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# Finding community at the library



"I found this little community here at the library." –Frank Paloucek



When Frank Paloucek retired from teaching pharmacy at the University of Illinois-Chicago in January 2022, he suddenly found he had a lot of free time that he struggled to fill.

He tried his hand at gardening but it didn't take long to discover his hand didn't come with a green thumb. He tried golf, but that didn't work out either. He freely admitted he is too competitive to find the sport relaxing.

Around this time, Frank, an IPPL cardholder since moving to Willowbrook in 2021, learned that an adult Dungeons & Dragons club was starting up at IPPL. He'd played the game back in the early 1980s, so he was interested in restarting it.

"At my job I was always surrounded by people all the time," said Frank, who regularly worked with a group of 12 students each year in the residency program. "For me being retired, playing Dungeons & Dragons fit my need to be among other people doing something we all enjoy."

An avid reader, he loved IPPL from the start. "I've been to 20-25 libraries over the years looking for books, and this is a very nice library. I'm here at least every two weeks getting books."

And, even though he loves his routine of scooping up his favorite books from IPPL, he has more programs on his list, including the book discussion groups. He's also planning to spend time in IPPL's Maker Studio.





## IPPL *fosters success* in local teens

Rebecca Williams is the kind of student who takes an AP Psychology class just for fun while Zahra Ali is the kind of student to ask a librarian for permission to study when she's attending an event that will honor her and others for their prize-winning creative writing.

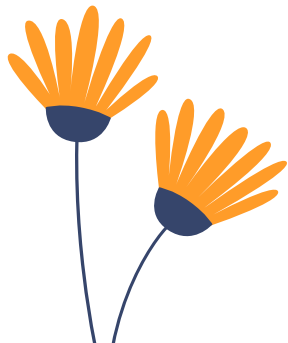
Rebecca, a senior at Hinsdale South, and Zahra, a sophomore at Downers Grove South, have been IPPL cardholders for as long as they can remember. They are both highly motivated students who find comfort at the library.

For Rebecca, the library provides a break from the usual disruptions at home and a reprieve from her younger brother. She regularly visits the library after school, which is just a short walk along Clarendon Hills Road.

"The library is a space I have where I can sit and work and be comfortable," Rebecca said. "I come here to study, but I'm so glad I can also access so many books and so much information. I really got into Stephen King books so it's nice that I can read them at the library."

Zahra speaks fondly of her early memories of coming to IPPL as a child. She remembers coming to IPPL for family storytimes and other kids' programs.

"This place is so special for me," Zahra said. "I loved the family storytimes and all the programs for kids that I went to. The librarians are all so sweet. Now, I love to volunteer here when I have time and help with the family programs because I enjoyed them so much as a little kid."



These days Zahra is more likely to use the meeting spaces in the library rather than attend programs. The second-floor conference rooms come in extra handy for her when she's working on a group project or meeting with friends.

"The rooms are really nice for collaborating with friends and classmates," she said. "We can talk and work on a project without interrupting or bothering other people in the library. And I love the whiteboards in the rooms!"

To cap things off, Rebecca and Zahra were both winners in last fall's Write-On competition, sponsored by the Gift of Carl Foundation. They both love to write. Rebecca favors short stories, while Zahra enjoys writing poetry. While this honor is just among the many accolades they have each received in their high school careers so far, we have a feeling these two are going to go far. But, no matter what, IPPL will always be home.

## Feeling Inspired in the Maker Studio

When Linda Painter gave birth to her twin daughters, she received a gift of embroidered towels with her daughters' names on them. But, these weren't your typical baby towels, they were towels her daughters could grow with as they were full-sized, hooded towels.

Inspired by that thoughtful gift, Linda pulled out her own sewing machine (a gift from her mother when she graduated college) and replicated the thoughtful gift for a friend's new baby. She sewed the baby name using the zig-zag method on her sewing machine. As each new baby was born, she made a towel.

Fast-forward, and now Linda has a new tool in her arsenal in getting these towels made: IPPL's Maker Studio.

"Using the embroidery machine, I can stitch a name quickly and add accents," said Linda. "I added mountains to a towel for a baby named Brecken. It really made it pop."



