



Indian Prairie Public Library

December 2023/January & February 2024

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WAY FORWARD



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Finding the "Way Forward" through friendship

The sound of laughter spills from a second-floor conference room at IPPL and into the hallway or adjoining rooms on a typical Tuesday afternoon. Passers-by may look through the window, see six women gathered around a table, art supplies spread out before them, and wonder, what's happening in there that is so much fun?

Inside, the six women—Betti, Cathy, Helen, Katherine, Sharon, and Susie—are catching up on their lives since the last time they gathered, which was only the previous week. They meet at the same time (1 p.m.) on the same day (Tuesday) every week to work on art projects together. They share laughs, updates on their personal lives, and just about anything else they can think of.

But, their time together is not only about chatting. The main reason they meet every week is to create art together, though none of them will say they are capital-A artists even if their works suggest otherwise.

Digging deep

The women bonded in the summer of 2022 while participating in the Artist's Way Journey, a 14-week program at IPPL based on Julia Cameron's book *The Artist's Way* and led by local artist Laura Lein-Svencner. The program encouraged participants to dig deep into their emotions and share them with the group, a process designed to unblock their creativity.

The process worked. "I've done more with my art in the last nine months than I did in the previous 35 years," Betti said. She's the group's informal spokesperson who majored in art but didn't pursue it after graduation. "This group has really sparked my creativity and enthusiasm. Even my family noticed a difference in me. I've never considered myself an easy person to get to know. But, my sisters say they've seen significant change in that regard. And, it's because of this group."





It's not goodbye—it's the start of something new

The women say experiencing the class was transformational. The emotional process forged an especially strong connection among these six women in particular. When the class ended in early October 2022, they weren't ready to say goodbye.

So, they committed to continue meeting on their own, forming a collective they named The Way Forward in Art. That commitment remains strong, even a year later.

"We wanted to do more because we felt very connected to each other," Helen said. "The library was very generous in letting us use a room each week, which has helped us stay together." Sharon went even further, saying, "If it wasn't for the library's support we wouldn't have this group. The staff and everybody made us feel like maybe we were onto something."

Each week the women agree on a project to complete over the upcoming week (sometimes longer depending on the complexity). They spend the first part of their meetings reviewing the results and encouraging each other. The second part is for working.

A collective display

Because they all have different strengths and interests, their individual results vary on each project. Nowhere was that more visible than when they displayed their art in the IPPL second-floor gallery and in one of the display cases during June 2023.

Encouraged by staff to exhibit their art at the library, the women at first were hesitant. "We were told the gallery has multiple walls to be filled," Susie said. "Walls? You mean, multiple walls? We maybe had enough to fill the small area by the staircase. But, in those nine months we created everything for that exhibit and did all the framing."

Their meetings aren't exactly set in stone, but they may as well be. They value that time so much that they arrange their personal schedules around it. Susie sums it up best. "This time is important to us. It's a commitment we've made to each other. Nobody wants to miss out on anything that happens here. We're on a creative journey together."



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Expanding creativity: The Marshall family donates to the Maker Studio

An avid sewer and all-around creative person, Joyce Marshall loves spending time in IPPL's Maker Studio. Learning about the Maker Studio from her neighbor, she started using the studio shortly after it opened two years ago.

Joyce has created everything from custom pillows and signs for her real estate business to wreaths for front doors. But, her favorite thing? The collaboration she has had with other Maker Studio guests.

"I was working on a project, and there was a girl working nearby at the embroidery machine. We had a lovely interaction about an app she used—something I never knew about. Then, another time, I saw someone struggling on the Cricut—I was able to help her," said Joyce. "Being able to connect with others while being creative is inspirational."

Joyce said the reason this kind of interaction happens organically is because of IPPL and the Maker Studio staff.

"The library and the very friendly staff foster creativity, collaboration, and learning," said Marshall. "And, I wanted to be part of that."

