



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Christmas

December 24 & 25

New Year

December 31 & January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19

President's Day

February 16

Library hours and closings may change. For the most current updates, please visit www.frvpld.info.

DUNDEE LIBRARY

555 Barrington Ave. (Rt. 68)
East Dundee, IL 60118
(accessible via Pace Route 803)

Monday – Thursday:

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday

1 – 5 p.m.

RANDALL OAKS LIBRARY

500 N. Randall Road
West Dundee, IL 60118
(accessible via Pace Route 550)

Monday – Thursday

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday

1 – 5 p.m.

24-HOUR DROP BOXES

Dundee Library Driveway
Randall Oaks Library Driveway
Gilberts Village Hall Parking Lot
87 Galligan Rd, Gilberts, IL 60136

PHONE

(847) 428-3661

Phone access to your account:

(847) 590-8706

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are normally held in the Dundee Library's Meeting Room (Lower Level) on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 7 pm. The Board is elected by the taxpayers to serve in a volunteer capacity. Meetings are open to the public.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Kristina Weber, Ph.D., President
Matthew Goyke, Vice President
Dan Wisniewski, Secretary
Tara Finn, Treasurer
Chris Evans
Melissa Iwinski
Paula Lauer
Kristi Howe, Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The holiday season is in full swing at the library, and we're delighted to share some wonderful news! Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has just expanded to serve all of Kane County, made possible through a generous funding commitment from the Follett Educational Foundation and the continued support of the Fox Valley United Way.

Through this inspiring initiative, each enrolled child receives one free, high-quality, age-appropriate book every month from birth to age five, delivered directly to their home at no cost to the family. Parents have the option to choose books in English or bilingual English/Spanish. Parents often share how much joy their children feel when their very own book arrives in the mail, sparking excitement and a lifelong love of reading.

We are grateful to the many organizations and individuals who make this program possible and help bring the gift of literacy to children throughout our community.

How to Enroll:

Parents or guardians can register their child online through the Fox Valley United Way website, the library's website, or by picking up a paper application at the Fox River Valley Public Library. Completed applications may be returned to the library, where they will be forwarded to Fox Valley United Way for approval. You can also scan the QR code to go directly to the online application.

From all of us at the Fox River Valley Public Library District, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a wonderful start to 2026!

Kristi Howe
Executive Director

Register Your Child for

FREE BOOKS



foxvalleyunitedway.org

Winter Wonderland

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 1 – JANUARY 15

BUNDLE UP, GRAB A BLANKET, AND DIVE INTO A GOOD BOOK!

Join our Winter Reading Challenge and complete four out of six fun activities, whether it's reading or tackling a cozy winter task, to earn your badges and an entry into our prize drawing.

You can join the fun online at frvpld.beanstack.org, download the Beanstack app, or stop by the library to pick up a printed reading log.

Registration Prizes:

All: Squishmallow keychain

Finisher Prizes:

All: Library Mug (pick up from December 15 to January 31)

Raffle Prizes:

Kids: Passes to Adrenaline Monkey and Canlan Sports Ice Skating Rink

Teens: \$25 gift card to Cinemark movie theater

Adults: \$25 gift card to Woodfire Pizza

The prize drawing will be January 19.



Also...

For the Love of Reading

Feb. 1-28 • For teens and adults

Celebrate National Library Lover's Month by participating in our February reading challenge, For the Love of Reading. Check out our teen and adult reading lists featuring sweet reads about books and reading, libraries and librarians, and more. Prizes will be awarded to all finishers. Sign up in person or online at frvpld.beanstack.org



Welcome to Fox Boxes!

We're excited to offer quarterly book boxes for kids ages 5-12. Each curated Fox Box includes:

- A handpicked library book chosen just for you.
- Fun goodies you get to keep.

December 1: Winter Box

March 1: Spring Box

June 1: Summer Box

September 1: Fall Box

How it works:

1. Register when sign-up opens (ages 5-8 get a Kids Fox Box, ages 9-12 get a Tween Fox Box).
2. Fill out the Google form emailed to you, so we know what you like to read.
3. We'll create your Fox Box and email you when it's ready for pickup at the Dundee Library Youth Services desk.
4. Enjoy your box! Return the book and the box in 3 weeks, but keep the fun extras inside.

Holiday Programs

Puzzle Race:

Winter Edition (R)

Saturday, Dec. 6

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Dundee

Get ready, get set, puzzle! Brave the cold and gather your team (no more than 4 people per group) and compete in a friendly puzzle race. The team that finishes a 500-count puzzle in the shortest amount of time will be awarded a grand prize. Space is limited. Adult.

