



Wood Dale Public Library
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LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Wed, Jan 1: New Year's Day

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are held on the third Wednesday
of the month at 7pm at the Library
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WINTER READING PROGRAM

ALL AGES • JANUARY 2-MARCH 31

The more you read, listen to an audiobook, and attend programs, the more prizes you earn!

Track your progress in the Beanstack app or at wooddalelibrary.beanstack.com. If you participated in Summer Reading or other reading challenges, your login information will be the same.

ADULTS

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

KIDS

Earn online badges and earn a free paperback book for every five hours you read or listen to books read-a-loud to you.

TEENS

Choose either program you would like to join.

SIGN UP TODAY BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE, STOPPING BY THE LIBRARY, OR CALLING US AT (630) 766-6762.



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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, or call us at (630) 766-6762 to register. Registration opens Thu, Jan 2 at 10am for programs with this symbol * next to the title. **Wood Dale Public Library cardholder-only registration opens January 2 for Wood Dale Public Library cardholders and January 9 at 10am for everyone else.**

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, Jan 6, 20, Feb 3, 17 | 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, Jan 10, Feb 14 | 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.

Comfort Chicken Dinner *

Tue, Jan 14 | 7-8:30pm

Welcome Chef Pina as she presents a delicious dinner menu perfect for a cold winter night. Recipes and samples included. Samples and recipes included. Wood Dale Cardholders 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.

The American Folk Song with Mark Dvorak

Thu, Jan 16 | 1-3pm

Enjoy an entertaining afternoon with Mark Dvorak, as he shares stories about growing up in the Chicago area and plays familiar folk songs.

Spice Club (NEW!) *

Pick up starts Mon, Jan 20 at 10am

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



Red Cross Blood Drive

Fri, Jan 24 | 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.

Until Death Did Them Part

Thu, Jan 30 | 7-8pm

Prepare for Un-Valentine's Day with true crime aficionado Susan Gibberman and look at some famous murder cases in which spouses decided to speed up the "until death do us part" section of their vows.



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.

Valentine's Day Flower Arrangement



Fri, Feb 7 | 7-9pm

Enjoy the colors of the season by making your own Valentine's Day floral arrangement. The program cost is \$25 and is payable at the time of the event with cash or a check made out to Peggy Garvin.

Love Stories and Cupcakes



Mon, Feb 10 | 7-8pm

Come for an evening filled with stories of love and sweet delights. First course calorie-free stories! For dessert Frannie our Cupcake Lady will present a cupcake decorating workshop. Adult registrations only.

Around the World in 60 Minutes



Thu, Feb 13 | 4-5pm or 6-7pm

Embark on a romantic virtual vacation just in time for Valentine's Day. This immersive Virtual Reality (VR) experience is reserved for Wood Dale Public Library Cardholders only.

The Buddy Pet Loss Support Group

Mondays, Feb 17 through

Mar 17 | 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.



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Yin and Yang of Mindfulness

Thu, Jan 23 | 7-8pm

Join cultural educator Yvonne Wolf to learn the basic principles of Yin and Yang, and experience mindfulness practice with light stretches as you reach for the positive and let go of the negative.

Traditional Chinese Medicine

Thu, Feb 6 | 7-8pm

Educator Yvonne Wolf explains the principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine and introduces 10 most common roots and herbs such as ginger, ginseng, and licorice. Herbal tea tasting included.

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 at 10am on Thu, Jan 2, and are limited to one per household. If space is available, registration without a Wood Dale Public Library card will open on January 9 at 10am.

Take & Make: Heart Jar



Pick up beginning Mon, Jan 20 at 10am

Make a decorative heart jar in time for Valentine's Day. Pick up your supplies, then follow along with the instructions provided.

PROGRAM PREVIEW:

Julia Child: A Portrayal

Mon, Mar 3 | 7-8pm

Leslie Goddard will portray the legendary cookbook author, television star and champion of French cooking and discuss everything from her relationship with the husband to the mishaps on television.

