



Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER



WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR

150th

ANNIVERSARY

1876-2026

Programas en
español a partir de
la páginas 2 y 13.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Easter

Sunday, April 5

Staff Development

Friday, April 10 (Open at 1 p.m.)

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

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 Rd.
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 Book Drop
Randall Oaks Library Book Drop
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

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Dundee Library. Due to construction, meeting times and locations may vary. Please visit www.frvpld.info for the most up-to-date information.

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 year 2026 is a milestone moment for us as we celebrate our 150th anniversary, and we're marking the occasion in style.

You may have already noticed our refreshed logo across our website and digital platforms, created especially to honor this joyful year. And that's just the beginning. We've also launched a new webpage highlighting the library's rich history in the community.

Starting in late April, you'll see special historical displays throughout the library, timed to coincide with Our Library's 150-Year History: A Historical Review with Phil Aleo. Phil's presentation serves as the unofficial kickoff to our anniversary festivities and sets the stage for a year of reflection, storytelling, and celebration.

Alongside this exciting anniversary year, the library is embarking on a major renovation of the nearly 50-year-old Dundee Library this spring. Planned improvements include a new roof, updated HVAC system and ductwork, new windows throughout the library, and the addition of sunshades, all designed to improve comfort, efficiency, and sustainability for years to come.

As construction gets underway, please be sure to check event locations in advance, as many programs will be held off-site during this time. We are deeply grateful to our community partners for hosting library programs while renovations are in progress.

Thank you for celebrating our past, present, and future with us, we can't wait to share this historic year with you.



Kristi Howe
Executive Director



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026: 150 YEARS IN THE MAKING

May 1-July 31

This summer is extra special as the Fox River Valley Public Library celebrates 150 years since it was founded - now that's a milestone worth reading about!

How to Complete the Challenge:

- Kids read 16 hours
- Teens and adults read 24 hours

Earn a badge for every 4 hours you read (kids) or every 6 hours (teens and adults)! Plus, stop by the library to pick up a Summer Reading Challenge-themed sticker just for signing up.

Once you reach 8 hours (kids) or 12 hours (teens and adults), stop by the library to pick up your midway prize.

Finish the challenge and you'll receive a free book, be entered to win additional prizes, and a ticket to the Finisher Pool Party at the Dolphin Cove Family Aquatic Center on Sunday, August 2!

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Monday, June 1 • 6-8 p.m.

Randall Oaks Park Front Shelter
1180 N Randall Rd, West Dundee, IL
(by the zoo)

Readers and explorers of all ages are invited to kick off our 150th Library Anniversary with a festive evening featuring:

- Music to set the party mood
- Hands-on creativity
- Kona Ice to help you cool off and enjoy
- A chance to win special prizes

Join us as we celebrate 150 years of reading, imagination, and community.

RETO DE LECTURA 2026: 150 AÑOS EN DESARROLLO!

1 de mayo – 31 de Julio

¡Este verano es extra especial porque la Biblioteca Fox River Valley celebra 150 años desde su fundación- ese es un logro que vale la pena leer!

Como completar el reto:

- Los niños deben leer 16 horas
- Los adolescentes y adultos deben leer 24 horas

¡Obtenga una insignia por cada 4 horas (niños) o cada 6 horas (adolescentes y adultos) leídas! Al registrarse, pase a la biblioteca para recoger una calcomanía temática del reto de lectura de verano.

Cuando haya leído 8 horas (niños) o 12 horas (adolescentes y adultos), pase a la biblioteca para recoger su premio de a la mitad del camino.

¡Termine el reto para recibir un libro gratis, participe para ganar premios adicionales incluyendo un boleto a nuestra fiesta de piscina en Dolphin Cove Family Aquatic Center para el Domingo, 2 de agosto!

HEADS UP!

Some of our programs and events have temporarily moved off-site while the library undergoes construction. Be sure to double-check locations so you don't miss any of the fun!