A Christmas Carol Revisited: Scrooge's Reclamation

Saturday, Dec. 6

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

For many people the holidays are a time of moral self-reflection. In addition to being a celebration of Christmas, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* is a profound meditation that challenges us to think about duty to others, personal happiness and moral transformation. This program examines Scrooge's change from closed-hearted miser to open-hearted philanthropist. All ages.

Drive-In: Sesame Street:

The Nutcracker (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 9

10 to 10:45 a.m. • Dundee

Get ready for a holiday adventure! We'll decorate cardboard box "cars," then sit back and enjoy *Sesame Street: The Nutcracker* starring Elmo and Tango. Enjoy fruit snacks as a sweet treat! For ages 3-6 with caregiver.

Extreme Christmas Trivia at Black & Gray Brewing (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 9

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Dundee

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the year! Test your Christmas knowledge in Music, Movies, and Mystery rounds! Come deck the halls, rock around the Christmas tree, and enjoy a festive good time at Black & Gray Brewing. Win fun prizes! Adult.



Holiday Concert (R)

Wednesday, Dec. 10

7 to 8:30 p.m. • Dundee

Get into the holiday spirit with an evening of music and cheer! A variety of local musicians will fill the library with festive favorites, from classic carols to merry modern tunes. Sing along, tap your toes, and let the joyful sounds of the season warm your heart. Adult.

Jingle Bell Jamboree (R)

Monday, Dec. 15

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. • Dundee

Sip, craft, and celebrate! Build your dream cocoa at the hot chocolate bar, then make festive crafts to gift, or keep for yourself. Grades K-3, caregiver required.

Cookies with Santa (R)

Saturday, Dec. 20

10 to 11 a.m. • Dundee

Join us for holiday fun! Decorate a cookie and take a photo with Santa. All ages.

Gingerbread House (R)

Monday, Dec. 22 • Dundee

Session 1: 3 to 4 p.m.

Session 2: 6 to 7 p.m.

Have a festive family night decorating a Gingerbread House and enjoying holiday music. Register everyone who is making a house. All ages.

Family Movie Night:

Home Alone (R)

Monday, Dec. 29

4 to 6 p.m. • Dundee

Put on your favorite PJs and join us to watch a holiday favorite at the library. Pizza will be provided; your own snacks and drinks are welcome. All ages, please register all people attending.

Noon Year's Eve (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 30

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. • Dundee

Happy Noon Year! Don't feel like staying up until midnight? Join us to start the party early and celebrate at noon! Ages 2-12, caregivers must remain with kids under age 9.

Valentine's PROGRAMS

Sailor Sweetheart Boxes (R)

Thursday, Feb. 5

1 to 2 p.m. • Dundee

Sailors at sea would often collect seashells, sea glass, and other beautiful trinkets from the ocean to make one-of-a-kind art for their loved ones back home. Join us for this Valentine-themed tradition and make a heart sea box for your sweetheart. Adult.

Valentine's Day Fun (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 10

10 to 10:45 a.m. • Dundee

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us! Enjoy sweet games, crafty creations, and a tasty treat! Ages 3-6 with caregiver.

Love Song Trivengo at Black & Gray Brewing (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 10

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. • Off Site

Trivia meets Bingo in this Valentine's mash-up at Black & Gray Brewing! Hear a song snippet, mark your card, and sing along to love songs from sweet ballads to classic crooners. Win fun prizes and enjoy a night of music, laughs, and love! Adult.

Build-A-Bouquet (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 11

6 to 8:30 p.m. • Dundee

Grab your special someone and get ready to spread the love! Arrange a custom bouquet at our flower bar, make memories at the photo booth, and create a card with your personal touch. Adult.

(Bouquet supplies limited. Flower bar available on a first-come, first-served basis.)

Tween Valentine Night (R)

Thursday, Feb. 12

4:30 to 5 p.m. • Dundee

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with tasty treats and a fun painting activity! Bring your besties or make some new friends! Grades 4-6.

Drunk in Love at The Distance Social (R)

Thurs., Feb. 12

7 to 8:30 p.m. • Offsite

Ever wanted to make a cocktail that will wow your friends or loved ones? Or maybe you want to surprise your significant other with a fancy drink this Valentine's Day. Meet us at The Distance Social where their very own beverage director, Joey Zeller, will be showing you how to make 6 original cocktails; a classic Old-Fashioned, a rye Manhattan served up, a simple Daiquiri, their version of a traditional Sidecar, an Americano, and a Death Flip.

Samples will be provided for each drink, must be 21+ to attend program.

Sew a Felt Heart (R)

Saturday, Feb. 14

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Use a needle and thread to create a beautiful felt heart for yourself or a friend. Teen.

