



# Nippersink Public Library District

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Spring 2025

March, April, May



## Embark on an Exciting Library Adventure!

There's still time to join the fun! Going on now to March 31, explore McHenry County's 15 participating libraries and discover what each has to offer. If you haven't started yet, don't worry—you can still register at NPLD and get in on the adventure! Visit all 15 libraries for a chance to win a Grand Prize Gift Basket packed with gift cards from local businesses. Can't make it to all? Visit at least 12 libraries to enter to win a Themed Gift Basket!

Are you in?

## FREE Tax Preparation



**Free Income Tax Preparation and E-Filing by IRS Trained and Certified Volunteers**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Every other Thursday from February 13 to April 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

AARP Membership is not required

## Community Poetry Wall

Celebrate Poetry Month this April by sharing your creativity! Poets of all ages can submit one original poem or short prose piece for our wall.

Register by calling or visiting any service desk. Submissions are due by Friday, March 28 and will be available for pickup in May.

Let your words inspire our community!

## Gather, Swap, Solve! Community Puzzle & Exchange

Join the fun in Adult Services with our Community Puzzle—a group effort to complete one puzzle at a time! Once finished, we'll start a new one.

Have puzzles to share? Our Puzzle Exchange is now open! Donate complete puzzles and pick up a new one to enjoy—no checkout required.

Stop by and piece together some fun!

## Library Director's Message



Dana Fanslow  
Library Director

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Strategic Plan survey—we received 251 responses! Your input is invaluable as we actively shape the Library's mission, vision, and strategic goals for the next 3-5 years. We're

excited to unveil the final plan in June, so stay tuned for details on our Open House celebration!

In the meantime, don't forget that the Library offers a wealth of e-resources, from eBooks and newspapers to genealogy tools, all available through our website. Happy reading!

# Children & Tween Programs

Programs marked with (R) require registration.

Registration for Spring programs will open on 02/24 for NPLD cardholders and on 03/03 for all.

## Adaptive Hours

Join us for Adaptive Hours to enjoy a calmer browsing experience in the Dave Gardner Room and sensory activities in the Story Room.

**Thursdays @ 9 - 11 a.m.**

## Early Literacy Programs (0-5)

### Baby Bash (R)

**Tuesdays @ 10 a.m.**

Early literacy play for littles under 3.  
Spring session runs 03/11 - 05/20.

### Preschool Story Time (R)

**Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.**

Songs and stories for families with littles under 6.

Spring session runs 03/12 - 05/21.

### Story Room Hours

**Mondays @ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays @ 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.**

Free play in the story room for ages 5 and under. No registration required!

## Youth Programs (Ages 6 - 10)

### S.T.E.A.M. Lab (R)

*Build science, math, tech, art, and math skills.*

**Tues, Mar. 4 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Tech-Free Coding**

**Tues, Apr. 1 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Plants & Potting**

**Tues, May 6 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Body Science**

### Lego Club

**Tuesday, March 11 @ 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 8 @ 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 13 @ 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Challenge yourself and decorate our library.

### Pokémon Club (R)

**Wednesday, March 12 @ 6 - 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 9 @ 6 - 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 14 @ 6 - 7 p.m.**

Trade cards and enjoy crafts and activities!

### Creative Art Club (R)

**Thurs, Mar. 20 @ 6 - 7 p.m. CD Snail**

**Thurs, Apr. 17 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Eggs & Basket**

**Thurs, May 15 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Beaded Windchime**

**Kids' Book Club information on the back page!**

## Family Events

These programs are for families with children ages 12 and under. We welcome the entire family!

### Sleepy Story Time (R)

**Wednesday, March 19 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 16 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Wear your comfies to the library and bring your plushies for story time at night.

### Community Egg Hunt (R)

**Saturday, April 5 @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

We need help cleaning up some exciting eggs! Help us collect them and also watch *Peter Rabbit*.

### Paws & Read (R)

**Thursday, March 27 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 22 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.**

Spend time with therapy dogs!

### May The Fourth Pre-Party (R)

**Saturday, May 3 @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Coming soon to a library near you. . . Explore out of this world activities from your favorite galaxy!

## Tween Programs (Ages 10-12)

### Tween Crafternoon (R)

Come for a snack and crafternoon fun.

**Friday, March 7 @ 11:30 - 2 p.m.**

*Bookcase Diorama*

**Friday, May 2 @ 11:30 - 2 p.m.**

*Mini Object Sculptures*

### Tween Dungeons & Dragons Session Zero (R)

**Monday, March 10 @ 4:30 - 6 p.m.**

Want to learn about D&D? Start here!

### Gamer Hours (R)

**Friday, March 21 @ 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 18 @ 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, May 16 @ 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**

It's gaming time! Bring your device or play on our Nintendo Switch.

### Plant Potting (R)

**Tuesday, April 22 @ 5 - 6 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day and bring home a plant!

### Cupcake Decorating (R)

**Thursday, May 8 @ 5 - 6 p.m.**

Get creative in the most delicious way!

**Tween Book Club information on back page!**

# Adult & Teen Programs

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Registration for Spring programs will open on 02/24 for NPLD cardholders and on 03/03 for all.

## Cards and Coffee

**Tuesdays @ 2 - 4 p.m.**

Enjoy coffee while playing cards with friends!

