



Wood Dale Public Library
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LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving: Wed, Nov 27: Library closes at 5pm; Thu, Nov 28; Fri, Nov 29
Staff Training: Fri, Dec 13
Christmas: Tue, Dec 24 and Wed, Dec 25
New Year's: Tue, Dec 31 and Wed, Jan 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Regular Library Board Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Library unless otherwise noted. Please visit wooddalelibrary.org for more information.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Renkosiak

Holiday Open House

Thu, Dec 5 | 6-8pm

Ring in the holidays at the Library with a night of music, crafts, treats, puppet plays, and merriment for all ages. We've been coordinating with the North Pole to ensure Santa will be back in Wood Dale, making an extra stop for children. To make sure everyone has a chance to meet with him, please register for one of 4 sessions with Santa that evening—he may be bringing a special present for everyone, and the elves need to know how many gifts to prepare! Space is limited! To register for a time with Santa on December 5, please visit wooddalelibrary.org, stop by, or call us at (630) 766-6762.

If all the spaces in our parking lot are full, please park at the School District 7 or Park District lots across Wood Dale Road.


New this year: Bring an unwrapped, new toy for the Toys for Tots drive and you'll be entered into a drawing for a family game night gift basket (valued at \$75).

HOLIDAY PHOTO AT THE LIBRARY

November 9–December 12
during open hours | last session
available 1 hour before closing

Get the matching holiday outfits and smiles ready! Take the perfect family photo just in time for sending holiday cards. We'll provide a photo scene backdrop, ring light, and phone or camera tripod. No advanced reservation is needed.

ADULT WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all adult events are held in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. To register, please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to register. Registration opens Fri, Nov 1 at 10am for programs with this symbol  next to the title. **Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration opens November 1 for Wood Dale Public Library cardholders and November 8 for everyone else.**

Monarch Wayfinding Station



Jeffrey Martinez of Wood Dale's own Scout Troop 65 partnered with the Library to build a Monarch Wayfinding Station for his Eagle Scout project, a designated garden area designed to attract and support migrating monarch butterflies. The station includes a variety of native, pollinator-friendly plants such as milkweed, coneflowers, and goldenrod, all essential for the monarch butterfly's lifecycle. By providing both nectar sources and safe spaces for butterflies to lay their eggs, this project contributes to the conservation of the monarch population, which has been in decline due to habitat loss and environmental changes. The station also includes educational signage, offering visitors information about the importance of pollinators and how they can help preserve these vital species, and two benches, perfect for reading by the flowers.

By creating a dedicated space for pollinators at the Library, Jeffrey has not only beautified the grounds but also contributed to a larger conservation effort, educating the community on the importance of preserving habitats that support pollinator species. A very special thank you goes to Jeffrey, his friends and family, and Troop 65! To learn more about Troop 65, please reach out to Steven Fisher at (630) 229-5141.



Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi Office Hours

First Wednesday of Every Month | 10am-1pm

Meet with Congressman Krishnamoorthi's staff. Stop by with any questions you may have about federal topics including social security, veterans' affairs, immigration, and taxes.



Wood Carving Meetup

Mondays, Nov 4, 11, Dec 9, 16 | 6:30-8:30pm

Discover the joys of wood carving and join the North Suburban Carvers for their regular club meeting at the Library. No registration required.



Adult Crafting and Social Circle

Fridays, Nov 8, Dec 6 | 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.

Southern Holiday Appetizers

Tue, Nov 12 | 7-8pm

Welcome Chef Tony of Aunt Tina's Kitchen as he presents three of his favorite southern holiday treats: bacon wrapped dates, sausage balls, and deviled eggs. Samples and recipes included.

Wine Down with Lynfred Winery

Fri, Nov 15 | 7-8:30pm

Indulge in a variety of Lynfred wines and expand your palate. Join us for an evening of wine tasting and education. Registration is required, and IDs will be checked at the door. Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri, Nov 22 | 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 and use the sponsor code: *WoodDaleLibrary*.



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 ahead of events.



Making the Holidays Beautiful with Peggy Garvin

Registration for the following programs opens at 10am on Fri, Nov 1. Supply costs for each program are noted in the description and is payable at the time of the event with cash or a check made out to Peggy Garvin.

Thanksgiving Centerpiece *

Mon, Nov 25 | 7-8:30pm

Create a colorful flower arrangement for your Thanksgiving table with Peggy Garvin. The program cost is \$30.

Holiday Outdoor Planter *

Fri, Dec 6 | 7-8:30pm

Thu, Dec 12 | 7-8:30

Celebrate the season by making an outdoor planter with Peggy Garvin. The program cost is \$30.