FOX RIVER VALLEY LIBRARY



Don't miss a moment of our 150th anniversary celebration! Follow us at www.frvpld.info for everything from a historical timeline to an online store (coming your way in late April), 150th-themed programs, and events; there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Fashion Design: Birthday (NR)

April 1-24 • Dundee

In celebration of the library's 150th birthday, *The Devil Wears Prada 2*, and the Met Gala, pick up a kit to create your own design based on the theme "Birthday". Return it by April 24 to be entered into the runway display, for which voting will take place from April 27-May 1. Adult.

3D Printed Origami Box (NR)

Beginning Sunday April 12

Art Deco flourished in the 1920s. Make a box decorated in its distinctive style using 3D printed origami technique, merging the historical with the contemporary. As we celebrate the library's 150th anniversary, we'll be highlighting various decades through our history. Adult.

Our Library's 150 Year History: A Historical Review with Phil Aleo

Wednesday, April 22 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Offsite: Rakow Center

665 Barrington Ave, Carpentersville

An engaging look at the history of the Dundee Township Library, now the Fox River Valley Public Library District, from its earliest roots to the present day. Adult.

Make, Do, and Mend (R)

Monday, May 4

6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Make, Do, and Mend! That was the 1940s motto. Use lovely fabric scraps and make a Hexagon-Flower mending bag and learn about the importance and techniques of mending clothing. As we celebrate the library's 150th anniversary, we'll be highlighting various decades through our history. Adult.

Friends of the Fox

Thursday, May 7 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Offsite: Rakow Center

665 Barrington Ave, Carpentersville

Meet the Fox River - natural history, cultural history, human impacts. Adult.

Un-Birthday Party (R)

Thurs. May 14

10 to 10:45 a.m. • Randall Oaks

Join us for an Un-birthday celebration filled with songs, dancing, stories, bubbles, and creative fun! Ages 2-6 with caregiver.

Connecting with Nature

Growing and Using Herbs (R)

Monday, March 2
6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Herbs are a healthy way to introduce new flavors into your diet, new fragrances into your home and add texture to your garden. This class will discuss growing, collecting, and preserving techniques for all kinds of herbs, and offer suggestions for using herbs in cooking. Presented by the Master Gardener Extension Program. Adult.



Grow Your Own Rainbow Garden Take Home Kit (R)

Available the week of March 8

Celebrate Earth Day by growing your own Rainbow Garden! Take your seeds home and plant them in a recycled egg carton. All that's left to do is watch them grow! Grades K-6.

Nature Journaling: Spring (R)

Tuesday, March 10
6 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

In this four-part series, learn how to slow down and observe nature changing by documenting it in an artistic nature journal. This spring focuses on blooming flowers using watercolor techniques. All materials provided. Registration required. Adult.

Rockin'-the-Rock Painting (R)

Thurs., Apr. 16 • Dundee
Session 1: 3:30 to 4 p.m.
Session 2: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Get creative and paint your own colorful rocks to brighten up your garden at home—or add a special touch to the library's garden! Grades K-8.

Knowing and Growing: Food Power with Hallie Sanclemente Morrison (R)

Saturday, April 25 • 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL
Join community organizer, artist, and garden manager Hallie Sanclemente Morrison as they share basic food growing techniques and Earth-honoring perspectives. Listen, reflect, try hands-on gardening, and receive free seed packets to start growing your own food with an empowered mindset this spring! This will take place outdoors. Please dress for the weather. Adult.

Take home series

All kits are while supplies last

Spice Club (NR)

Each month pick up a spice kit at the Information Desk! Inside, you will find just enough of a new spice, herb or blend to try your hand at provided recipes and explore a new flavor palate. Available from the first of each month, while supplies last.

March: Rosemary

Salvia Rosmarinus, commonly known as rosemary, is a fragrant evergreen needle-like shrub that is native to the Mediterranean region as well as Portugal and Spain.

April: Sage

Salvia officinalis, common sage, is a perennial evergreen sub shrub. It is a member of the mint family and native all around the world!