Recognizing the need for advanced sewing options, Marshall donated the funds to purchase a new



▲ Joyce Marshall loves spending time in IPPL's Maker Studio, and creating things for family and friends.

serger. Serger is a type of sewing machine that is primarily designed to seam, trim, and finish the edges of fabrics for a clean, professional look. Last fall, she also donated funds to purchase a computer and embroidery software for the Maker Studio.

"I love that my family was able to contribute to the learning that takes place at IPPL," said Joyce. "I encourage the community to come out—you'll have a wonderful time."

Recently made in the Maker Studio

Looking for inspiration on what to make? Check out what our guests created. The Maker Studio is an IPPL cardholder exclusive.





▲ Pictured: Ann Fong (right) with her grandchildren Jackson (left) & Lucas (center)

Joy of reading motivates grandmother and inspires her grandchildren

Growing up in Hong Kong, Ann Fong didn't have access to libraries because there were none. Reading books just for fun wasn't a thing. The books she did read were textbooks at school.

After immigrating to the United States in 1964 at age 7, Ann became fascinated with public libraries and all they offer. She wanted to instill an appreciation of libraries in her family and to fuel their joy of reading.

"I wanted my kids and grandchildren to learn the love of reading because I never got the chance to do that," Ann said. "Now I can't pry the books out of my grandsons' hands. They're always reading."

To illustrate her point, consider that her two grandsons, Lucas and Jackson, each read more than 70 books during the summer reading program at IPPL. Their favorite genre is adventure, but they will also read almost anything that receives mention on the Caudill, Bluestem, and Monarch lists.

"Reading fuels their imaginations," Ann said. "It teaches them empathy and sympathy and that there are things bigger than themselves and their own world. Reading opened a gateway for them into these other lives."

It's not just books, either. Lucas and Jackson take advantage of a whole slew of things offered at IPPL. Lucas enjoys working on computer-aided design and 3D printing in the Maker Studio. They use the computers in the Mid-Kids area to play video games. They regularly attend Mid-Kid programs, especially anything related to science, technology, engineering, art, and math. And, both boys participate in the Mid-Kids Dungeons & Dragons club.



▲ Jackson (left) and Lucas (right) are lifelong readers due to grandma Ann's influence.

Foundation & Friends

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Feeling inspired by the stories of friendship, collaboration, and learning in our newsletter? Then, help us keep continue to be the strong beacon of learning in our community and donate to the IPPL Foundation & Friends. The Foundation & Friends supports many of the programs offered by the library including the summer reading program, which helps kids stay sharp and ready for school in the fall.

Donations do not fund day-to-day library operations, meaning that 100% of your gift is used to add new services, programs, or technology. Your donation will allow us to continue to make IPPL special. Make your donation at ipplfoundation.org.

Tis the season to be giving fa la la la la, la la la la

Not sure what to get the person in your life who has everything? Give them a gift that makes an impact and honors your favorite library. There are several ways to honor a special person or occasion, memorialize a loved one, recognize a business or organization, or have your name become a lasting part of the library:

Commemorative Plates: Donate \$25 or more to honor or memorialize someone or a special occasion.

Brick for the Garden Path: Purchase a personalized, engraved brick for the library's Reading Garden. With a gift of \$75, you can personalize a 4" x 8" brick with three lines. A gift of \$150 allows you to personalize an 8" x 8" brick with up to six lines. Duplicate bricks can be ordered as a keepsake for half-price.

Donor Tree: Add a leaf or stone to the library's Donor Tree. The tree of commemorative leaves and stones is located near the first-floor lobby. A leaf on the tree can be purchased for \$250.

For more information or to donate, visit ipplfoundation.org, email giving@ippl.info, or call 630/887-8760.

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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Friends & Family of Barb Barder, \$50

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In memory of Sue Windsor, Carrington Club Friends, \$25

Evan Wells, \$25

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Library Trustee News



Welcome back, Sri!

Sri Rao rejoins the Indian Prairie Public Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Crystal Megaridis. Sri previously served on our board from 2021-2023 and was a member of the Buildings & Grounds and Planning & Outreach committees during that time.