Holiday Swag *

Wed, Dec 11 | 7-8:30pm

Design and make your own festive outdoor holiday swag. The program cost is \$25.

Holiday Centerpiece *

Thu, Dec 19 | 7-8:30pm

Create a holiday centerpiece, the perfect complement to any holiday meal. The program cost is \$25.



Holiday Cupcake Decorating *

Mon, Dec 2 | 7-8pm

Pastry chef Frannie Hargadon will guide you through the process and share helpful tips. Supplies for two cupcakes provided. Adult registrations only.

Thursday Mix

Join us for a new mix of coffee, conversation, and engaging programming every other month on Thursday afternoons, aimed at adults over 55. Come between 1-1:30pm for light refreshments and conversation, then stay for a fun event starting at 1:30pm.

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Thu, Dec 12 | 1-3pm

Join Julie Norris from The Mrs. Mahoopagee Royal Icing Academy for a festive holiday cookie decorating class. All supplies are provided; just bring your creativity!

Soap Making 101 with Soapy Roads of Lombard *

Mon, Dec 16 | 6-8pm

Soapy Roads of Lombard will provide a 101 program to natural soap-making, which includes a "make your own melt & pour soap bar" and an educational soap presentation. You'll get to take your created soap home to keep or gift! Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



TAKE AND...

Please note, due to their continued popularity, programs under the "Take and..." section require registration with a Wood Dale Public Library card and are limited to one per household. If space is available, registration without a Wood Dale Public Library card will open on November 8.

Take & Make: Gingerbread House *

Pick up your reserved kit beginning Mon, Dec 9 at 10am

Make an adorable gingerbread house decoration for the holidays. Pick up your supplies, then follow along with the instructions provided.

Take & Bake: Walnut Pie *

Pick up your reserved kit beginning Mon, Dec 9 at 10am

Learn to make this old-fashioned country holiday favorite with us. Pick up supplies (except perishables), then follow along with the provided recipe.

Want a first look at news
and upcoming programs?

Visit wooddalelibrary.org to sign up for
eNewsletters for exclusive and early information
about programs, services, and resources.

ADULTING 101

Medicare 101

Thu, Nov 7 | 6:30-8pm

Whether you're navigating Medicare for yourself or a loved one, learn the ins and outs of Medicare, including what it does and doesn't cover, from insurance expert and radio and podcast host, Bill Miksch. Light refreshments will be served.

Retirement 101

Thu, Nov 14 | 6:30-8pm

After learning all about Medicare the week before, insurance and financial planning experts demystify the retirement planning process, including budgeting, financial planning, and more. Light refreshments will be served..

Gift Wrapping Workshop ❄️

Tue, Dec 10 | 7-8pm

Professional gift wrapper Hilary Vincent will teach you gift wrapping skills in this fun hands-on workshop, including bow-making techniques, hard-to-wrap gifts, and more. Please bring a gift to wrap. Wood Dale Public Library cardholders only.



COMPUTER CLASSES

Microsoft Word Basics

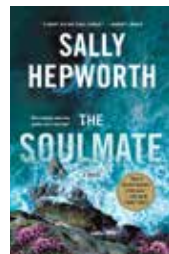
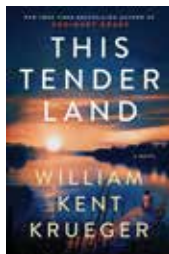
Mon, Nov 18 | 6:30-7:30pm

Join us as we demonstrate basic text formatting and editing, copying and pasting, inserting images, checking your document for spelling and grammar errors, and saving and printing.



BOOK CLUBS

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, Libby, or Boundless. Pick up a print copy in the Library at the Book Club Kiosk. Registration is required at wooddalelibrary.org/events, by stopping by, or by calling (630) 766-6762.



Book Club Express

At Wood Dale Target Starbucks
on Irving Park Road

This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

Wed, Nov 20 | 7-8pm

Discuss this novel about four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression.

The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews
Wed, Dec 18 | 7-8pm

After purchasing an old farmhouse, newly divorced Ivy Perkins discovers an old Santa suit with a note in the pocket, which sets her off on a life-changing mission.

Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Dead and Gondola by Anne Claire
Tue, Dec 3 | 7-8pm

Join us for a discussion of *Dead and Gondola* by Ann Claire. In this cozy mystery, a bookshop visitor gets murdered, and the owners use the skills learned from Christie novels to solve the crime.

Klub Książki - Polish Book Club

Tue, Dec 17 | 7-9pm

Art Gallery Kafe (127 Front St.)

Duma i Uprowadzenie autorstwa

Jane Austen. Książki będą czytane i omawiane w języku polskim.

Duma i Uprowadzenie by Jane Austen
Books will be discussed in the Polish language.