May: Mint

Mentha, also known as mint, is a genus of flowering plants in the mint family, Lamiaceae. Mint originated in Europe or Asia, but the name Mint comes from the Greek myth of the nymph Minthe.

Gardening Kits (NR)

Available beginning the first of each month

Pick up a kit featuring packs of seeds, recipes, and background information on the featured item.

March: Flower Garden Kit

April: Herb Garden Kit

May: Tomato Garden Kit

SPRING STORYTIMES

Recurring Storytimes

February 23 - March 26
April 6 - May 7

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! Storytime (NR)

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10 a.m. • Dundee
Join us for a storytime designed for our youngest 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, followed by a short baby playtime. 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

Baby Doll Storytime at Randall Oaks (NR)

**Monday, March 9, 23 & April 13, 27
10:45 to 11:15 a.m. • 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 2 - 4 years.

Cuentos y Stories Bilingual Storytime (NR)

**Tuesday, March 10, April 14, May 12
6 to 6:30 p.m. • Dundee**
Welcome friends! Join us for stories, 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 & TODDLER



LITTLE ARTISTS (R)

**Fridays: Mar. 13, April 17, May 8
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.

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.

Story Sprouts (R)

Tuesday, Mar. 17

3 to 3:45 p.m. • Dundee

Parents and kids will team up to plant the seeds of a fun, creative story in this hands-on program. Write, illustrate, and explore the world of imagination. Ages 3-5 with caregiver.

Music and Movement (NR)

Thursdays, March 19, April 16

11:30 a.m. to noon • Dundee

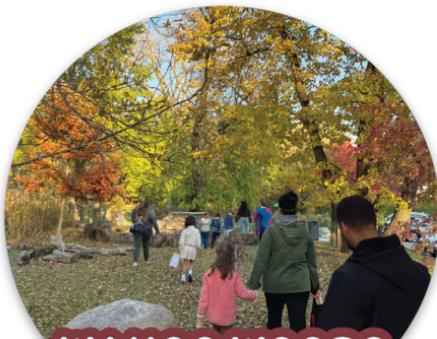
Need to get your wiggles out? Join us for an active, musical program where we'll stretch, dance, and rock to the rhythm. Ages 2-6 with caregiver.

Foodie Kids Jr. To-Go Bags (R)

March 22 to 28, April 19 to 25,

May 24 to 30 • Dundee

There's no dining in this Spring, only to-go orders! Pick up your ingredients and make your food at home. Ages 3-6.



WAHOO WOODS EXPLORERS KIT

Beginning May 10

(NR)

Take a nature walk through Wahoo Woods or your backyard and gather leaves, twigs, and other treasures to use in awesome Spring crafts. Ages 3-6. Available while supplies last at the Dundee Library.

ELEMENTARY



March 1 (R)

A curated quarterly box for kids ages 5-8 and tweens ages 9-12. Each box includes a handpicked library book chosen just for you as well as fun goodies you get to keep.

LEGO Club (NR)

Mondays, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11

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 a monthly challenge or build whatever you'd like. Your LEGO creations must stay at the library, but staff will take pictures of your creations to share. Grades K-8.

American Girl Doll Club



Wednesday, May 13 (NR)

4 to 4:30 p.m. • Dundee

Are you a Gamer Girl like Courtney, or a trailblazer like Kirsten? Discover which historical era speaks to you as we travel through time with the American Girl Dolls!

Each month, we'll celebrate a different doll with a birthday party featuring themed snacks, hands-on activities, and lively read-alouds. Want to meet the doll before the party? Copies of each character's book will be available at the Youth Services Desk.

Every month brings a new character, and this month's featured doll is Julie!



Easter Take Home Kit (NR)

Beginning March 29

Hop into spring creativity with our Easter Take Home Kit. Families are invited to stop by the library and pick up a festive kit filled with everything you need to make your own holiday crafts and play fun spring-themed games. Available while supplies last at the Dundee Library.