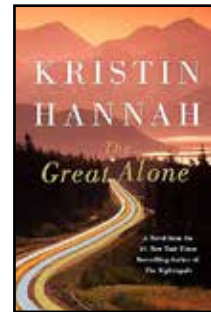
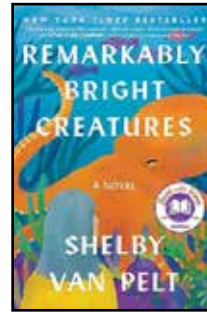
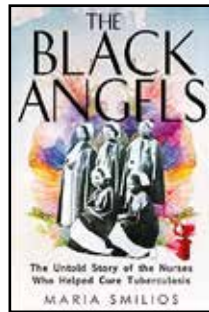
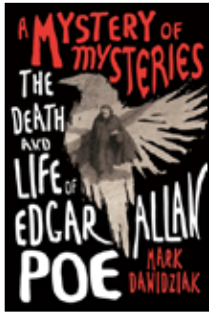
Continue celebrating Julia Child with us through a cooking demo, Take & Bake, and virtual author visit. Check back in the March/April issue for more details!

**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.

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.



Nonfiction Readers' Club (NEW)

Thursdays, Jan 16, Feb 20 | 7-8pm

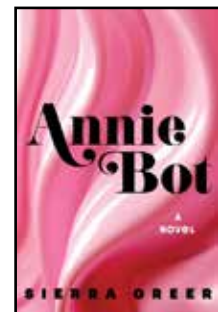
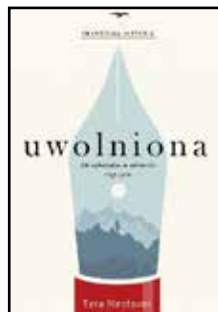
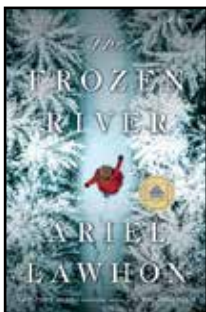
NEW Join other nonfiction enthusiasts for engaging discussions about history, science, memoirs and everything in between! The Nonfiction Readers' Club meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Book Club Express

**At Wood Dale Target Starbucks
on Irving Park Road**

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

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



Mystery Lovers' Book Club

Tue, Feb 4 | 7-8pm

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

Klub Książki - Polish Book Club

Tue, Feb 18 | 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.

Not Your Mother's Book Club

Thu, Feb 20 | 6-7pm

Join our romance book club where we'll read different romance genres. If it has a Happily Ever After, it's fair game. Children are welcome to play or partake in an activity while we discuss.



Every **Launchpad** is preloaded with high-quality, ad-free learning apps and games, providing hours of interactive and learning play.

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Stop by the Youth Services Department to explore our collection of **Launchpads**.

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Research shows that hearing and seeing words at the same time can improve reading success rates. **Wonderbook** gives kids an edge with vocabulary development, phonics, and comprehension, plus encourages deeper engagement with every book. There's no wifi, CDs, batteries, or devices required. Headphones or the built-in speaker may be used.

Stop by the Youth Services Department to discover our growing collection of **Wonderbooks**. Books in English, Spanish, Russian, and Ukrainian.



YOUTH & TEEN WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

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

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.

Supported Storytime

3-7 years with a caregiver

Saturdays, Jan 4, Feb 22 | 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.

Sensory Saturday!

3-7 years with a caregiver

Saturdays, Jan 4, Feb 22 | 11:30am-12:30pm

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

Yoga Adventure Jr.

3-5 years

Mondays, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24 |

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, Jan 14, Feb 11 | 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, Jan 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19 | 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, Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20 | 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!



Just for Preschoolers

STEAM Tots

3-5 years with a caregiver

Mondays | 11-11:45am

Jan 6: Snow Fun

Jan 20: Penguins

Feb 3: Valentine's Day Fun

Feb 17: Winter Animals

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!

Potty Party!

2-4 years with a caregiver

Thu, Jan 9 | 11-11:45am

New Year, New Goals! Is your "big kid" ready to say goodbye to diapers? Join us for a Potty Party, we will read books, play games, and prepare for potty training.

Adventures in Art!

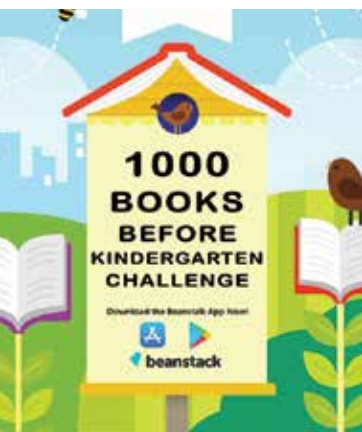
3-5 years with a caregiver

Tuesdays, Jan 14, 28, Feb 11 | 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!