## March

### Tax Preparation & Planning (R)

**Saturday, March 1 @ 1 - 2 p.m.**

Come learn what you need to have to complete your taxes and discuss changes for 2024.

### Fiber Arts Club

**Tuesday, March 4 @ 6 - 7 p.m.**

Bring your projects to work on at the library!

### Coloring Club

**Saturday, March 15 @ 10 - 11 a.m.**

Have fun coloring pages with others! Supplies provided.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body (R)

**Wednesday, March 26 @ 5 - 6 p.m.**

The Alzheimer's Association will present on how to optimize our health as we age.

### Heart Centered Sound Bath (R)

**Saturday, March 29 @ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Experience the transformative power of sound through a blissful session that uses therapeutic vibrations and frequencies to promote deep relaxation and balance.

## April

### Fiber Arts Club

**Tuesday, April 1 @ 6 - 7 p.m.**

Bring your projects to work on at the library!

### Facts about Birds w/ Stan Tekiela (R)

**Wednesday, April 9 @ 7 p.m. at McHenry County College**

Naturalist, wildlife photographer, and author Stan Tekiela will give a talk presenting fascinating facts about birds.

### Bridging Communities: An Intro to American Sign Language for All Ages (R)

**Saturday, April 12 @ 12 - 1 p.m.**

Join us for a fun & interactive American Sign Language (ASL) class tailored for all ages.

### Bingo Night (R)

**Wednesday, April 30 @ 5 - 6 p.m.**

Get ready to shout "Bingo!" and win some prizes.

**Make sure to check the back page for virtual events to enjoy from home and info about the Adult Book Clubs!**

## May

### Heart Centered Sound Bath (R)

**Saturday, May 10 @ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Experience the transformative power of sound through a blissful session that uses therapeutic vibrations and frequencies to promote deep relaxation and balance.

### Coloring Club

**Wednesday, May 14 @ 5 - 6 p.m.**

Have fun coloring pages with others! Supplies provided.

### Spring Flower Arrangement Class (R)

**Saturday, May 24 @ 1 - 3 p.m.**

Join Anna Beyer of Wildly Rooted Floral for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn to create a charming pint-sized spring arrangement.

### Indie Authors Are Cool (R)

**Saturday, May 31 @ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Unsung Voices Books will present on the next steps for those that have already written a book or thinking about how to start.

## Teen Programs (Ages 13-17)

### ACT Prep Series (R)

**Tuesday, March 11 @ 6 - 7 p.m. English**

**Tuesday, March 18 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Mathematics**

**Tuesday, March 25 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Reading**

**Tuesday, April 1 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Science**

Get ready for test season with weekly practice.

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Session Zero (R)

**Monday, March 10 @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Want to learn about D&D? Start here!

Create a character & learn about roleplay.

### Plant Potting (R)

**Tuesday, April 22 @ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Earth Day, decorate a pot, and bring home a plant.

### Cupcake Decorating (R)

**Thursday, May 8 @ 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Get creative in the most delicious way!

### Study Tables (R)

**Tuesday, May 27 @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Have a space to study and enjoy some yummy pizza! Relaxation activities included.

**Check back page for the Teen Book Club!**



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## Library Director

Dana Fanslow

## Board of Trustees

President: Drew Knobloch

Vice President: Brett Bieder

Treasurer: Adrienne Adams

Secretary: Sue Rekenenthaler

Trustees: Heather Evenson, Michelle Jordan,  
Robert Johnston

## Board of Trustee Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

## Library Closings

Fri, May 9 - Opening late @ noon

Mon, May 26 - Closed



These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Enjoy these events from home!



### Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tue, Mar 4 | 7 PM via Zoom  
Scan the QR code to register



### 9to5: The Story of a Movement

Mar 21-23 | via Eventbrite  
Scan the QR code to register



### The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thurs, Apr 10 | 7 PM via Zoom  
Scan the QR code to register



### Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat

Sat, May 3 | 2 PM via Zoom  
Scan the QR code to register



### Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tue, May 13 | 7 PM via Zoom  
Scan the QR code to register



## Book Clubs

### Youth Book Clubs

#### Kids Book Club (R)

Ages 7-9

Tues, Apr. 29 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

*Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey

#### Tween Book Club (R)

Ages 10-12

Thurs, Apr. 10 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

*Out Of My Mind* by Amber Sealey

#### Teen Book Club (R)

Ages 13-17

Tues, Apr. 29 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

### Adult Book Clubs

#### March (R)

Page Turners: Tues, Mar. 18 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, Mar. 19 @ 1- 2 p.m.

Registration opens on Feb. 24

*The Only One Left* by Riley Sager

#### April (R)

Page Turners: Tues, Apr. 15 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, Apr. 16 @ 1- 2 p.m.

Registration opens on Mar. 24

*The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

#### May (R)

Page Turners: Tues, May 20 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, May 21 @ 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration opens on Apr. 21

*What You Wish For* by Katherine Center



Richmond-Spring Grove

NPLD Book Clubs were graciously sponsored by the Richmond-Spring Grove Rotary



## Spring Take & Makes

Adult, Teen, & Youth kits will be available on the first of each month. Supplies are limited.

To request specific accommodations, please email [nippersink@nippersinklibrary.org](mailto:nippersink@nippersinklibrary.org) or call 815-678-4014 at least 7 days in advance.



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