March 30 to April 3 • Dundee
Stop in for new scavenger hunts and activities every day!
Monday: Bluey Day
Tuesday: Celebrate Pigeon's Birthday
Wednesday: Minecraft Mania
Thursday: Dog Man Day
Friday: Disney Day

Celebra El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros Kit Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day Kit (R)

Monday, April 27 • Dundee

Celebra el día de los niños/el día de los libros con nosotros. Regístrese para recibir uno de nuestros kits que incluyera un libro gratis, una manualidad y recursos de alfabetismo. Celebre a los niños y conéctelos con el mundo del aprendizaje a través de libros, historias y bibliotecas.

Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day with us. Sign up to receive one of our Día kits, which includes a free book, a creative activity, and literacy resources. Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories, and libraries. All ages.

Mother's Day Take Home Kit (NR)
Beginning May 3

Celebrate the special caregivers in your life with a fun kit that includes all the supplies needed to create a heartfelt, handmade gift. All ages. Available while supplies last at the Dundee Library.

Homeschool Hangout (NR)

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 17: Bean murals

April 21: Salt painting

May 19: Baby wipe tie dye art

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.



Hawaiian Dance (R)

Saturday, May 2 • 2 to 3 p.m.

**Offsite: Rakow Center
665 Barrington Ave,
Carpentersville, IL**

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Halau i Ka Pono - The Hula School of Chicago as they present ancient and modern hula dances for 45 minutes with 15 minutes of group participation. All ages are welcome.

TWEEN

PIXEL ART TWEEN EDITION

(R)

**Tuesdays: Mar. 24, Apr. 28, May. 26
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.

Handmade Gift for Mom/ Artesania Para Mama (R)

**Tuesday, May 5
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee**

Make Mom feel special on her day. Come to the library to create a lovely gift for her. Grades 4-6 with an adult.

Has que mama se sienta especial en su día. Ven a la biblioteca para hacerle un lindo obsequio. Grades 4-6 con adulto.

TEEN GRADES 6-12 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



**Thursdays: March 5, April 2, May 7
5 to 6:30 pm. • 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.

Jewelry Studio:

Lip Gloss Charm (R)

**Saturday, March 14
2 to 3 p.m. • Dundee**

Put together a dangly charm clip so you can clip your lip gloss to your bag, belt loop or purse. BYO lip gloss. All other supplies will be provided.

Jewelry Studio:

Handbag Charm Bracelet (R)

**Saturday, April 11
2 to 3 p.m. • Dundee**

Put together a dangly charm bracelet for your handbag. BYO handbag. All other supplies will be provided.

Coquette Cake Boxes (NR)

Beginning March 1

Decorate a jewelry box that looks good enough to eat. It's the most delicious way to store your trinkets and accessories!

Cross Stitch: Spring Chicken (NR)

Beginning March 2

Sew the iconic Blue Chicken from Stardew Valley using cross stitching, the original pixel art.



DIY Spring Terrarium (NR)

Beginning March 30

Design your perfect spring scene! Use mini figures and charming accessories to create a magical globe terrarium.

Seed Bombs (NR)

Beginning April 1

Celebrate Earth Day with the coolest way to garden.

Beginner Origami (NR)

Beginning April 13

Learn about the history of origami and make several origami projects using the provided materials.

Mother's Day Cards (NR)

Beginning May 1

Create a one-of-a-kind card for the caretaker in your life.

Finals Self-Care Kit (NR)

Monday, May 11 through Friday, May 22

Help yourself get through the stressful end of the school year with this self-care kit.

**TAKE HOME
KITS**

All kits are while
supplies last

ADULT



Oscars Predictions (NR)

Sunday, March 1 to Sunday, March 15
How well can you predict the Academy Awards? Cast your ballot in-person or online for a chance to win a prize fit for a cinephile.

Drop-in Tech Help (NR)

Tuesdays, March 3, 17
Tuesday, April 7, 21
Tuesday, May 5, 19
6:30 to 8 p.m. • Dundee
Need some quick tech assistance? Drop by for some help with basic tech needs.



CAREER HELP

Tuesdays, March 3, April 7, May 5
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!