Grab & Go CRAFT KITS

BRRR Box (Teen)

Monday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 7

Winter is coming... So take some time for self-care with this DIY skincare kit.

Miniature Victorian Scrapbook (Adult)

Monday, Dec. 8 to Friday, Dec. 12

Tiny scrapbooks are simply cuter than larger ones! First-come, first-served, while supplies last.

Wool Gnome Pin (Adult)

Monday, Dec. 15 to Friday, Dec. 19

Stitch your own wool felt gnome pin that will be the perfect winter accessory!

Frosty-in-a-Box (Family)

Friday, Jan. 2 to Friday, Jan. 9

Do you want to build a snowman? This one of a kind, cold-weather craft has everything you need to build a frosty-friend; just add snow!

Chinese Knot Charms (Teen)

Monday, Feb. 2 to Monday, Feb. 9

Enter the Lunar New Year with these traditional knot charms meant to bring good luck and prosperity

Valentine's Card (Adult)

Monday, Feb. 2 to Saturday, Feb. 13

Pick up a kit to take home and create a customized Valentine's card for your significant other.

WINTER STORYTIMES

Recurring Storytimes

January 5 – February 12

February 23 – March 26

Storytime with Ms. Lisa at Randall Oaks (NR)

Mondays, 10 to 10:30 a.m. • Randall Oaks
Enjoy books, songs, flannel stories, dancing, and bubbles while learning some early literacy tips with Ms. Lisa. This event is open to all ages, but it is best for 2-6.

Hello Baby! (NR)

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10 a.m. • Dundee
Join us for a storytime geared towards our littlest patrons! This lap-sit storytime will focus on singing, rhymes, and parent interaction to help develop early literacy skills. Storytime will run for approximately 10-15 minutes with a short baby playtime afterwards. Ages 0-24 months with caregiver; siblings are welcome.

Dundee Family Storytime (NR)

Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11 a.m. • Dundee
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes, and more! This storytime is great for the whole family.

Storytime with Ms. Rachel at Randall Oaks (NR)

Thursdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m. • Randall Oaks
Enjoy books, songs, flannel stories, dancing, and bubbles while learning early literacy tips with Ms. Rachel. All ages, but best for 2-6.

Individual Storytimes

Cuentos y Stories

Bilingual Storytime (NR)

**Tuesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10
6 to 6:30 p.m. • Dundee**

Welcome friends! Join us for fun! We will read stories, sing songs, and other fun activities in English and Spanish. Come with your family and enjoy this bilingual storytime.

¡Bienvenidos amigos! ¡Acompáñenos a la diversión! Leeremos cuentos, cantaremos canciones, e otras actividades divertidas en inglés y español. Vengan con su familia y disfruten de la hora de cuentos bilingüe.

Baby Doll Storytime (NR)

Jan. 12, 26 & Feb. 9, 23

10:45 to 11:15 • Randall Oaks

Bring a favorite doll/stuffed animal or use one of ours and join us for a structured yet playful Baby Doll storytime. Children will participate in songs, rhymes, and stories while interacting with their baby doll. Full of repetition and loving rituals that you can incorporate at home. For ages 18 months to 4 years.

Donuts with

Grown-Ups Storytime (NR)

Saturdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 21

10 to 10:45 a.m. • Dundee

Come for stories and songs, stay for donuts! Content is geared towards ages 2-8 but all ages are welcome.

BABY & TODDLER

Baby Playdate (NR)

**Wednesdays, Dec. 17, Feb. 18
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. • Dundee**

Come and have some fun with your babies! Drop in and go when you want or need, no registration required. Ages 0-24 months with caregiver.

Little Artist (R)

Fridays:

Dec. 5 – Handprint Ornament

Jan. 9 – Dancing Snowman

Feb. 13 – Paper Plate Lollipop

10 to 10:30 a.m. • Dundee

You don't have to be a big kid to be an artist. Dress for a mess and create your own art project! Ages 1-3 with caregiver.

Tot's Town (NR)

Fridays, Jan. 30, Feb. 27

10 to 10:45 a.m. • Dundee

Come to Tot's Town for some fun and to play. No registration required. Ages 1-3 with caregiver.

Winter Play (R)

Tuesday, Jan. 13

10:30 to 11 a.m. • Dundee

Engage your toddler with seasonal hands-on activities. Your little one will explore different textures, materials, and music. Dress for a mess! Ages 1-3 with caregiver.

PRESCHOOL

Little Scientist

Take Home Lab (NR)

Every first of the month,
New Lab every month!

Dundee and Randall Oaks

Activities based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math that are best for ages 2-4. Available while supplies last at the Dundee and Randall Oaks Libraries.