But, it's not just her famous towels that Linda enjoys using the Maker Studio for (see photo for one in progress). In fact, she's makes gifts that "no one else can replicate," adding a personal touch to nearly everything. She etches wine glasses for new bride and grooms, make ornaments for friends, and creates mugs to remember trips.



"The only thing I need is more time," said Linda, a long-time Darien resident.

Linda talks passionately about the Maker Studio to everyone she can. She jokes that she lives in the library, and wanted to say "thank you." She recently made a \$5,000 donation to the library to benefit the Maker Studio.

"It's the least I can do—I wanted to give back to the place that has helped me do so much in capturing special memories for my family and friends," said Linda.

And, when she's not in the Maker Studio, playing tennis with her friends, or volunteering her time, she's taking photographs. Her art will be featured in the library's gallery later this year.

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### Thank you, donors

Your donation makes it possible for us to be a vital part of our community.

Thank you to those who recently supported the library.

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## Library Giving Day: Make a Donation

Honor the Indian Prairie Public Library to kick off National Library Week on Library Giving Day on April 3 with a gift that will benefit the entire community. Donations do not fund day-to-day library operations, meaning that 100% of your gift is used to add new services, programs, or technology. We invite you to help us create a long-lasting community—make your donation today.

Visit [foundation.org](http://foundation.org) or scan the QR code.





## National Library Week: April 7–13

You know us as the place to snag your favorite books or the place to spend long hours studying, but explore all the other things we have to offer . . .



- Don't Google—Ask us! We love your questions.



- Bring home a metal detector or paper shredder plus technology like wi-fi hotspots from our Library of Things.



- Make t-shirts, art, or other cool projects in our Maker Studio.



- Use electronic resources for tutoring or resume assistance.



- Attend a storytime, lecture, or computer class.



- Explore LittleTown with your children or grandchildren.



- Read the *New York Times* on your device.



- Stream movies, music, and eaudiobooks at home or on-the-go.

And, that's just a few of the things you can do at YOUR public library. Learn more in this newsletter or visit [ippl.info](http://ippl.info) to explore even more ways to make the most of your library.

## Buy a Brick for the Reading Garden Path

Would you like to see your name become a lasting part of the library?  
Would you like to honor a special person or occasion, memorialize a loved one, or recognize an organization or business? Please consider purchasing a personalized, engraved brick for the library's Reading Garden path.

With a gift of \$75, you can personalize a 4" x 8" brick with three lines of up to 13 characters per line. A gift of \$150 allows you to personalize an 8" x 8" brick with six lines of up to 13 characters per line. Symbols are a \$5 fee.



If you are ordering a brick as a gift, please provide the gift recipient's information and we will send them a notification. Duplicate bricks can be ordered as a keepsake for half-price.

For more information, call 630/887-0945 or email [giving@ipplfoundation.org](mailto:giving@ipplfoundation.org).

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## Registration Information

### Register for programs

Registration for most programs opens

**Monday, Feb. 26.** See [calendar.ippl.info](http://calendar.ippl.info) for details.

### Accommodations

Accommodations for special assistance will be made upon request, based on availability. Contact Kristen L. at 630/887-0674 at least five days prior to the program to make arrangements.



## Programs for Everyone

### Hatching this Spring!

We are partnering with the Darien Dragons 4-H Club for our annual incubation project. Eggs are expected to arrive in mid-April. Watch enews for information.



### Seed & Plant Exchange Drop-In

**Saturday, Mar. 2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Attend this seed and houseplant exchange to kick-start your garden and beautify your home. If you have seeds to spare, consider donating them to IPPL's Seed Library.

Co-sponsored by the Darien Garden Club.

### Holi Color Fight ⓘ

**Friday, Mar. 22, 4–5 p.m.**

For ages 4+. Celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of spring and colors, with a traditional color fight. Age-specific areas designated for each age group to keep things fair, safe, and fun.

### Cat Café with West Suburban Humane Society Drop-In

**Monday, Mar. 25, 4:30–6 p.m.**

Ages 14 & under must attend with an adult. Volunteers from the West Suburban Humane Society spotlight their favorite cats that need a home. Attendees are allowed on a first-come-first-served basis. Duration of the program may be adjusted to maintain cat well-being.

### Volunteer Fair

**Saturday, Apr. 6, 10 a.m.–noon.**

Teens, adults, families, and retirees can connect with local organizations to learn more about their volunteer opportunities.