Spanish Conversation Group

Fridays, March 6, April 3, May 1
11 a.m. to noon
Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot, 319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL
Come practice Spanish to improve your pronunciation and conversation skills. All levels are welcome.



Spooky Irish Myths, Folklore, and Odd Tales (R)

Thursday, March 12 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Offsite: The Alcove Events
256 B Washington St.,
Carpentersville, IL
Chad Lewis is an author, researcher, and expert in the strange and unusual. Join us as he takes us on a spooky journey through Ireland's mythology and most bizarre stories.

Irish Music with Master Fiddler Sean Cleland (R)

Monday, March 16 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Offsite: Brix on the Fox
260 Washington St.,
Carpentersville, IL
Master fiddler and executive director of the Irish Music School of Chicago, Sean Cleland, will perform Irish Trad music, and share the stories behind the tunes, as well as the rich history of Irish music and culture. Join us!

Shrink Charm Hair Clips (R)

Saturday, March 21 • 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL
Add a touch of spring to your outfits this season with nature-inspired hair clips made with shrink film. Let's spring into style!

Saturday, March 14 • 2 to 4 p.m. (R)

Offsite: Rakow Center,
665 Barrington Ave, Carpentersville, IL
The Revolutionists will not be televised. It will be dramatized – by Violet Surprise Theatre, whose mission is to vibrantly validate the voices of women. Written by Lauren Gunderson and directed by Iris Sowlat, *The Revolutionists* is a hysterical and historical (or, more accurately, herstorical) play that invites audiences to experience the French Revolution from a female perspective. So don't pardon our French. Pardon our Frenchwomen and their très merciless treatment during the Reign of Terror.

An Introduction to News Media Literacy Watch Party (R)

Tuesday, March 31
7 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

Join us for a watch party as we livestream Dr. Michael Spikes's workshop on how to confidently utilize and assess online news sources.



Tarot Card 101 (R)

Thursday, April 16 • 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Offsite: Rakow Center

665 Barrington Ave, Carpentersville, IL

Curious about tarot cards? Join us as Teagan covers the basics of tarot card reading- understanding the meaning of the cards, how they relate to one another, and how to tap into your intuition while doing a reading.

Interested in a reading? Sign up for time slot, before or after the presentation, at the link found in the events calendar for a brief personal reading by Teagan.

Teagan has been doing readings for 5 years and has expanded her knowledge into becoming a fully initiated shaman.

Last Tea Shop RPG (R)

Monday, April 20 • 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot

319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

With the roll of a dice and a hot cup of tea, experience a solo writing adventure as a tea maker comforting the souls of the recently departed. Writing supplies and tea will be provided, though feel free to bring your own. Original game created by Spring Villager.

80s Duet Trivia at Black & Gray Brewing (R)

Tuesday, April 28 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Offsite: Black & Gray Brewing Co.

311 Barrington Ave, East Dundee, IL

Yes, the Decade of Decadence was also the Decade of the Duet. Come relive all the great duets that defined the decade and match your wits against other trivia attendees. Small prizes will be awarded.



Canva Design: Patterns (R)

Tuesday, May 12
6 to 7:30 p.m. • Dundee

From cozy blankets to sleek social media assets, seamless repeating patterns can be found everywhere! Learn the basics of Canva's design tools and make your own pattern to use however you like.



Grounded Hearts: A Mexicayotl Healing Circle (R)

Sunday, May 17 • 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Reconnect with your inner self through a nature-based healing circle inspired by Anáhuac Indigenous teachings. Navigate memories, emotions, and transformation through grounding practices, storytelling, and community reflection. Open to all identities, genders, and backgrounds. No experience needed. Materials will be provided including seed packets for your home garden.

Felt Unicorn Pin (NR)

Beginning Monday, March 23

Stitch together a lovely felt unicorn pin to add a bit of whimsy to your wardrobe.

Cross Stitch:

Dumpster Fire (NR)

Beginning Friday, April 17

Celebrate the end of tax season by calmly stitching a cute little dumpster fire.