Foodie Kids Jr. (R)

Thursdays:

Dec. 18 – Shmelf the Hanukkah Elf

Jan. 22 – Little Red Gliding Hood

Feb. 26 – Lunar New Year

11:30 a.m. to noon • Dundee

Foodie Kids: Junior Edition! Designed just for little ones—create a fun, book-themed snack inspired by a story or character. For ages 3-6 with caregiver.

NEW!



Tuesday, Jan. 6

10 to 11 a.m. • Dundee

Join us for a morning of building with your littles. We have large wooden blocks, MAGNA-TILES, DUPLO sets, foam blocks, soft baby blocks and so much more! This is a drop-in program for ages 0-6 with caregiver.



Fridays, Dec. 12, Jan. 16

10 to 11 a.m. • Dundee

Come have a fun-filled Friday with friends! Explore a variety of engaging fine motor and gross motor activities and games designed for play and learning. This is a drop-in program for ages 0-6 with caregiver.

Music and Movement (NR)

Thursdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 19

11:30 a.m. to noon • Dundee

Need to get your wiggles out? Join us for an active, musical program where we'll stretch, dance, and rock to the rhythm. Ages 2-6 with caregiver.



ELEMENTARY

LEGO Club (NR)

Mondays, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. • Dundee

Love to build? Obsessed with LEGO? Join us at the library to build with other LEGO lovers! We'll have opportunities for challenges and free build time. Your LEGO creations must stay at the library, but staff will be available to document them with photos. Grades K-8.

Be a Librarian

for a Day (R)

Thursday, Jan. 15

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. • Dundee

Ms. Erin shows you what happens behind the scenes at the library! Grades K-3.



Foodie Kids (R)

Wednesdays:

Jan. 21 - Snowman Pancakes

Feb. 18 - Strawberry Palmiers

3:30 to 4 p.m. • Dundee

Kids take over the kitchen in this hands-on snack-making workshop. We make different delicious snacks every month! Grades K-3.

Make Your Own

Fake Snow (R)

Monday, Jan. 26

4:30 to 5 p.m. • Dundee

Get ready for some frosty fun! Make your own squishy, kinetic snow that feels just like the real thing—then build snowmen and dive into other wintry creations - no mittens required! Grades K-6.



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Homeschool Hangout (NR)

Tuesdays:

Dec. 16 - Handmade foam stamps

Jan. 20 - Mini canvas paintings

Feb. 17 - Foil art

11 to noon • Dundee

Learn, discover, and meet new friends! Join us for a monthly hands-on activity. Parents and caregivers are welcome to connect during this program! All ages. No registration required.



Social Skills for Kids (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 28

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

Help your child communicate and build confidence in this workshop for parents and kids provided by Spicer Exceptional ABA Therapies. The focus will be on play-based learning, following directions, and emotional recognitions for kids ages 4-7.

Sensory Storytime (NR)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

10 to 10:30 a.m. • Dundee

Join us for a gentle, inclusive storytime designed for children who benefit from a calmer, sensory-friendly environment. Hosted by Spicer Exceptional ABA Therapies. Ages 2-10 with caregiver.

Black History Month Take

Home Kits (NR)

Available starting February 1

Dundee and Randall Oaks

Celebrate Black History Month with a take home kit that includes a craft, activities, a book list featuring stories by Black authors, and a list of Black-owned businesses parents and caregivers can support. Kits will be available at Dundee and Randall Oaks while supplies last. All ages.

Meet our Adoptable Pets with Hoof Woof & Meow (NR)

Saturday, Feb. 7

10 to 12 p.m. • Dundee

Meet some paws-itively adorable dogs and cats from Hoof, Woof & Meow! Who knows, you might just meet your family's newest furry friend. Plus, kids can cozy up and read a story to our special guests with tails!

KPop Demon Hunters Party (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

6 to 7 p.m. • Dundee

Party like Huntr/x with a sing-along, games, crafts, a raffle for themed prizes, popcorn and Soda Pop! All ages.



Tuesday, March 3 • Dundee

Session 1: 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Session 2: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Join us for an exciting celebration of color, dance, and joy! Discover Holi's vibrant traditions and move to fun beats in this interactive workshop by Bollywood & Culture Groove. All ages.

TWEEN

Pixel Art: Tween Edition (R)

Tuesdays:

Jan. 27 - Winter

Feb. 24 - Pets

3 to 5 p.m. • Dundee

The teens' favorite program is now available for tweens! We will use Perler beads to make pixel art. Grades 4-6.

Tween

Videogaming (R)

Thursday, Jan. 8

6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Join us for an evening of gaming on our big screen! Drop in or register for reminder emails. Grades 4-6.