Not Your Mother's Book Club

The Soulmate by Sally Hapworth
Thu, Dec 12 | 6-7pm

When an old acquaintance dies, it dredges up demons of the past that threaten to unravel a seemingly perfect marriage. Children are welcome to play while we discuss or they may join a youth program in the next room!

MYSTERY AUTHOR EVA JURCZYK

Thu, Nov 21 | 7-8pm

Author and librarian Eva Jurczyk will join us for a discussion of her suspenseful mystery, *That Night in the Library*.



YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all youth and teen events are in person at the Library, free of charge, and require registration. To reserve your spot, please stop by, visit wooddalelibrary.org/events, or call us at (630) 766-6762.

Early Learning

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.

STEAM Tots

3-5 years with a caregiver
Mondays, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16 |
11:30am-12pm

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

Yoga Adventure Jr.

3-5 years
Mondays, Nov 11, 25,
Dec 9, 23 | 10:30-11am

Join us for a yoga adventure! We will experience a story through yoga poses and learn some relaxation strategies too. You may bring your own yoga mat/towel or use of our mats.



Polish Storytime

3-7 years
Tuesdays, Nov 12, Dec 10 | 6-6:30pm
 Enjoy this fun storytime in Polish. Stay and play when the storytime is finished.

Toddler Time

0-4 years with a caregiver
Wednesdays, Nov 13, 20, Dec 11, 18 |
10:30-11am

Join us for this fun pre-reader storytime including books, songs, and activities. Stay and play after the storytime ends.



Preschool Storytime

3-6 years with a caregiver
Thursdays, Nov 14, 21, Dec 12, 19 |
11-11:45am

Join us for a Storytime for preschool age children and their caregivers! We will read books, sing songs, and work on fundamentals for early literacy. We'll meet new friends and make a craft. Join us each week for a new topic and activity!

Supported Storytime

3-7 years with a caregiver
Saturdays, Nov 23, Dec 21 | 11-11:30am

This accessible Storytime is designed for children with developmental disabilities with their caregiver. We will learn, play and connect through stories, and music. Storytime includes visual and sensory support. Stay after and play with our sensory toys and meet with other parents and families from the community.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Early literacy is important for families who want to help their children get ready to learn in Kindergarten. Wood Dale Public Library wants to help with this vital family project. This program is designed for children from birth to their first day of kindergarten. We invite families to spend time together outside the Library fostering a love of reading while gaining the valuable pre-literacy skills that are so essential to reading success. Register and receive your first reading packet, including your first 100-book log. We have paper logs or you can log on to Beanstack, our online reading program app.



Sensory Saturday!

3-7 years with a caregiver
Saturdays, Nov 23, Dec 21 |
11:30am-12:30pm

Experience an accessible play time designed to provide an inclusive and supportive environment for children with disabilities and their families! We will have several sensory stations to explore and enjoy together.

Adventures in Art!

3-5 years with a caregiver
Tuesdays, Nov 12, 26, Dec 10 | 11-11:45am
 Join us on an adventure in art! In this class, we will use our imagination and creativity to explore art together. Children will create a piece of art to display at home! Presented by a bilingual (English/Spanish) speaker.

Kids & Families

Family Nights

Thursdays | 6-7:30pm
Game Nights: Nov 7
STEAM Nights: Nov 21

Stop by to play games or try out STEAM activities as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Crafternoon

6-11 years
Tuesdays | 4:30-5:15pm
Dino Art: Nov 12
Holiday Crafts: Dec 17

Are you feeling crafty? Each session we will make a craft or piece of art that you'll take home.

T-Rexplorers

All Ages

Wed, Nov 13 |
6:30-7:30pm

Get a glimpse of what it's like to go on a Paleontological dig and see authentic dinosaur fossils from species like Triceratops and T-Rex. Arrive 15 minutes early to meet "Ranger" in the parking lot! Stay late to explore the fossils.



Yoga Adventure

6-9 years old

Thursdays, Nov 14, Dec 12 | 6-6:45pm

Join us for a yoga adventure! We will experience a story through yoga poses and learn some relaxation strategies too. You may bring your own yoga mat/towel or use one of our mats.

STEAM Lab

6-11 years

Tuesdays | 4:30-5:15pm

Dino Explorers: Nov 19

Holiday Fun: Dec 3

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.

Let's Build

5-12 years old

Mon, Nov 25 | 1-3pm

Put on your hard hats and get ready to build with us! Stay as long or as little as you want as we build with different materials. No registration required.



Holiday Fun in the Youth Department

Turkey Day Crafts!

6-11 years old
Tue, Nov 26 | 3:30-4:30pm

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, join us as we make turkey themed crafts to celebrate!