Button Bracelet (NR)

Beginning Monday, May 11

Create a one-of-a-kind bracelet using vintage buttons!



RANDALL OAKS

Embroider This! Clothing (R)

Tuesday, March 3 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Bring in a cotton shirt or denim item to customize with embroidery. Adults.



(R)

Tuesday, March 10 • 5 to 7 p.m.

Drop in between 5 and 7 p.m. to duck-orate a yellow rubber duck and display it at the Randall Oaks Library. Ducks must be picked up by March 28. Unclaimed ducks after that date will no longer be available. All ages.

Leprechaun Traps (R)

Wednesday, March 11 • 6 to 7 p.m.

How do you catch a leprechaun? With a ladder? A pot of gold? Four leaf clovers? A rainbow? Join us to design and build a leprechaun trap for St. Patrick's Day using recycled materials! Grades K-6.



Tropical Dance Party (NR)

Monday, March 30 • 10 to 10:30

Kick off Spring Break with a tropical dance party! Limbo, Hula, conga line, and more!

Joke Party (R)

Wednesday, April 1 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Laugh the night away with your family! We'll DIY a practical joke surprise, play a funny game, and then write jokes to perform "Open Mic" style at the end.

Hat Party (R)

Thursday, April 2 • 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Come in wearing your silliest hat to enjoy hat books, play hat games, dance with bubbles, and decorate a hat. Ages 2-6 with caregiver.

Artful Adventures:

Spring Wreath (R)

Tuesday, April 7 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Give a plain wood sign a spring makeover and turn it into a fabulous floral wreath! Adults.

Celebrate World Art Day (R)

Wednesday, April 15 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Celebrate World Art Day by exploring the art forms of paint, textile, sculpture, and collage with your family! Family.

Stylized Pet Portraits (R)

Tuesday, April 28 • 6 to 7 p.m.

Transform a copy of your pet's photo and create a fun, stylized portrait. Adult and Teen.



Saturday, May 2 • noon to 4 p.m. (NR)

Design your graduation cap using our Silhouette machine and an array of supplies to make it uniquely yours! Ages 17+.

Tape Town: Vehicles (R)

Monday, May 11 • 10 to 10:45

After we read a book about vehicles around town, you'll create your own map using road tape, a new vehicle that's yours to keep, and your imagination. Ages 2-6 with a caregiver.

International Foodies:

Snacks from Philippines (R)

Wednesday, May 13 • 6 to 7 pm

Taste test food from another country, this time snacks and treats from the Philippines! Grades 3-8.

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storytimes
on page 5**



BOOK CLUBS

Physical copies of the books will be available at the Dundee Library.

Adult Activities Center

Book Club (NR)

Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.

Offsite: Rakow Center

665 Barrington Ave, Carpentersville, IL

The Midnight Feast

by Lucy Foley

March 4

The Last Heir to Blackwood Library

by Hester Fox

April 1

The Cliffs

by J. Courtney Sullivan

May 6

Graphic Novel Book Club (NR)

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Read any graphic novel you choose

March 4, April 1, May 6

Romantasy Book Club (NR)

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Join us in-person or on FRVPLD's page on the Fable app.

Can't Spell Treason Without Tea

by Rebecca Thorne

March 16

Behooved

by M. Stevenson

April 13

The Knight and the Moth

by Rachel Gillig

May 11

Horror Book Club (R)

Thursdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Offsite: Eastside Café - Coffee & Wine Bar
311 Barrington Ave, East Dundee, IL

The Sundowner's Dance

by Todd Keisling

March 19

Horrorstör

by Grady Hendrix

April 23

The Starving Saints

by Caitlin Starling

May 21

Dundee Library Book Club (NR)

Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

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The Wedding People

by Alison Espach

March 25

The Wilderness

by Angela Flournoy

April 29

Twist

by Colum McCann

May 27

Final Thursday Book Club (NR)

Thursday, 7 to 8 p.m.

Offsite: Eastside Café - Coffee & Wine Bar
311 Barrington Ave, East Dundee, IL

A new season means a new genre! Join us in exploring eco-fiction this spring with a different book each month.