Thank you, Crystal

Thank you, Crystal Megaridis for your service to the Indian Prairie Public Library Board of Trustees. Crystal served on our board from 2015-2023 and was Secretary from 2019-2023. During her tenure, she chaired the Planning & Outreach Committee and was also a member of the Buildings & Grounds, Policy, and Planning & Outreach committees.



World Language Collection

Thanks to the continued financial support and generosity of the Darien Woman's Club, we have added to our kids' World Languages and Vox Books collections. In addition, we purchased new books to give away as prizes for the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program.

The updated kids' World Language collection now has new titles in Arabic, Chinese, and French. We added titles in a variety of languages to our read-along Vox Books, including Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, and Ukrainian. Vox books are picture books with built-in speakers that read the book aloud or can be used with headphones.



Have a child in school that needs extra practice in a foreign language?

Traveling abroad for work or vacation?



Try Transparent Language

With over 110 languages to choose from, you can learn at home, in the library, or on the go using Transparent Language. Reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities help you learn the words and phrases needed to communicate effectively in a foreign language.

Visit databases.ippl.info to get started.

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Registration Information

Register for programs

Registration for most programs opens
Tuesday, Nov. 21. See 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

Nutcracker Night

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6–7:30 p.m.

Watch a filmed performance of the *Nutcracker Ballet*.

Light refreshments served. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

The film begins at 6:10 p.m. and runs 71 minutes.

MLK National Day of Service Project Drop-In

Monday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., or while supplies last

We are making fleece tie blankets for Camden’s Comfort Project.

Families

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

Noon Year’s Eve ⓘ

Friday, Dec. 29, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Celebrate the end of 2023 by sipping sparkling juice and enjoying festive activities at our countdown to noon. Older siblings welcome.

Rollick & Roll ⓘ

Saturday, Jan. 6, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Join us for music, movement, and fun!

Heart Storycraft

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10–10:30 a.m.

Love is in the air at this Valentine’s Day story and craft.

Family Craft Hour

Friday, Feb. 16, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Materials are provided for a variety of age-appropriate crafts.

Preschool Fair

Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Looking for a quality daycare or preschool in the area?

Drop by to chat with representatives from local schools to find the right fit for your child.



Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at calendar.ippl.info.

Early Literacy

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

Talented Toddlers ⓘ

Tuesdays, Jan. 9–Feb. 20, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Wednesdays, Jan. 10–Feb. 21, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

(Note: No session Jan. 31.)

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 6 weeks. Register using the child's name.

No siblings, please.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime ⓘ

Thursday, Jan. 11, 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.

Baby Brilliance ⓘ

Fridays, Jan. 12–Feb. 23, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

For children birth–17 months with an adult caregiver. Our storytimes teach pre-reading skills. Register using the child's name. Registration is for all 7 weeks. No siblings, please.

Nature Storytime with The Morton Arboretum ⓘ

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 26, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

Families with children 7 & under with an adult caregiver.

Enjoy this nature-themed storytime and process art activity with educators from The Morton Arboretum.



Little Coders: Scratch Jr. ⓘ

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10:15–11 a.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, Dec. 4 & Feb. 5, 4–5 p.m.

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

STEAM Station ⓘ

Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, & Feb. 22, 4–5 p.m.

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

Winter Break Programming

Midday Show: *Super Mario Bros. Movie* (PG, 1:32)

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1–3 p.m.

For grades 1–6. Enjoy a lively viewing of the *Super Mario Bros. Movie* with friends and family. Younger siblings welcome at parent discretion.

Crafty Kids ⓘ

Thursday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.–noon

For grades 1–6. Bring your imagination, and we'll bring the fun. Materials provided.

Sphero Coding ⓘ

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4–5 p.m.

For grades 1–3. Have fun coding Sphero bots to go over, under, and around obstacles and see if you can be the first to the finish line.



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Read to a Dog ⓘ

Wednesdays, Jan. 10 & Feb. 7, 6–7 p.m.