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.



Kids & Families

Loom Knitting

8-14 years old

Thu, Jan 2 and Fri, Jan 3 | 2-3pm

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

Family Game Night

5 years and up with a caregiver

Thu, Jan 2 | 6-6:45pm

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.

Crafternoon

6-11 years

Tue, Jan 14 | 4:30-5:15pm | Snowflake art

Tue, Jan 28 | 4:30-5:15pm | Valentine's Day Craft

Wed, Feb 19 | 4:30-5:15pm | Sock Snowman

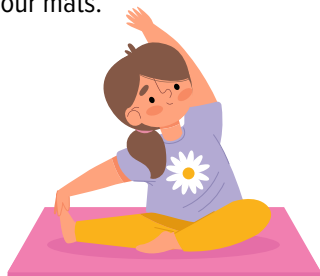
Are you feeling crafty? Each session we will make a craft or piece of art that you'll take home.

Yoga Adventure

6-9 years old

Thursdays, Jan 9 | 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

Tue, Jan 7 | 4:30-5:15pm | Robots

Tue, Jan 21 | 4:30-5:15pm | The Science of Snow

Wed, Feb 5 | 4:30-5:15pm | Heart Challenge

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.

Family Valentine's Day Art

Workshop

5-12 years old with a caregiver

Fri, Feb 7 | 4:30-5:30pm

Join us for some sweet fun! Spend time together while creating a work of art. Each person registered will go home with their own canvas. Please be sure that everyone attending is included in your registration. Registration opens January 13, at 10am.

Family STEAM Night

5 years and older with a caregiver

Thu, Feb 20 | 6-6:45pm

Try out some fun STEAM activities as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Family Arts and Crafts Night

5 years and older with a caregiver

Thu, Feb 27 | 6-6:45pm

Make some creative crafts as a family. You are welcome to stay as long or as little as you would like.

Teens & Tweens

Wacky Wednesday

11-14 years old

Wednesdays, Jan 8, 22, Feb 12, 26 | 2:30-4pm

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

Teen Craft: DIY Light

11-16 years old

Sat, Jan 11 | 1-2pm

Hang out with friends and create a paper mâché light!

Teen Craft: Make a Penguin

11-16 years old

Mon, Jan 20 | 2:30-3:30pm

Celebrate National Penguin Day by making your very own penguin!

Teen Valentine's Day Craft

11-16 years old

Sat, Feb 8 | 1-2pm

Make a Valentine's Day craft and hang out with your friends! Registration opens January 13 at 10am.

Teen Valentine's Day

UV Resin Craft

11-16 years old

Wed, Feb 12 | 5-6pm

Make a keychain or jewelry out of UV resin for Valentine's Day!



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.

— JANUARY 2025 SPECIAL EVENTS —

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.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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Noon Year's Eve Party 10:30 am-12 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex	30 New Year's Eve - City Hall CLOSING AT 12:30 PM	31 New Year's Day - City Hall CLOSED	1 City Council Meeting CANCELLED	2	3	4
Winter Break — District 7 & Fenton High School NO SCHOOL						
5	6 Teacher Professional Development - NO SCHOOL District 7	7 CLASSES RESUME District 7	8	9 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	10	11 Winter Bash FREE EVENT 12 pm Wood Dale Park District Recreation Complex
12	13	14 Fitness Member Appreciation Day Wood Dale Park District Fitness Studio	15	16 District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	17	18 Frosty Open 4-Person Scramble 11 am Salt Creek Golf Club
19	20 MLK Jr Birthday - NO SCHOOL District 7	21	22	23 Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	24 Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-4pm Wood Dale Public Library	25
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9	10	11	12	13 Sweetheart Dance 6:30 pm Salt Creek Golf Club Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	14 School Improvement Day - HALF DAY District 7	15
16	17 President's Day - NO SCHOOL District 7 City Hall CLOSED	18	19	20 Wine Tasting with Lynfred Winery 6 pm Salt Creek Golf Club District 7 School Board Meeting 7 pm City Council Meeting 7:30 pm City Hall	21	22 Bingo & Dinner Check-in starts at 4 pm Salt Creek Golf Club
23	24	25	26	27 Wood Dale Junior High Winter Band Concert 7 pm Center for the Arts Committee of the Whole 7:30 pm City Hall	28 Seafood Boil 4 pm Salt Creek Golf Club	29
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