



WOOD DALE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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#### LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu ..... 10am-9pm  
Fri-Sat ..... 10am-5pm  
Sun ..... Closed

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#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Renkosiak

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day: Thu, Jan 1

# Winter Reading

ALL AGES • JAN 2 - MAR 31

1. Sign up at wooddalelibrary.org or through the Beanstack app.
2. Read books, listen to audiobooks, and attend programs.
3. Log your progress and earn prizes!

## Adult Challenge

Receive a sign-up prize and milestone prizes after logging 10 and 20 items.

## Youth Challenge

Earn free books and brag tags for every five hours you read, listen, or are read to!

## Teen Challenge

Sign up for either the Adult Challenge or the Youth Challenge.



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## ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are held in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. Please stop by, visit [wooddalelibrary.org/events](http://wooddalelibrary.org/events), or call us at 630-766-6762 to register. **Registration opens Fri, Jan 2 at 10am for all programs.**

### Wood Carving Meetup

**Mondays, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16 |**

**6:30-8:30pm**

Drop in and discover a new hobby with the North Suburban Carvers! Join the learning and carving session—no experience needed.

### Adult Crafting and Social Circle

**Fridays, Jan 9, Feb 13 | 11am-12:30pm**

Join us for a monthly crafting circle where you can bring your materials, spend time working on your needlework, crocheting, quilting, knitting, etc., and socialize with other crafty people.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Tue, Jan 27 | 11am-4pm**

Did you know one blood donation can potentially save up to three lives? Join our community and the Red Cross in making a difference by donating blood! You must register by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code: WoodDaleLibrary.

### Puzzle Palooza

**Wed, Jan 28 | 6-8pm**

Team up in groups of 2-4 and race to finish jigsaw puzzles! Three levels—all are welcome. Fastest teams win prizes and bragging rights. Let the puzzling begin!

### Presidential Marriages & Romances

**Wed, Feb 4 | 7-8pm**

Join historian Tom Emery for a fun look at presidential romances—from White House weddings to love stories, scandals, and everything in between. Successes, failures, and secrets revealed!

### Blues Music in America

**Fri, Feb 6 | 7-8:30pm**

- Blues guitarist and songwriter Fruteland Jackson combines lecture, song, and instrumental demonstration to trace the evolution of blues music in American culture.

### The Buddy Pet Loss Support Group


**Mondays, Feb 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 |**

**6-7:30pm**

Grieving the loss of a beloved pet? Join The Buddy Pet Loss Support Group facilitated by an LPC for a 5-week session. To register or for more information, call the facilitator at 630-464-9179.



## POPULAR PROGRAMS

Programs with this symbol  next to the title are limited to Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only. Registration opens Fri, Jan 2 at 10am. Non-Wood Dale Public Library cardholders may call the Library beginning Fri, Jan 2 to be placed on a non-Wood Dale Public Library cardholder waitlist or register beginning Fri, Jan 9 at 10am if space is still available.

### Basics of Sewing and Clothing Repair

**Wed, Jan 14 | 7-8:30pm**

Elise Cochran will teach different sew and no-sew techniques to participants.

### Traditional Chinese Tea Demonstration

**Tue, Jan 20 | 7-8:30pm**

Cultural educator Yvonne Wolf will share about the origin of tea, its role in East Asian social interactions, and its many health benefits.

### Love Stories & Cupcakes

**Mon, Feb 9 | 7-8pm**

Come for an evening filled with stories of love and sweet delights. First course, calorie-free stories! For dessert, Pastry Chef Frannie Hargadon will present a cupcake decorating workshop. Adults only.

### Cooking with Chef Tony: I Am More Than You Think I Am

**Tue, Feb 10 | 7-8:30pm**

Join us for a cooking demonstration with samples, followed by a community discussion led by Chef Tony on his experience as an African American chef. He will be showing the group how to create a delicious 3 course meal, including an African-based dessert!



## TAKE AND...

Please note, due to their continued popularity, programs under the "Take and..." section require registration with a Wood Dale Public Library card beginning **Fri, Jan 2 at 10am** and are limited to one per household. Non-Wood Dale Public Library cardholders may call the Library beginning Fri, Jan 2 to be placed on a non-Wood Dale Public Library cardholder waitlist or register beginning Fri, Jan 9 at 10am if space is still available.