For newly independent and independent readers at grades K–3 learning levels. Enjoy reading aloud to a dog from the Love on a Leash organization. One reader per 15-minute session. Once registered, library staff will contact you for an exact time.

Homeschooling SMART ⓘ

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 11 a.m.–noon.: Snow Science

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m.–noon.: Modern Art

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

Digital Circuits with Tinkercad ⓘ

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4–5 p.m.

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

Day Off School

The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show ⓘ

Monday, Feb. 19, 1–1:45 p.m.

For grades 1–6 with an adult caregiver. The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show is a theatrical balloon stage show featuring magic, comedy, and eye-popping balloon props.

Middle School

For grades 6–8.

Middle School Writing Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, & Feb. 20, 4–5 p.m.

Show off your work, get feedback, and practice writing exercises.



For Teens

For grades 7–12.

Teen Drop-In Lounge

Wednesdays, Dec. 6–Feb. 28, 2–4 p.m.

Drop by the teen area for VR gaming, crafts, snacks, and more.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Thursdays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, & Feb. 8, 4–6 p.m.

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

Finals Drop-In Lounge

Wednesday–Friday, Dec. 20–22, noon–2 p.m.

Drop by the teen area for VR gaming, crafts, snacks, and more.

Teen Volunteer Card-Making Drop-In

Tuesday, Dec. 26–Friday, Dec. 29, noon–5 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 2–Friday, Jan. 5, noon–5 p.m.

Pick up some volunteer hours by dropping in the teen area to create cards for seniors.

After Hours: Teen Service Party

Friday, Jan. 12, 6–8:30 p.m.

Must be 13+. Pick up a few volunteer hours and eat pizza. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and close at 6:15 p.m. No other library services available. For questions, email sarahz@ippl.info.

College Prep Help Hour

Sundays, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18, 2–3 p.m.

Stop by our College Prep Help Hour to ask questions, get advice, and get connected with resources to make your college search simpler.

Teen Drop-In Lounge: Dog Edition

Friday, Feb. 2, 1–4 p.m.

Drop by the teen area to spend time with a few therapy dogs from Love on a Leash.

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Preparing for College

Thinking of going to college? Get your questions answered from the experts. Programs are for parents and students.



FAFSA ID Workshop

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6–7 p.m.

Learn how to obtain an FSA ID. Illinois Student Assistance Commission staff is available to answer individual questions.

Financial Aid Application Completion Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 16, 2–3:30 p.m.

Get questions answered from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to complete either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application).

Online: The College Admissions Process from Start to Finish

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

Learn about the college admission process, from when to start to deciding which college admission offer to accept. Held via Zoom.

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

For students. Take a College Board-sourced SAT practice test, proctored by a librarian, and receive a scoring sheet to score results at home. Bring a calculator, and a snack for the break. For questions and accommodations, email sarahz@ippl.info.

Adults

Pick-up Program: Holiday Card Kit ⓘ

Friday, Dec. 1

Pick up a kit to make your own holiday card at home. All supplies and instructions are provided in the kit. While supplies last.

Milk, Cookies, & Coloring ⓘ

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2–3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of coloring, conversation, and holiday treats. Must be 18+.

Refresh Your Home for the Holidays ⓘ

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7–8 p.m.

Get tips for decorating and repurposing your old stuff in a fresh way for the holiday season with Julea Joseph.

Online: Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13; Jan. 3–31; and Feb. 7–28, 1–2 p.m.

Taught by Dancing Cranes Yoga via Zoom.

Downers Grove Township Information Session

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1–2 p.m.

Learn the services and programs provided for older adults.

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 31, & Feb. 28, 6–8 p.m.

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

Vision Board Workshop ⓘ

Saturday, Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Set your vision for the new year. Bring your own pictures and magazines; other materials provided.

Supporting Dementia

Monday, Jan. 15, 10–11 a.m.

Learn about the meaning of dementia, including signs and symptoms and best approaches to supporting someone with dementia.