### Child Safety Kits with Darien Police Department

**Friday, Apr. 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Families can pick up free child ID kits from the Darien Police Department.

### Keshav's Garden Planting Party

**Tuesday, May 21, 4–5 p.m.**

Help us get Keshav's Garden ready to grow for summer.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at [calendar.ippl.info](http://calendar.ippl.info).

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## Families

For families with children 7 & under with an adult caregiver.

### Shamrock Storycraft

**Saturday, Mar. 9, 10–10:30 a.m.**

Whether you're Irish or just wish you were, join us for a St. Patrick's Day story and craft.

### Firefly Family Theater Presents: *Grow*

**Saturday, Apr. 13, 10–11 a.m.**

Join us for music, puppets, interactive movement, and more.

### Family Craft Hour ⓘ

**Friday, Apr. 19, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Make seasonal-themed crafts using age-appropriate materials.

### Little Builders Drop-In

**Saturday, May 11, 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

Work on fine motor skills while building with blocks and bricks of all sizes.

## Early Literacy

For children birth–age 7. See individual descriptions for age requirements.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime ⓘ

**Thursday, Mar. 7, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

Families with children 7 and under with an adult caregiver. Enjoy this storytime and learn about our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Mark off a couple books on your log for attending.

Learn more about 1,000 Books: [1000books.ippl.info](http://1000books.ippl.info)

### Preschool Play ⓘ

**Mondays, Mar. 11–Apr. 22, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

For children 3–6 years old. Adult caregivers must remain in the library. Join us each week for stories, songs, and literacy-based activities that help your child prepare for school. Registration is for all 7 weeks. No siblings, please.

### Talented Toddlers ⓘ

**Tuesdays, Mar. 12–Apr. 23, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

**Wednesdays, Mar. 13–Apr. 24, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

Sign up for one session only.

For children 18–36 months with an adult caregiver.

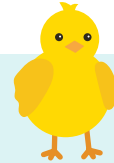
Storytime classes teach pre-reading skills. Registration is for all 7 weeks. No siblings, please.

### Baby Brilliance ⓘ

**Fridays, Mar. 15–Apr. 26, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

For children birth–17 months with an adult caregiver.

Our storytimes teach pre-reading skills. Registration is for all 7 weeks. No siblings, please.



### Egg-cellent Stories ⓘ

**Tuesday, Apr. 30, 10:15–10:45 a.m.**

For families with children 7 & under with an adult caregiver. Hear stories, rhymes, and songs all about eggs and chicks.

### Color Changing Flowers ⓘ

**Friday, May 17, 4–4:30 p.m.**

For children 3–6 years old with an adult caregiver.

Perform a simple science experiment to learn how flowers drink; bring home a flower.

### Little Coders: Scratch, Jr. ⓘ

**Thursday, May 23, 4–4:30 p.m.**

For children ages 3–6 with an adult caregiver. Learn hands-on the basics of coding using Scratch, Jr., a coding app created by MIT.

## Mid-Kids

For grades 1–6. See individual descriptions for age requirements.

### Mid-Kids Art Club ⓘ

**Mondays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, & May 6, 4–5 p.m.**

For grades 1–6. Enjoy making art and socializing. The club chooses future projects.

### Digital Circuits with Tinkercad ⓘ

**Tuesday, Mar. 12, 4–5 p.m.**

For grades 4–6. Learn to create and program circuits using Tinkercad's free online software.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at [calendar.ippl.info](http://calendar.ippl.info).



### Read to a Pet ⓘ

Wednesdays, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, & May 8, 6–7 p.m.

For newly independent and independent readers at grades K–3 learning levels. Step into a pressure-free environment to enjoy reading aloud to a trained dog from the Love on a Leash organization. One reader per 15-minute session. Once registered for a date, you will be contacted by staff to schedule your exact start time.

### Dog Man: *The Scarlet Shredder* Release Party

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 6–7 p.m.

For grades 1–6. Celebrate the newest Dog Man book, *The Scarlet Shredder*, with games, activities, and snacks.

### STEAM Station ⓘ

Thursdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, & May 23, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 1–6. Explore or create with a hands-on activity connected to science, technology, engineering, art, or math. Register each child individually.