Beginner Acrylic Painting:

Let It Snow-man (R)

Tuesday, Jan. 20

6 to 7 p.m. • Dundee

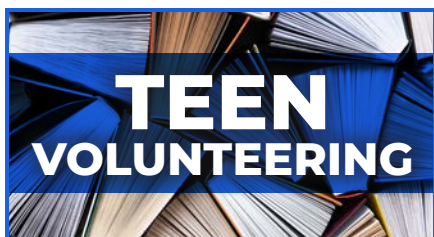
Let's paint some frosty fun! Join us for a step-by-step painting adventure where you'll learn cool new techniques to create a jolly snowman in a snowy winter wonderland. Grades 4-6 with caregiver.

Heart Charms (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 4

6 to 6:45 p.m. • Dundee

Craft some dazzling heart-shaped bling that's as unique as you are! Grades 4-6.



Teen Advisory Group (R)

Thursdays:

Dec. 4, Jan. 22, Feb. 12

5 to 6:30 p.m. • Dundee

Earn volunteer hours at each Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meeting. Work on library projects behind the scenes, share ideas for what you want to see at the library, and write book recommendations to post on our blog/teen page. Snacks will be provided. For ages 13 and up.

Student Volunteering (R)

Saturday, Dec. 13

12 to 2 p.m. • Dundee

Thursday, Feb. 5

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. • Dundee

New for middle and high school students, earn volunteer hours and work on a project to benefit the community. You can register to receive a reminder email.

Resin Keychains (R)

Saturday, Dec. 6

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Use dried flowers, sequins, beads, and micro pigments to create a personalized keychain for yourself or a friend.

Teen Crochet Club (R)

Saturday, Dec. 27

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Hang out with fellow crochet enthusiasts. All skill levels are welcome. Supplies will be provided or bring your own project to work on.



NEW YEAR, NEW ME

Monday, Dec. 29

(R)

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Change doesn't happen on its own. Set up and decorate a mini habit tracker booklet to keep on track and stay positive in the new year.

Stencils & Denim (R)

Saturday, Jan. 10

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Give your jeans a bold new look! Grab some sharpies and stencils and turn your denim into a colorful, one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Doodle, stencil, and let your creativity shine from pocket to hem!

Keycap Fidgets (R)

Saturday, Jan. 17

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Create a clicky keychain with custom keycaps.



Saturday, Jan. 24

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Unwind with the joy of abstract art! Spread vibrant paint on a canvas and layer in your own collage elements. Because complex paintings often take more time, you'll start your masterpiece in the program and continue adding to it at home. Let your creativity flow at your own pace!


Jewelry Workshop (R)

Saturday, Feb. 28

2 to 3:30 p.m. • Dundee

Use our supplies to make something new. We have a wide selection of jewelry findings, beads, wire, polymer clay, shrink charm film, and resin.

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CAREER HELP

**Tuesdays: Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3
10 a.m. to noon • Dundee**

Get resume help and learn valuable skills regarding job hunting, cover letters, and more. workNet Batavia's Career Coaches will provide one-on-one assistance with personalized feedback to help you meet your career goals! Drop in or register to receive a reminder email.

Spanish Conversation Group
Fridays: 11 a.m. to noon • Dundee
Dec. 5, Jan. 2, and Feb. 6

Come practice Spanish to improve your pronunciation and conversation skills. All levels are welcome.

Ven a practicar español para mejorar tu pronunciación y habilidades de conversación. Todos los niveles son bienvenidos. ¡Te esperamos!

Hygge Night (R)

Monday, Dec. 15

6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Hygge (HOO-GAH) is a Danish and Norwegian word that is all about cozy vibes and happy hearts! Join us at the library for a relaxing winter evening filled with low-fi beats, yummy desserts, and slow, creative fun. Wrap yourself in warmth and let's chase away the winter chill together!



I Love Me

The "I Love Me" programs focus on self-love.

I Love Me: Intro to Tai Chi (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 7

7 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Join us as we practice the basics of Tai Chi and learn about its benefits with certified instructor Allyn Barnett from MoonWillow Tai Chi. Cultivate a mindset of positive thinking. Meet other individuals interested in living mindful and peaceful lives.

Mood & Seasons: How Weather and Light Impact Our Mental Health (R)

Thursday, Jan. 8

6:30 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Do sunny days lift your mood while gray skies bring you down? You're not imagining it! Join us for a program on the science of seasonal mood shifts and learn practical strategies for managing seasonal affective disorder (SAD) and the winter blues.

Adult ADHD Uncovered: Understanding, Managing, and Thriving (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 21

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. • Dundee

ADHD isn't just for kids—it often continues into adulthood, influencing work, relationships, and daily life. Join us for an engaging program to learn what ADHD looks like in adults, explore its impact, and discover practical strategies to manage symptoms and thrive.