Bog Queen

by Anna North

March 26

A Psalm for the Wild-Built

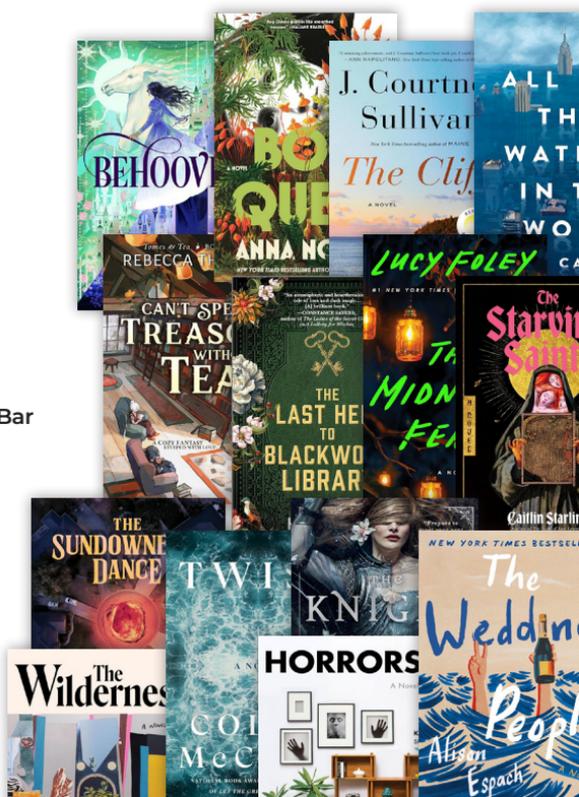
by Becky Chambers

April 30

All the Water in the World

by Eiren Caffall

May 28



ESPAÑOL

Asistencia de Tecnología (NR)

Martes, marzo 3, 17

Martes, abril 7, 21

Martes, mayo 5, 19

6:30 to 8 p.m. • Dundee

¿Necesita ayuda con algo técnico?

Visítenos para obtener respuestas a preguntas técnicas.

Corazones Enraizados: Un Círculo de Sanación

Mexicayotl (R)

Domingo., 17 de mayo • 2 a 3:30 p.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot

319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

Reconecta con tu yo interior a través de un círculo de sanación basado en la naturaleza, e inspirado en las enseñanzas indígenas de Anáhuac. Crearemos un espacio seguro para explorar recuerdos, emociones y transformación a través de técnicas de grounding (anclaje/conexión con la tierra) y reflexión comunitaria. Abierto a todas las identidades, géneros y orígenes. No se requiere experiencia. Se proporcionarán materiales, incluyendo paquetes de semillas para tu huerto.

Grupo de Conversación en inglés (R)

Viernes, 6 de marzo, 3 de abril,
1 de mayo • 9:30 a 10:30 a.m.

Offsite: East Dundee Train Depot
319 N. River Street, East Dundee, IL

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



IMMIGRATION PROGRAMMING

Immigration Help (R)

Tuesdays: March 3, April 14, May 12

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.

Asistencia de Inmigración (R)

Martes: 3 de marzo,

14 de abril, 12 de mayo

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.

Citizenship Classes

Mondays, March 16-April 27 (excluding April 13)

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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Party for the Planet

Saturday, April 25 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Randall Oaks Zoo
1180 Randall Rd.
West Dundee, IL

Fox River Valley Library will be hosting a story time at this event beginning at 11:30 a.m.

\$7 per person; children ages two and under are free.

Celebrate Earth Day at Randall Oaks Zoo and explore its new building, World of Wonders! Join the Park District for a day of nature, discovery, and fun as we celebrate our amazing planet. Bring your family and friends to enjoy hands-on activities, outdoor adventures, and plenty of animal encounters, plus a special storytime hour hosted by the Library.

**Please note: this is a Dundee Township Park District event. For questions, please contact the Dundee Township Park District at (847) 428-7131.*



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