### Sphero Robotics ⓘ

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 1–3. Use round robots to take on obstacles and challenges.

### Science Heroes: *Saving Earth Together* ⓘ

Wednesday, Mar. 27, 11 a.m.–noon

For grades 1–6. Experience the fusion of science and stories as they collide in this fun, interactive STEM program.

### Mid-Kids Board Game Café Drop-In

Friday, Mar. 29, 1–2 p.m.

For grades 1–6. Drop in for classic board game fun, socializing with other gamers, snacks, and more.

### LEGO® Robotics ⓘ

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 1–3. Code LEGO robots to work autonomously or to read sensor inputs.

### Homeschooling SMART ⓘ

Wednesday, Apr. 24, 11 a.m.–noon: [Space Explorers](#)

Wednesday, May 22, 11 a.m.–noon: [Geographic Wonders](#)

For homeschooling families with children at 1–6 grade learning levels with a focus on science, math, art, reading, and technology.

### Mid-Kids Pokémon Meet-Up

Saturday, May 4, 2–3 p.m.

For grades 1–6. Do you love to watch, read, or play Pokémon? Then, this is the program for you! Experience fun Pokémon activities with like-minded kids with the option available to bring your cards to play or trade with others.

### LEGO® Robotics ⓘ

Tuesday, May 14, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 4–6. Have fun coding LEGO robots to work autonomously or to read sensor inputs.

## Middle School

For grades 6–8.

### Middle School Tech Take-Apart

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 6–8. Open up computers to learn about the hardware inside.

### Middle School Quest

Tuesdays, Apr. 16 & May 21, 4–5:30 p.m.

For grades 6–8. Play Quest, a fun, social game similar to Dungeons & Dragons.



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## Teens

For grades 7–12.



### Teens: Have fun reading & win prizes!

Join our 100 Books Before Graduation reading challenge and win a prize for every 20 books you read. Participating is easy, you just have to read 100 books before you graduate from high school or the equivalent learning level.

To get started, sign up at the second-floor desk or visit [100books.ippl.info](http://100books.ippl.info).

#### Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, & May 9, 4–6 p.m.

Beginners and experienced players welcome; new players should arrive 20 minutes early to get their character ready

#### Teen Board Game Café Drop-In

Friday, Mar. 29, 2–3 p.m.

Drop in for classic board games, socializing with other gamers, and snacks.

#### Testing Day Drop-In

Wednesday, Apr. 10, & Thursday, Apr. 11, 1–2 p.m.

Relax after a long day of standardized testing with VR gaming, board games, snacks, and crafts.



**Saturday, Apr. 20, 2–4 p.m.**

Meet local employers.  
Bring your resume and your A-game!

Learn more: [teenjobfair.ippl.info](http://teenjobfair.ippl.info)

#### Summer Volunteer Training

Tuesday, May 28, Wednesday, May 29, & Thursday, May 30, 4–5 p.m.

Summer volunteering is open to all teens age 13 & older, and recently graduated seniors. If you'd like to volunteer this summer, pick up a permission form to be signed by a parent or guardian and attend one of these sessions.

## Adults

#### Online: Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, Mar. 6–27; April 3, 10 & 24; and May 1–29, 1–2 p.m.

Taught by Dancing Cranes Yoga via Zoom.

#### The History of Motown Records

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 7–8 p.m.

Using audio and visual content presenter, Gary Wenstrup traces the musical journey of Motown Records.

#### Safety Conversations

Wednesdays, Mar. 6 & Apr. 3, 10–11 a.m.

A deputy from the Darien Police Department provides tips and answers to questions on safety and awareness.

**Mar. 6:** Situational awareness at home and out in the community.

**Apr. 3:** Scams including burglary, online, and phone.

#### Stories of Your Ancestors

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7–8 p.m.

Genealogy librarian EvaAnne Johnson introduces a variety of new ideas for sharing your family history in engaging ways.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at [calendar.ippl.info](http://calendar.ippl.info).

## How Hollywood Portrays Women

Thursday, Mar. 21, 7–8 p.m.

Presenter Kelli Marshall talks about four ways Hollywood has traditionally represented women onscreen.

## Coffee: From Bean to Cup ⓘ

Saturday, Mar. 23, 2–3 p.m.

Go on a journey with Ninja Girl Coffee and learn about coffee. Samples are provided to demonstrate different types and roasts.

## Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, & May 29, 6–8 p.m.

Beginners and experienced players welcome, though new players should arrive 20 minutes early to get their character ready.

## Great North American Eclipse

Thursday, Mar. 28, 6:30–8 p.m.

Join NASA Solar System Ambassador James Joel Knapper as he talks about the history of solar eclipses and how to safely view them.

## Leslie Goddard Presents Lilly Pulitzer

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 7–8 p.m.

Historian Leslie Goddard brings to life the entrepreneur and fashion designer who launched a design revolution.

## Secretary of State's Mobile DMV

Friday, Apr. 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit is providing DMV services onsite including REAL ID.

## Gardening Myths & Misinformation

Thursday, Apr. 18, 6:30–8 p.m.

This program dispels some common gardening myths and sets the record straight.

## After Hours: Cupcakes, Chardonnay, & Coloring ⓘ

Friday, Apr. 19, 6:30–8 p.m.

For 21+. Join us for desserts, drinks, and conversation. Supplies and food provided.

## Destination Heartland

Monday, Apr. 29, 6:30–8 p.m.

Looking for weekend activity ideas? Traveler Cynthia Clampitt highlights the Midwest in her new book *Destination Heartland: A Guide to Discovering the Midwest's Remarkable Past*.

## After Hours: Mia P. Manansala ⓘ

Friday, May 10, 6:30–8 p.m.

For 21+. In honor of Asian-Pacific and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Filipino author Mia P. Manansala chats about Filipino culture, cozy mysteries, and getting published.

**No walk-ins; must register to attend the event.**



## Adult Button Art: Watermelon ⓘ

Thursday, May 16, 6:30–8 p.m.

Create a unique work of art by using buttons. All supplies provided.

## The Men of Omaha Beach

Thursday, May 30, 7–8 p.m.

Robert Mueller paints the picture of Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944, and provide insight into how and where the Normandy Invasion took place.

## Jobs & Careers

### One-On-One Career Assistance

Tuesday, Mar. 26, 10 a.m.–noon

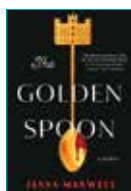
Career counselors from the People's Resource Center offer individualized support for job seekers in half-hour time slots focusing on whatever topic you request. By appointment only.





# Book Discussions

Pick up books at the Guest Services Desk one month before.



## Crime Readers

For readers who like twisty, thrilling plots, and solving mysteries.

*The Searcher* by Tana French

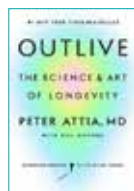
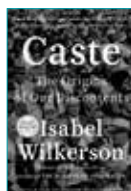
Thursday, Mar. 14, 7–8 p.m.

*The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

Thursday, Apr. 11, 7–8 p.m.

*All That is Mine I Carry with Me* by William Landay

Thursday, May 9, 7–8 p.m.



## Nonfiction at Night Book Discussion

For readers who like captivating true stories and thoughtful conversations.

*The Wager* by David Grann

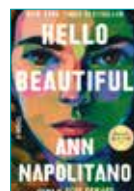
Thursday, Mar. 7, 7–8 p.m.

*Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson

Thursday, Apr. 4, 7–8 p.m.

*Outlive* by Peter Attia

Thursday, May 2, 7–8 p.m.



## Novel Idea

For readers who like to delve into a novel's characters, plot, setting, and theme.

*The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles

Monday, Mar. 18, 7–8 p.m.

*The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Monday, Apr. 15, 7–8 p.m.

*Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Monday, May 20, 7–8 p.m.

## Thursday Afternoon Movies

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn is provided.

Sponsored by IPPL Foundation & Friends.



*Barbie* (PG-13, 1:54)

Thursday, Mar. 7, 2–4 p.m.



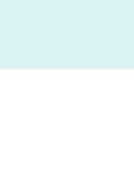
*Iron Jawed Angels* (PG-13, 2:03)

Thursday, Mar. 21, 2–4 p.m.



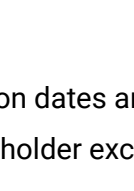
*Double Indemnity* (NR, 1:47)

Thursday, Apr. 4, 2–4 p.m.



*The Miracle Club* (PG-13, 1:30)

Thursday, Apr. 18, 2–4 p.m.