Distracted but Devoted: Navigating ADHD in Love and Partnership (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

6:30 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

ADHD can bring both challenges and strengths to relationships. Join us for a talk on how attention, communication, and emotions are affected, plus practical tools to strengthen connection and build thriving partnerships.



Presented in partnership with Dundee Township Mental Health Board and Pivotal Counseling Center.

I Love Me: Laughter Yoga (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 25

7 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Join us for Laughter Yoga—a playful mix of light movement, deep breathing, and laughter to reduce stress, boost joy, and nurture emotional wellness. No mats or experience needed—just come ready to laugh, breathe, and feel good!

Nature Journaling: Winter (R)

Tuesday, Jan. 13

7 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

In this four-part series (one for each season), learn how to slow down and observe nature's changes by documenting them in an artistic nature journal. This winter focuses on sketching the spindly frost covered trees. All materials provided.

GUITAR BASICS



Part 1 (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 14

7 to 8 p.m. Dundee

Learn the fundamentals of guitar playing. This is super beginner friendly. Bring your guitar or reserve one from our collection. Please arrive 10 min early to set up.

Part 2 (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 18

7 to 8 p.m. Dundee

This is a beginner friendly class on music theory. Learn and play simple tunes on sheet music. Bring your guitar or reserve one from our collection. Please arrive 10 min early to set up.

Outlander Day (R)

Saturday, Jan. 17

1 to 3 p.m. • Dundee

Drought-lander is almost over! Come to the library with your fellow sassenachs to discuss this award-winning series while we make Scottish paper thistles, drink tea and feast on Scottish themed food.

Animals of the Chinese

Zodiac and You (R)

Saturday, Feb. 7

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. • Dundee

The Year of the Snake wraps up on February 16, and the Year of the Horse trots in on February 17! Discover the meaning behind the Chinese zodiac, explore the qualities of your zodiac animal, and learn why the Horse has such a spirited following. Join us for this "mane" event!

Sewing Essentials (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6 to 7 p.m. • Dundee

If you have always wanted to get started in sewing, join this class and learn all about the necessary tools and materials that every sewist needs to get started.

Simple Sewing:

Soup Bowl Cozy (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 24

6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Never burn your fingers again! Sew your own microwave safe soup bowl cozy and enjoy soup all year long!

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COMPUTER CLASSES

NEW! Drop-in Tech Help (NR)

Tuesdays:

Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3

6:30 to 8 pm • Dundee

Need some quick tech assistance? Drop by for some help with basic tech needs.

3D PRINTING FOR COSPLAY

A series of classes dedicated to helping beginners learn how to find and successfully print 3D models for cosplay. Presentation only.

Printers and Filament (R)

Monday, Feb. 2

6 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

Learn about the different types of 3D printers and filament.

Finding and

Slicing Models (R)

Monday, Feb. 9

6 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

Where to find and what to look for when it comes to 3D models and the different ways of preparing for printing.

Finishing Models (R)

Monday, Feb. 23

6 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

You've successfully printed a model, now what? Learn about different ways to finish a model, from sanding to painting.



RANDALL OAKS



Embroider This!

Holiday Cards (R)

Tuesday, Dec. 2 · 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Personalize your holiday cards this season with embroidery and watercolor. Adults.

Peppermint Party! (R)

Thursday, Dec. 4 · 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate one of Winter's favorite flavors with a party dedicated to peppermint featuring candy canes, dancing, a book, bubbles, and more. Ages 2-6 with caregiver.

Merry Christmas Storytime and Craft (NR)

Monday, Dec. 8 · 10 to 10:45 am

Come to a Christmas storytime, where we will dance with jingle bells, listen to fun holiday songs, read Christmas books, and do a special craft. Best for ages 2-6 with caregiver.

December Holidays Family Night (R)

Wednesday, Dec. 10 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Let's learn about and party for all the holidays in December: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and the New Year!

Tape Town: Santa's Sleigh (R)

Monday, Dec. 15 · 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Read a book about Santa delivering presents, then create your own map to help Santa deliver presents using road tape, your own pull back sled, and your imagination. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

Pixel Art: Ornaments (R)

Tuesday, Dec 16 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Design a few pixel art ornaments for the winter season. Grades 3-8.

Puzzle Swap (NR)

Wednesday, Dec. 17 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Calling all puzzle lovers! Bring a gently used jigsaw (500+ pieces) to swap with fellow puzzlers.

6:15 p.m.

Puzzle exchange begins

6:45 p.m.

BINGO: Win brand-new puzzles!