### Take & Make: Heart Banner

**Pick up begins Mon, Jan 19**

Create a pretty heart banner to decorate your home for Valentine's Day. Pick up your supplies, then follow along with the instructions provided.

### Spice Club: Cajun Spice

**Pick up begins Mon, Feb 16**

Spice up your life every other month with a take & make spice kit. Each kit will contain information about the spice, recipes, book recommendations, and a packet of the spice.

## COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

### Selling Your Stuff Online

**Wed, Jan 21 | 6:30-7:45pm**

Turn clutter into cash! Learn how to sell your unwanted items online. We'll cover popular selling sites, how to write great listings, and tips for safe transactions.

### Excel Basics

**Wed, Feb 18 | 6:30-7:45pm**

Get started with Excel by learning how to enter data, format cells, and navigate worksheets.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Android Phone Basics for Seniors

**Sat, Jan 10 | 1-3pm**

Learn to navigate your phone, use calls and messages, take photos, and adjust basic settings.

### Chair Yoga and Tai-Chi

**Wed, Jan 14 | 1-2:30pm**

**Wed, Feb 11 | 3-4pm**

Move, think, flow & relax! Stretching, brain games, Tai Chi. Stand part-time or stay comfy in your chair.

### Monthly Movie Showing: Rudy

**Fri, Jan 23 | 2-4pm**

Movie showing of the 1994 film *Rudy*, about a college student who wants to be a football player despite his small size.

### Word Basics for Seniors

**Sat, Feb 14 | 1-3pm**

This beginner class teaches how to create, edit, format, and save documents.



### Thursday Mix: Rivalry of the 1920's Chicago Gangsters versus Eliot Ness

**Thu, Feb 19 | 1-2:30pm**

In this enlightening history program, Historian Jim Gibbons will inform you of the war between Al Capone and FBI agent Eliot Ness during the Roaring 20's as they clash in an escalating war.

### Monthly Movie Showing: Her Pen Pal

**Fri, Feb 27 | 2-4pm**

Movie showing of a Hallmark romantic comedy about an event planner meeting up with her old pen pal in France.



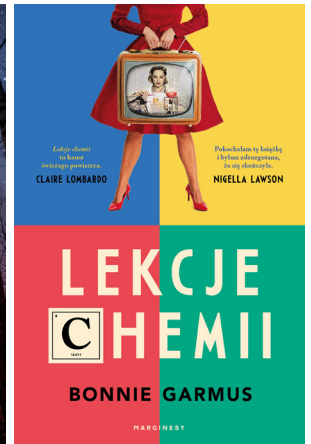
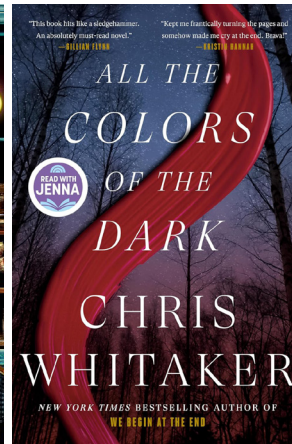
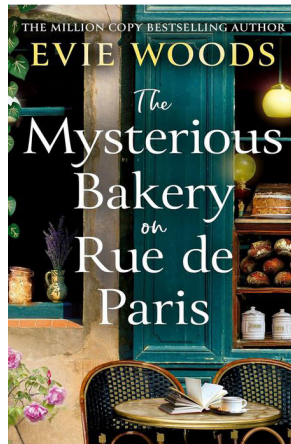
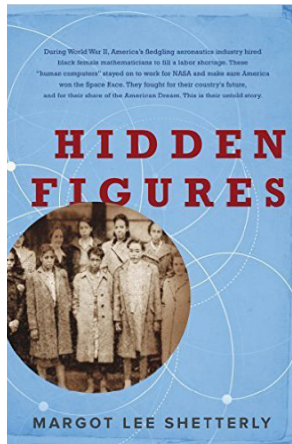
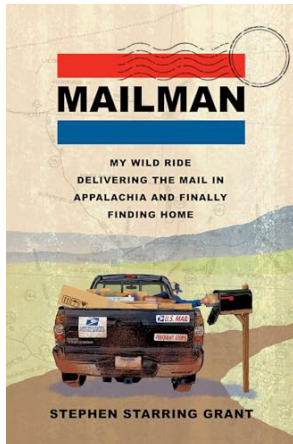
### Want a first look at news and upcoming programs?