DYO (Decorate your own) Gingerbread Houses

6-12 years old
Tue, Dec 19 | 6-7pm

Tis the season for gingerbread houses. Join us as we decorate our own gingerbread houses for the holidays! Registration opens Friday, November 1 at 10am.

Grinchmas Party!

5-10 years old
Mon, Dec 23 | 2-2:45pm

Merry Grinchmas! Join us for grinchy crafts, games, and other activities inspired by the Grinch himself. Registration opens Friday, November 1 at 10am.

Noon Year's Eve Party

5-8 years old
Mon, Dec 30 | 11:30am-12:15pm

Countdown to noon with us! Children who are too young to stay up until midnight can celebrate the coming of the new year with us. Enjoy crafts, a story and then countdown to noon!

Doodle Time

6-14 years old

Thu, Dec 26 | 1-3pm

Try out our 3Doodler pens and make a creation to take home!

Loom Knitting

8-14 years old

Mon, Nov 25, Tue, Nov 26, and Wed,

Nov 27 | 2-3pm

Mon, Dec 30 | 2-3pm

Learn to make a scarf or a hat, work on your existing projects, or start something new.



Battle of the Books

Third Grade Kickoff Party

Mon, Dec 16 | 4:15-5:15pm

Fourth & Fifth Grade
Kickoff Party

Wed, Dec 18 | 4:30-5:30pm

Join your BOB team mates to make your t-shirts, pick up flash cards and enjoy some tasty treats.

Teens & Tweens

Wacky Wednesday

11-14 years old

Wednesdays, Nov 13, Dec 11 | 2:30-4pm

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

Teen Board Games

11-16 years old

Sat, Nov 9 | 1-2pm

Play some board games with friends!



Thanksgiving Cupcake Decorating

11-16 years old

Mon, Nov 25 |

4-4:45pm

Decorate some tasty treats ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Teen Winter UV Resin Craft

11-16 years old

Tue, Dec 17 | 6-7pm

Make some festive UV resin keychains or jewelry!



Teen Paper Snowflakes

Sat, Dec 21 | 1-2pm

Drop in to learn how to make snowflakes out of paper bags. Make a big snowflake or a small one to hang in your room!



READ
500 BOOKS
before Junior High

Sign up today!



500 Books Before Junior High is for children in kindergarten to 5th grade. It continues to encourage children to be read to as well as to read independently. We want children to choose books that will engage them, inform them, and be fun to read so that **reading** becomes an enjoyable daily activity. You can repeat books! Read fiction, graphic novels, and non-fiction – READ BOOKS YOU ENJOY! Sharing books and encouraging reading time will help them develop a love of reading and learning that will last a lifetime.

Pick up a paper bookmark log or use our Beanstack app to record every 50 books read. You can choose a paperback book to keep for every 50 books your read. Remember, children have six years to complete this program.

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
COM ED 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.L.I.E.: (800) 892-0123
Library (Wood Dale Public): (630) 766-6762
Metra Service: (312) 322-6777
NICOR: (888) 642-6748
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
Wood Dale Park District: (630) 595-9333
DuPage Co. Div. of Transportation: (630) 407-6920



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Fenton High School NHS Fall Community Service Deadline	2	3	4	5 Library Holiday Open House 6-8 pm Wood Dale Public Library City Council Meeting 7 pm City Hall Students on Stage (Bison Scripts) Showcase 7 pm Fenton High School	6	7 City Hall Tree Lighting 2-5 pm City Hall
8	9	10 Pizza Pop-By from the Grinch 4:30-6:30 pm Wood Dale Park District	11	12 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	13 Library CLOSED for Staff Training Holiday Assembly Fenton High School Trolley & Treats with Santa 4:45-9 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex	14
15 Breakfast with the Grinch 10 am-1 pm Wood Dale Park District 390 Golf Experience FHS Music Holiday Concert 2 pm Fenton High School	16	17	18 Fenton Final Exam Day 1 Fenton Board of Education Meeting 7 pm Fenton High School	19 Fenton Final Exam Day 2 City Council Meeting 7 pm City Hall District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm	20 Fenton Final Exam Day 3	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve - City Hall CLOSING AT 12:30 PM	25 Christmas Day - City Hall CLOSED	26 Committee of the Whole CANCELLED	27	28
Winter Break — District 7 & Fenton High School NO SCHOOL						
29 Noon Year's Eve Eve Party 10:30 am-12 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex	30	31 New Year's Eve - City Hall CLOSING AT 12:30 PM	1 New Year's Day - City Hall CLOSED	2	3	4
Winter Break — District 7 & Fenton High School NO SCHOOL						