Puzzles must be in good condition, original box, no missing pieces. New to puzzling?

No worries, you can still join the fun!

International Foodies:

Swedish Snacks (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 14 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Taste test different snacks from another country, this time snacks and treats from Sweden! Grades 3-8

Fairy Tale Science (R)

Wednesday, Jan. 21 · 6 to 7 p.m.

What does the Big Bad Wolf blow-dryer have against your building structures? Can you build a bridge that can hold your billy goats gruff? Does the Snow Queen have magical powers or just a good understanding about how the cold works? Grades K-6.

Sewing Studio:

Fantasy Creatures (R)

Tuesday, Jan. 27 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Sew a dragon, yeti, unicorn, or design your own fantastical creature using basic hand sewing. Grades 3-8

Hearts Painting (R)

Tuesday, Feb. 3 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Paint a series of hearts using different techniques. Grades K-6

Winter Olympics Family Fun (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 4 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Get ready to go for the gold, Winter Olympics style! Gather your family and friends for some friendly competition as you test your skills, cheer each other on, and see who will take home the gold medal. Will it be Mom's lightning-fast reflexes, Dad's epic strategy, or the kids' unstoppable energy that wins the day? Join the fun and celebrate the Olympic spirit, laughter, teamwork, and victory included!

Valentine's Day Party (R)

Wednesday, Feb. 11 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Happy Valentine's Day! Bring the whole family for a night of games and cookie decorating. Best for ages 3 and up.

Artful Adventures:

Beaded Plant

Tuesday, Feb. 17 · 1 to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18 · 6 to 7 p.m.

Have a "black thumb"? Make a beaded plant that will brighten up your space. Adults.

Chocolate Party!

Thursday, Feb. 19 · 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate February's favorite candy, CHOCOLATE! We'll read a book, play a game, dance, do a craft, enjoy a small chocolatey treat, and more! Ages 2-6 with caregiver.

BOOK CLUBS

PHYSICAL COPIES OF THE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DUNDEE LIBRARY.

Adult Activities Center Book Club (R)

Dundee Park District
Adult Activities Center
665 Barrington Ave.
Carpentersville, IL 60110

The World that We Knew

by Alice Hoffman
Wednesday, Dec. 3
10 a.m. • Offsite

Isola

by Allegra Goodman
Wednesday, Jan. 7
10 a.m. • Offsite

The Favorites

by Layne Fargo
Wednesday, Feb. 4
10 a.m. • Offsite

Graphic Novel Book Club (NR)

Wednesdays: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4
7 p.m. • Dundee

If you love graphic novels, comics, or manga, join our new book club for adults! Read any title of your choice then come to our meetings once a month to share your thoughts with other graphic novel lovers.

Dundee Library Book Club (NR)

The Half Moon

by Mary Beth Keane
*Wednesday, Dec. 17
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Dundee
**meeting 2 weeks earlier than usual due to holiday closures*

We Do Not Part

by Kang Han
Wednesday, Jan. 28
2 p.m. • Dundee
7 p.m. • The Village Squire
125 Washington St
West Dundee, IL 60118

Wild Dark Shore

by Charlotte McConaghy
Wednesday, Feb. 25
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Dundee

Horror Book Club (R)

Hide

by Kiersten White
Thursday, Dec. 18
7 p.m. • Dundee

The Reformatory

by Tananarive Due
Thursday, Jan. 22
7 p.m. • Dundee

When the Wolf Comes Home

by Nat Cassidy
Thursday, Feb. 19
7 p.m. • Dundee

Final Thursday Book Club (NR)

A new season means a new genre! Join us in exploring whodunit mysteries this winter with a different book each month.

Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone

by Benjamin Stevenson
Thursday, Jan. 29
7 p.m. • Dundee

The Tainted Cup

by Robert Jackson Bennett
Thursday, Feb. 26
7 p.m. • Dundee



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ESPAÑOL

Asistencia de Tecnología (NR)

Martes: diciembre 2 y 16,
enero 6 y 20, febrero 3
6:30 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

¿Necesita ayuda con algo técnico?
Visítenos para obtener respuestas a
preguntas técnicas.

Grupo de Conversación en Inglés (R)

Viernes: 5 de diciembre,
2 de enero, 6 de febrero
9:30 a 10:30 a.m. • Dundee

Ven a practicar inglés para mejorar
tu pronunciación y habilidades de
conversación. Todos los niveles son
bienvenidos. ¡Te esperamos!



Manualidad Navideña: Pintar una Casa (R)

Lunes, diciembre 8
6:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

Venga a pintar una casa de madera
navideña para decorar su hogar. Todos
los materiales serán proporcionados
solamente venga con su imaginación.