Visit [wooddalelibrary.org](http://wooddalelibrary.org) to sign up for eNewsletters for exclusive and early information about programs, services, and resources.



## BOOK CLUBS & AUTHOR VISITS

Joining one of our Book Clubs is a great way to get answers to questions, discover themes you may have missed, and make new friends. We have a variety of book clubs for all types of readers. Digital versions (eBooks and eAudiobooks) may be available for download through Hoopla or Libby. Pick up a print copy in the Library at the Book Club Kiosk. Registration is required at [wooddalelibrary.org/events](http://wooddalelibrary.org/events), by stopping by, or by calling 630-766-6762.



### Nonfiction Readers' Club

Thursdays, Jan 15, Feb 19 | 7-8pm

Join other nonfiction enthusiasts for engaging discussions about history, science, memoirs and everything in between!

- ▶ *Mailman: My Wild Ride Delivering the Mail in Appalachia and Finally Finding Home* by Stephen Starring Grant
- ▶ *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

### Book Club Express

Wed, Jan 21 | 7-8 pm

Wood Dale Target Starbucks on Irving Park Road

Meet at the Target Starbucks in Wood Dale to chat about popular books with this informal book group.

- ▶ *The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris* by Evie Woods

### Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Tue, Feb 3 | 7-8pm

We read all types of mysteries, from classic "whodunnits" to cozies and professional detective novels.

- ▶ *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

### Klub Książki

Tue, Feb 17 | 7-9pm |

Art Gallery Kafe (127 Front St.)

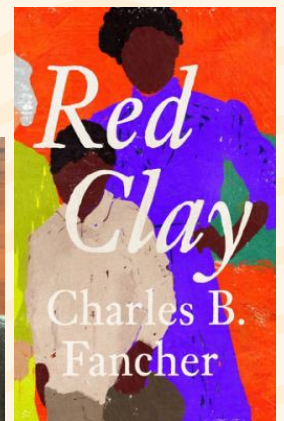
Klub Książki spotyka się w Art Gallery Kafe. Książki będą omawiane w języku polskim.

Polish Book Club meets at the Art Gallery Kafe.

Books will be discussed in the Polish Language.

- ▶ *Lekcje chemii* by Bonnie Garmus

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### Virtual Author Visit: Charles B. Fancher

Wed, Feb 18 | 7-7:30pm

Author Charles B. Fancher will join us virtually for a discussion of his novel, *Red Clay*.

### Book Club Express

Wed, Feb 18 | 7:30-8pm

Book Club Express will meet at the Wood Dale Public Library to discuss *Red Clay*, after meeting virtually with the author.

## YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

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### EARLY LEARNING & PRESCHOOL FUN

Let's have fun and learn together with storytime! It's a cool way for little ones to discover new words and skills. Kids get the scoop on everyday stuff, like shapes and colors, all while picking up motor, listening, and social skills. And guess what? Storytimes aren't just educational, they're a blast! We've got songs, movement, fingerplays, and more. Jump into your child's literacy journey with our free, Librarian-led storytimes. For the most beneficial early learning experience, we encourage parents and caregivers to participate in storytimes with their children. Children ages 0-3 need to have a caregiver with them at all times.

### STORYTIMES

#### Yoga Adventure Jr.

**3-5 years**

**Mondays, Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23 |**

**11-11:30am**

Come join us for a yoga adventure! We will experience a story through yoga poses, games, and songs. You may bring your own yoga mat/towel or use one of our mats.

#### Polish Storytime

**3-7 years**

**Tuesdays, Jan 13, Feb 10 | 6-6:30pm**

Enjoy this fun Storytime in Polish. Stay and play when the storytime is finished.

#### Toddler Time

**2-4 years with a caregiver**

**Wednesdays, Jan 14, 21, 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 | 10:30-11am**

Join us for this fun, interactive, pre-reader storytime including books, songs and activities that encourage toddlers to develop language and social skills.

#### Baby Time

**0-2 years with a caregiver**

**Mondays, Jan 19, Feb 2, 16 | 10:30-11am**

This interactive program will include rhymes, songs and games. Come for 20 minutes of guided pre-reader activities to do with your baby and then 10 minutes of play and socialization for both of you.