*A Haunting in Venice* (PG-13, 1:43)

Thursday, May 2, 2–4 p.m.



*Wonka* (PG-13, 1:56)

Thursday, May 16 15, 2–4 p.m.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at [calendar.ippl.info](https://calendar.ippl.info).

# Technology

For teens & adults. Technology classes require registration and most are IPPL cardholder exclusives. See individual listings for class requirements and details.

## Word Basics ⓘ

**Monday, Mar. 4, 7–9 p.m.**

Learn how to create and edit a document with Microsoft Word.

## Cutting the Cable Cord

**Saturday, Mar. 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. or**

**Saturday, Apr. 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Learn how to watch all of your favorite movies and TV shows for a fraction of the cost of traditional cable TV.

## Windows Computer Basics (7-week course) ⓘ

**Wednesdays, Mar. 13–Apr. 24, 5:30–7 p.m.**

Learn hands-on skills to perform basic tasks, including the use of a mouse, navigating the computer, and the Internet. This class is taught by the People's Resource Center.

## Selling Your Stuff Online

**Saturday, Mar. 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Learn how to get started with the basics of selling goods online.

## Excel Basics ⓘ

**Monday, Apr. 1, 7–9 p.m.**

Learn how to insert text, format data, and use basic formulas by creating a personal budget.

## Windows 11: What's New ⓘ

**Monday, Apr. 8, 7–9 p.m.**

This program covers the latest features of the Windows 11 operating system.

## iPhone/ iPad Basics ⓘ

**Monday, Apr. 22, 2–3:30 p.m.**

Get started with your iPhone or iPad. Participants should bring their own device, plus Apple ID and password.

## Adobe Photoshop for Beginners ⓘ

**Saturday, Apr. 27, 10–11 a.m.**

Learn how to use essential tools in Adobe Photoshop.

## Android Basics ⓘ

**Monday, May 6, 7–9 p.m.**

Get started with your Android tablet or phone. Participants should bring their own device, plus email and password.

## Mac/OS Basics ⓘ

**Wednesday, May 15, 2–3 p.m.**

Learn how to get started with your Mac computer. Participants can bring their own computers, but it is not required. Participants should bring Apple ID and password.

## Maintain & Speed Up Your Computer ⓘ

**Tuesday, May 21, 5–7 p.m.**

Learn the basics of maintaining computers, including removing programs, managing the space, and speeding up your browsing.

**NEW**

## White Toner Printer Added to Our Maker Studio

**White Toner Printer:** Allows for printing on colored, black, and transparent surfaces.

Thanks to Anonymous, who says the library is a magical place like Disney World, for their generous donation.



These were made on our white toner printer.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at [calendar.ippl.info](https://calendar.ippl.info).

ⓘ IPPL cardholder exclusive



Maker Studio classes require registration and are for IPPL cardholders and kids attending a school within the library district. Supplies are provided for all programs unless listed in the online class description.

## Families

### After Hours: Parents' Night Out ⓘ

Friday, Apr. 26, 6–7:30 p.m.

Parents can enjoy a night of fun creating in our Maker Studio while your kids (ages 5–10) enjoy a separate activity in another space.

## Adults, Teens, & Grades 2–6

### Introduction to Wood Carving ⓘ

Saturday, Mar. 2, 10–11 a.m. or

Thursday, May 23, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Create a simple design for machine wood carving and learn where you can search for hundreds of pre-made designs.

### Introduction to Sewing ⓘ

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 9:30–10:30 a.m. or

Thursday, Mar. 7, 5–6 p.m.

Maker Studio staff guide you through the basics of using sewing machines and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

### Sublimation Pillows ⓘ

Thursday, Mar. 7, 6:30–8 p.m.

Create a pillow with a personalized picture using sewing machines and the sublimation printer.

### Introduction to 3D Printing ⓘ

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Design an easy project for 3D printing and learn how to search for thousands of pre-made designs.

### Introduction to Embroidery ⓘ

Saturday, Mar. 16, 9:30–11 a.m. or

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Learn embroidery machine basics and how to use Hatch software to find and create your own designs.

### Heat Press Dark Fabric Transfers ⓘ

Thursday, Mar. 21, 5:30–7 p.m. or

Thursday, Mar. 21, 7–8:30 p.m.