Cuentos y Stories (NR)

Martes, 6 a 6:30 p.m. • Dundee
9 de diciembre, 13 de enero, 10 de febrero
¡Bienvenidos amigos! ¡Acompáñenos a la
diversión! Leeremos cuentos, cantaremos
canciones, e otras actividades divertidas
en inglés y español. Vengan con su familia
y disfruten de la hora de cuentos bilingüe.

Cómo Cumplir Tus Propósitos Este 2026 (R)

Martes, 27 de enero,
7 a 8 p.m. • Dundee

Todos tenemos nuevos
propósitos cada Año Nuevo.
Aprende cómo establecer
tus metas y crear un plan de
acción para cumplirlas con
éxito. Empecemos este
2026 con positivismo
y productividad.



IMMIGRATION PROGRAMMING

Immigration Help (R)

Tuesdays: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10
3 to 5 p.m. • Dundee

Do you have questions about immigration benefits and the path to citizenship? DOJ accredited professionals from Alianza Hispanoamericana will offer free, personal consultations, as well as assistance with your citizenship application, at the Dundee Library. Alianza Hispanoamericana is a non-profit organization that specializes in immigration help, including citizenship applications and Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) renewal applications.

Registration is required for citizenship application assistance, but with registration you may attend anytime between 2-5 p.m. Drop-in attendance without registration is welcome for questions on other topics.

To be able to fill out your citizenship application you will need to bring the following documents:

- Your Permanent Resident Card and Social Security Card and your driver's license or state ID
- Dates of all travel outside the U.S. since you received your green card
- A list of all your home addresses for the past 5 years
- A list of all your employer addresses, dates, and locations for the past 5 years
- If currently married, your spouse's name and date of birth and immigration number and date of naturalization
- Date of all marriages and divorces of you and your spouse
- If you have children, their names and their addresses and their dates of birth and their green card numbers (if applicable)
- If you have ever been arrested, reason for arrest and date and place it happened and outcome/disposition
- Males: your Selective Service number and registration date

Prior to the event, you will be contacted by Alianza Hispanoamericana to confirm that you have the necessary documents and information. These services are made possible by a grant awarded by Illinois Access to Justice (A2J).

Asistencia de Inmigración (R)

Martes: 9 de diciembre,
13 de enero, 10 de febrero
3 a 5 p.m. • Dundee

¿Tiene preguntas sobre los beneficios de inmigración y el camino a la ciudadanía? Profesionales reconocidos por el DOJ de Alianza Hispanoamericana ofrecerán consultas personales gratuitas, así como asistencia con su solicitud de ciudadanía, en la Biblioteca de Dundee. Alianza Hispanoamericana es una organización sin ánimo de lucro que especializa en inmigración, incluyendo aplicaciones de ciudadanía y solicitudes de renovación para Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA).

Para recibir asistencia con una solicitud de ciudadanía, favor de registrarse con anticipación para uno de los días disponible. Con su registro puede asistir a cualquier hora entre las 2 y las 5 p. m. a su conveniencia. La asistencia sin registro es bienvenida si tiene preguntas o dudas sobre otros temas.

Para poder completar su Solicitud de Ciudadanía, deberá traer los siguientes documentos al taller:

- Su Tarjeta de Residencia Permanente, Tarjeta de Seguro Social y su licencia de conducir o identificación estatal
- Fechas de todos sus viajes fuera de los Estados Unidos empezando desde que recibió su Tarjeta de Residencia
- Una lista de todas sus direcciones de hogar durante los últimos 5 años
- Una lista de todas las direcciones, fechas y ubicaciones de sus empleadores durante los últimos 5 años
- Si actualmente está casado(a), el nombre y la fecha de nacimiento de su pareja, el número de inmigración y la fecha de naturalización.
- Fecha de todos los matrimonios y divorcios de usted y de su pareja
- Si tiene hijos, los nombres, direcciones, fechas de nacimiento y números de tarjeta de residencia (si corresponde) de cada uno.
- Si alguna vez ha sido arrestado, el motivo del arresto, fecha y lugar en que sucedió y el resultado.
- Si es hombre: su número de Servicio Selectivo (Selective Service) y fecha de registro

Antes del taller, Alianza Hispanoamericana se pondrá en contacto con usted para confirmar que usted tenga los documentos y la información necesaria antes de presentarse al taller. Estos servicios son hechos posibles por los subsidios otorgados por Illinois Access to Justice (A2J).

Citizenship Classes

Monday, Jan. 5, 12, 26 & Feb. 2, 9, 23
5 to 7 p.m. • Dundee

Prepare for citizenship with our 6-week class covering civics, history, and English proficiency. Presented by the Elgin YWCA.

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