory of Dr. Sigrid L. Peterson,
   Alyssa Popowitch, $250
In memory of Elizabeth A. Nelson,
   Karen Nelson, $250
In memory of Laurence Schaer,
   Caryl Schaer, $250
Hugh Glenn, $200
In loving memory of Ramona Weigus,
   Isabel Schuurman & book club, $150
In memory of Irene & Joseph Kocjan,
   Keith Krupicka, $100
Lyric Opera of Chicago, Hinsdale Chapter, $100
In memory of Rita Peterson,
   Hinsbrook Book Club, $70
Alison Papaurelis, $50
Joseph Pellegrino, $50
In memory of Irene Kocjan,
   Joan McGady, $25
   Gary & Lynn Engelmann, $25
Jonathan Troc, $10

LIBRARY TRUSTEE NEWS
Thank you, Beena Deshmukh, for your service to the library from 2013–19. Beena served as Secretary, Building & Grounds Committee Member, Policy Committee Member, and Planning/Outreach Committee Chairperson.

Welcome Back, Asma Akhras
Asma is no stranger to the IPPL Board, serving from 2017–18. She left the board to pursue an opportunity overseas, but now she’s back. A resident of Darien, Asma brings to the board her expertise in education teaching at all levels from elementary to college. She is also the co-founder of the Sereen Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting the social and emotional needs of children battling cancer.

Meet Taylor Frawley
With a background in government affairs at a medical association, a passion for customer service as a flight attendant for Southwest, and the drive of a small business owner operating her own bath products and jewelry business, Taylor is excited to join the IPPL Board of Trustees. A resident of Willowbrook, Taylor has a love for the library and the community, where she’s lived for most of her life.

Asma and Taylor will serve on the board until 2021.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION & FRIENDS
The mission of Indian Prairie Public Library Foundation & Friends is to support the library as an essential center of learning, inspiration, and community pride. We provide funds to support diverse programs and classes, enrich the library’s collections, and provide cutting-edge library enhancements. We are an advocate for the library and raise community awareness about the library. Visit ipplfoundation.org to learn how you can help support the library.
The Indian Prairie Public Library District has long served as a valued and trusted civic institution, celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2018. Through the years, the library has evolved to meet community interests and provide enjoyment for our residents.

To determine how best to move forward, the library staff and trustees undertook a strategic planning process. As part of that process, we asked people their opinions on how the library can contribute to the community and enhance the lives of our residents. We received feedback from over 1,400 residents.

We took that feedback and added information from studies of library usage, input from staff, and best practices from other successful libraries to develop Strategic Plan 2019–2022.

The process affirmed our current Mission Statement:

*We provide opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.*

We developed a new Vision that is community-centered:

*Lives are enriched and dreams are realized.*

And, we determined three strategic directions for the library:

- We empower people to fulfill their potential and cultivate their interests.
- We are a welcoming place for all and a preferred destination.
- We are a vital partner in a strong community and a catalyst for bringing people together.

Each of these directions has initiatives that will support the library’s forward movement. You can read more about the library’s strategic plan at [strategicplan.ippl.info](http://strategicplan.ippl.info).

The library has played a vital role in helping to make our community a better place to live. Strategic Plan 2019–2022 ensures the library continues to be a place of enrichment and possibility.