### PLAY AND CREATE!

#### STEAM Saturday

**3 years and up with a caregiver**

**Sat, Jan 17 | 1-4pm**

Come and play with STEAM! Join us for this open play with all things STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) related. There will be something for everyone.

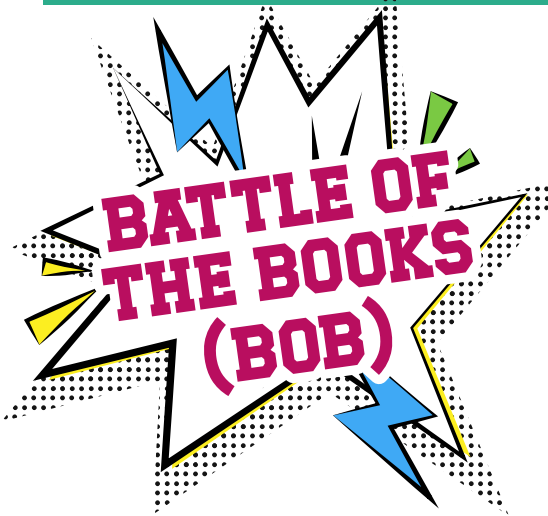
#### STEAM Tots

**3-5 years with a caregiver**

**Mondays, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2 & 16 | 11-11:45am**

Let's learn and play with STEAM! Each session will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art or math geared toward the younger ones. Messy clothes are strongly recommended!

## KIDS & FAMILIES



BOB is a fun and engaging competition for teams of third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Families are strongly encouraged to attend their reader's games to support them in this literacy-based competition.

Game	3rd Grade Thursdays	4th Grade Mondays	5th Grade Tuesdays
Game 1	Jan 8	Jan 12	Jan 20
Game 2	Jan 15	Jan 19	Feb 3
Game 3	Jan 22	Jan 26	Feb 10
Finals	Jan 29	Feb 2	Feb 17
Snow Day	Feb 12	Feb 16	Feb 24

### Encanto Fun & Games

**5-11 years**

**Mon, Jan 5 | 1-1:45pm**

If you loved watching the movie Encanto, come have a fun afternoon playing some active group games, inspired by your favorite characters. Registration is required.

### Family Game Night

**5-12 years with a caregiver**

**Tue, Jan 6 | 6-7pm**

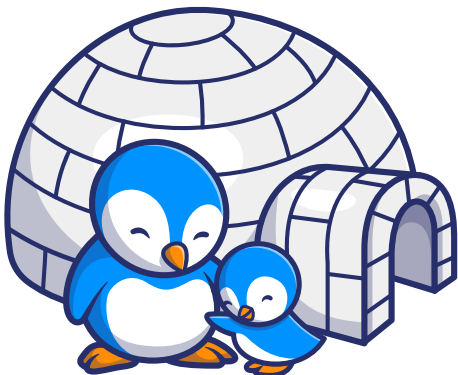
Come play a favorite game or learn a new game as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

### STEAM Lab: Design an Igloo

**6-11 years**

**Wed, Jan 7 | 4:30-5:15pm**

Let's learn and play with all things STEAM! In each session we will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art or math.



### Crafternoon: Silhouette Art

**6-11 years**

**Wed, Jan 21 | 4:30-5:15pm**

Get ready to imagine, create, and get a little messy! Each session, we will explore a new project and a variety of materials, from paint and glitter to paper and glue. This week we will use paint to make silhouette art.

### STEAM Lab: Heart Collage

**6-11 years**

**Wed, Feb 4 | 4:30-5:15pm**

Let's learn and play with all things STEAM! In each session we will explore different topics that relate to science, technology, engineering, art or math.

### Cupid's Creation Station

**5 years and up with a caregiver**

**Sat, Feb 14 | 1-4pm**

Spread the love and get creative! Design and create your own unique Valentine's Day projects using a variety of different materials.

### Crafternoon: Snowman Crafts

**6-11 years**

**Wed, Feb 18 | 4:30-5:15pm**

Get ready to imagine, create, and get a little messy! Each session, we will explore a new project and a variety of materials, from paint and glitter to paper and glue. This week we will make snowman-inspired crafts.