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The Inky Sea: Tattoos & the Navy

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

In this presentation by the National Museum of the American Sailor, learn how tattoos are part of Navy traditions.

A Taste of Poison

Thursday, Jan. 25, 7–8 p.m.

Dr. Neil Bradbury explores the effects of poisons on the human body and examines the motives of killers in plotting murder.

Get Organized

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2–3 p.m.

Learn how to set limits, create structure, maximize your space, maintain an organized home, and get ready to move with less stress.

Chocolate Desserts & Pastries Demonstration & Tasting ⓘ

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30–8 p.m.


Learn about methods useful for in-home preparation with Chef Susan Maddox.

Wellness Challenge Meetup ⓘ

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2–3:30 p.m.

Take an 8-week wellness challenge following the book *Eat to Beat Your Diet* (2023) by William W. Li, MD.

The History of Barbie
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7–8 p.m.
Leslie Goddard delves into the history of Barbie and her inventor Ruth Handler.



Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad

Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30–8 p.m.

Connie Martin explains the connections of Plantation songs, or Negro Spirituals, with meanings of the lyrics that aided enslaved fugitives to find freedom.

Jobs & Careers

Online: Resume Writing Resources

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.–noon

Learn about resume writing support websites.

Presented by Goodwill Industries via Zoom.

Book Discussions

Pick up books at Guest Services Desk one month before.

Note: There are no book discussions in January.

Nonfiction at Night

For readers who like captivating true stories and thoughtful conversations.

Atlas of the Heart by Brene Brown

Thursday, Feb. 1, 7–8 p.m.

The Wager by David Grann

Thursday, Mar. 7, 7–8 p.m.

Crime Readers

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

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson

Thursday, Feb. 8, 7–8 p.m.

The Searcher by Tana French

Thursday, Mar. 14, 7–8 p.m.

Novel Idea

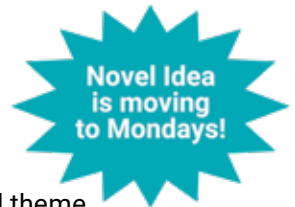
For readers who like to delve into a novel's characters, plot, setting, and theme.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Monday, Feb. 19, 7–8 p.m.

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

Monday, Mar. 18, 7–8 p.m.



Bring Your Own Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 7, 7–8 p.m.

Bring a book or two that you can't wait to talk about and get ready to share what you loved, what you hated, and what you want to read next. Refreshments served.



Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at calendar.ippl.info.

Movies

Thursday Afternoon Movies

Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn is provided. Sponsored by IPPL Foundation & Friends.

Champions

(PG-13, 2:04)

Thursday, Dec. 7, 2–4 p.m.

A Christmas Story Christmas

(PG, 1:38)

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2–4 p.m.

Book Club: The Next Chapter

(PG-13, 1:47)

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2–4 p.m.

Jules

(PG-13, 1:27)

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2–4 p.m.

Little Richard: I Am Everything

(NR, 1:41)

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2–4 p.m.

Crazy, Stupid, Love

(PG-13, 1:58)

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2–4 p.m.



Connect with Others

In-Person ESL Conversation Group Drop-In

Saturdays, Dec. 2 & 16; Jan. 6 & 20; and Feb. 3 & 17,
10 a.m.–noon

Practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

Adult Chess Group Drop-In

Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18; Jan. 8, 15, & 22; and
Feb. 5, 12 & 19, 5–8 p.m.

Practice chess. Beginners and experienced players welcome.

Online: ESL Conversation Group

Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 10 & 24, and
Feb. 14 & 28, 7–8 p.m.

Practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

Indian Prairie Genealogy Group

Share Your Research & Plan for the Coming Year

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1–3 p.m.

Share what you have researched over the past year and help us plan for the coming year.

Some Ways to Identify Your Family Photos

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7–8 p.m.

Learn about ways to identify your family photos.

Genealogy Group: Using the Library Edition of Fold3 plus other Online Military Sites

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1–3 p.m.