Style your own full color shirt on any dark fabric. Bring a shirt or to work on.

### Laser Cut Wood Earrings ⓘ

Thursday, Apr. 18, 6:30–8 p.m.

Design your own earrings using our laser cutter.

### Sublimation Candle Jars & Candle Making ⓘ

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 6:30–8 p.m.

Design your own candle jar using the sublimation printer, then fill it using the candle maker.

### Introduction to Vinyl Cutting ⓘ

Monday, Apr. 29, 6:30–7:30 p.m. or

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Create an easy design to cut in vinyl. Learn how to find thousands of pre-made designs online, and transfer and cut your project.

### Introduction to Laser Etching ⓘ

Monday, May 13, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Find the right graphic to create your own design using the software CorelDraw. Supplies are provided to etch or engrave your finished design.

### Laser Cut Acrylic Earrings ⓘ

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Design earrings using our laser cutter.



## Grades 2–6

### Drop-in Mid-Kids Studio Time

Tuesdays, Mar. 5 & 19, Apr. 2 & 16, and May 7 & 21,  
4–5 p.m.

Grades 2–6. Drop in for after school creative time.

### Sticker Making ⓘ

Thursday, Apr. 18, 5–6 p.m.

Grades 2–6. Create full-color stickers using a vinyl cutter and printer.

### 3D Printing: Kids' Edition ⓘ

Tuesday, Apr. 23, 4–5 p.m.

Grades 2–6. Use Tinkercad to create 3D designs for printing.

### Sublimation Pens ⓘ

Saturday, May 4, 9:30–11 a.m. or

Thursday, May 9, 5:30–7 p.m.

Grades 2–6. Design a pen using full-color photos and our sublimation printer.

## Adults & Teens

### Laser Etched Acrylic Pour Painting ⓘ

Monday, Mar. 25, 6:30–8 p.m.

Use the laser cutter to etch a design onto a pre-made acrylic. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

### Sublimation Tumblers ⓘ

Saturday, Mar. 30, 9:30–11 a.m.

Use your creativity to design a tumbler with full-color images and text.

### Mixed Media ⓘ

Saturday, Apr. 20, 9:30–11 a.m.

Use Maker Studio supplies to create a personalized bookmark, keychain, or object of your own design.

## Indian Prairie Genealogy Group

For those interested in genealogical research and family history.

### Resources at the Naperville FamilySearch Center

Thursday, Mar. 28, 1–3 p.m.

Pam Van Alstin of the Naperville FamilySearch Center shares resources available at the center.

### DuPage Genealogical Conference 2024

Thursday, Apr. 25, 1–3 p.m.

Members of the group give a report on the conference.

### Genealogy After-Hours

Friday, May 17, 7–9 p.m.

Members of the group are on hand to answer questions. Geared for beginners, but open to anyone.

### History & Evolution of American Funeral Practices

Thursday, May 23, 1–3 p.m.

Watch a video from the Allen County Public Library called *The History and Evolution of American Funeral Practices*. Discussion follows.

## Connect with Others

### In-Person ESL Conversation Group Drop-In

Saturdays, Mar. 2 & 16, Apr. 6 & 20, and

May 4 & 18, 10 a.m.–noon

Practice English pronunciation and conversation skills.

### Adult Chess Group Drop-In

Mondays, Mar. 4, 11, & 18; Apr. 1, 8, 15, & 22; and

May 6, 13, & 20, 5–8 p.m.

Practice chess. Beginners and experienced players welcome.

### Online: ESL Conversation Group

Wednesdays, Mar. 13 & 27, Apr. 10 & 24, and

May 8 & 22, 7–8 p.m.

Practice English pronunciation and conversation skills.



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and/or

**Attend an in-person or Zoom focus group during the week of Mar. 11.**  
Visit [ippl2024.ippl.info](https://ippl2024.ippl.info) to sign up.

For your time, you'll be entered in to win a \$100 Visa gift card.  
Winners will be notified the week of Apr. 1.

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We enrich people's lives by providing opportunities to explore, connect, and be inspired.

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**Library Closings**

Sunday, Mar. 31: Easter  
Sunday, May 26 & Monday, May 27: Memorial Day

**Enewsletter**

Stay up to date with news, events, and other important library highlights.  
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