### Olympic Family Fun Night

**5-12 years with a caregiver**

**Thu, Feb 19 | 6-7pm**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of family fun as we celebrate the spirit of the Olympic games with crafts, games, friendly competition, and an awards ceremony for all participants.





## TEENS & TWEENS

### Teen Mario Kart Competition

11-16 years

Sat, Jan 10 | 11am-3pm

Come hang out and race against your friends!

### Wacky Wednesday

11-14 years

Wed, Jan 14, 28 Feb 11, 25 | 2:30-4pm

Enjoy a craft, activity, and snack with your friends on early dismissal Wednesdays.

### Sewing 101 for Teens

11-16 years

Wed, Jan 28 | 6-7pm

Learn the basics of how to sew by hand! Work on an existing project or start a new one.

### Teen Valentine's Day Origami

11-16 years

Sat, Feb 7 | 1-2pm

Make Valentine's Day origami with your friends!

### Kahoot for Teens!

11-16 years

Mon, Feb 16 | 1-3pm

Come hang out with friends and play Kahoot! Each player needs to bring their own device.



### Can't make it to a program you've registered for?

No problem! Out of consideration for other patrons, please cancel your registration if you cannot make it. Please be sure to include your email address and phone number when registering so we can remind you vahead of events.

Online Resources Open 24/7

Visit [wooddalelibrary.org](http://wooddalelibrary.org) any time, day or night, for access to homework help, movies, comics, and more!



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# JANUARY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			New Year's Eve City Hall CLOSED Half Day - Closing at 12:30 pm	New Year's Day City Hall CLOSED City Council Meeting CANCELLED	Winter Reading Begins	
	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL District 7 & Fenton High School					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
District 7 Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL	District 7 Classes Resume		Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall			Park District Winter Bash 12-2:30 pm Recreation Complex
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				City Council Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall	Winter Movie Night: <i>Ello</i> 6:30 pm Wood Dale Park District	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MLK Jr. Day District 7 & Fenton NO SCHOOL	WD Fire Protection District Board Meeting 7 pm City Hall District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm		Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall			
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Blood Drive 11 am-4 pm Wood Dale Public Library					

## LOCAL PHONE NUMBERS

Fire Non-Emergency: (630) 766-1147
Police Non- Emergency: (630) 766-2060
City of Wood Dale: (630) 766-4900
Addison Township: (630) 530-8161
Attorney General - Chicago: (312) 814-3000
Better Business Bureau: (312) 832-0500
Wood Dale Chamber of Commerce/GOA: (630) 595-0505
COMCAST: (866) 594-1234
COMED Outages: (800) 334-7661
Curb-to-Curb Transit Service: (630) 350-8161
Dial-a-Ride: (630) 787-3763
DMV-Lombard: (630) 629-8305
DuPage County: (630) 407-6500
DuPage Forest Preserve: (630) 933-7200
Fenton High School District #100: (630) 766-2500
Food Pantry Wood Dale: (630) 766-1805
Garbage Customer Service: (630) 261-0578
DuPage County Health Department: (630) 682-7400
IDOT Irving Park Maintenance: (847) 705-4000
J.U.I.E.: (800) 892-0123
Library (Wood Dale Public): (630) 766-6762
Metra Service: (312) 322-6777
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Post Office: (630) 766-0504
Public Works: (630) 350-3530
Report Plane Noise: (800) 435-9569
School District #4: (630) 628-2502
School District #7: (630) 595-9510
School District #88: (630) 530-3988
Social Security - Bloomingdale: (800) 772-1213
U.S. Post Office General: (800) 275-8777
Utility Billing: (630) 766-5228
Water/Wastewater: (630) 350-3542
Willowbrook Wild Life Center: (630) 942-6200
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# FEBRUARY 2026 SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 City Council Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day City Hall CLOSED District 7 & Fenton H.S. NO SCHOOL	17 WD Fire Protection District Board Meeting 7 pm City Hall District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Evening in Hollywood 6:30-8:30 pm Salt Creek Golf Club City Council Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Winter Band Concert 7 pm JH Center for the Arts Committee of the Whole Meeting 7:30-8:30 pm City Hall	27 District 7 School Improvement Day – Half Day AM/PM Kindergarten in Attendance	28