Learn how to use the Library Edition of Fold3 and other online military sites.



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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.

Adults

After Hours: Create & Sip ⓘ

Friday, Jan. 19, 6–8 p.m.

Ages 21+. Grab a drink on us, and get creative in the Maker Studio. We provide materials and instructions to design and make a project. This is an after-hours program. No other library services are available. Doors open at 6 p.m. for entry and close promptly at 6:20 p.m.

Adults, Teens, & Grades 2–6

3D Printed Cookie Cutters ⓘ

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:30–11 a.m.

Design your own cookie cutter, and learn how to print it on our 3D printer.

Introduction to Sewing ⓘ

Thursday, Jan. 4, 6–7:30 p.m.

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

Sewing Pillows ⓘ

Saturday, Jan. 6, 9:30–11 a.m.

Learn to use a sewing machine and create a pillow from scratch.

Introduction to Laser Etching ⓘ

Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Introduction to Wood Carving ⓘ

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Valentine's Day Cards ⓘ

Monday, Jan. 29, 6–7:30 p.m.

Make your own Valentine's Day greeting cards and envelopes with the embossing machine, vinyl cutters, and other Maker Studio tools.

Introduction to 3D Printing ⓘ

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 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 Vinyl Cutting ⓘ

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10–11 a.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 Embroidery ⓘ

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

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

Grades 2–6

Holiday Gifts ⓘ

Thursday, Dec. 7, 5–6:30 p.m.

Create gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. Limit two gifts per person.

Sublimation Sequin Pillow ⓘ

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9:30–11 a.m.

Create a sequin pillow with your own design using the sublimation printer.

Laser Etched Canvas Art ⓘ

Thursday, Feb. 8, 6–7:30 p.m.

Create works of art on canvas using the laser cutter and paints.

Mug Designs ⓘ

Thursday, Feb. 22, 6–7:30 p.m.

Create a mug using the sublimation printer.

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Adults & Teens

Laser & Sublimation Art: Acrylic & Wood ⓘ

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6–7:30 p.m.

Create artistic designs using the sublimation printer and laser cutter.

Screen Printed T-Shirts ⓘ

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6–7:30 p.m.

Learn to screen print with laser-cut acrylic and ink. Bring a T-Shirt in your size.

Basic Corel Draw: Focus on Graphics ⓘ

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Learn to work with photos, including how to import, mirror, group, add text, adjust sizing, color, and more. Requirements: Basic computer skills including mouse and Windows.

Make a big impact: Maker Studio gets new poster printer

Looking to make a banner for your kid's basketball team? What about large coloring sheets for the family at Christmas?

Look no further because the library recently upgraded its poster printer in the Maker Studio. The possibilities are endless for what you can create. From budding artists who want to add flair to their space to educational projects to those wanting to acknowledge occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries, the poster printer might be just the thing to make your project special.



Learn more at makerstudio.ippl.info.
The Maker Studio is an IPPL cardholder exclusive.

Technology

Technology classes require registration and are IPPL cardholder exclusives.

Google Suites ⓘ

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2–3:30 p.m.

Learn to customize to-do lists, personalize calendars, and organize files that can be accessed from anywhere. Participants should bring email and password.

iPhone/iPad Basics ⓘ

Thursday, Jan. 25, 9:30–11 a.m.

Get started with your iPhone or iPad. Participants should bring their own devices, plus email and password.

Android Basics ⓘ

Thursday, Feb. 15, 9:30–11 a.m.

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

Mac/OS Basics ⓘ

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2–3:30 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 email and password.



AARP Tax-Aide is back!

Tax-Aide volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will offer tax preparation and assistance to seniors and low-to-moderate income taxpayers on Mondays and Fridays from Feb. 12–Apr. 8 in the library. This service is available by appointment only. Appointments can be made beginning Thursday, Feb. 1. To make your appointment, call the library at 630/887-8760.

Find complete program descriptions, registration dates and register online at calendar.ippl.info.

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