Nippersink Public Library District

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Fall 2025 **September, October, November**

September is Library Card Sign Up Month!

Your Library Card Does More Than You Think!

With your card, you can access museum passes, movies, music, and more—anytime, anywhere. Check out just a few of our exciting new e-resources:

- **Hive** – Online fitness and nutrition classes
- **Kanopy** – Stream movies, documentaries, and shows
- **Comics Plus** – Unlimited digital comics, graphic novels, and manga

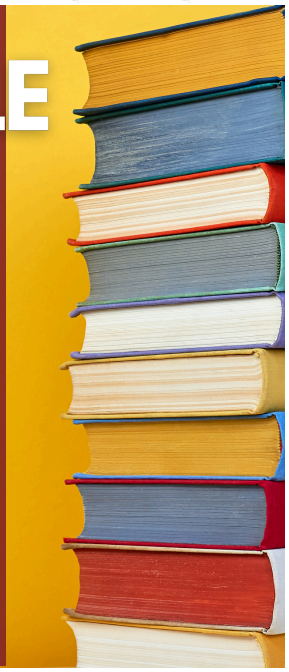
Join us at the McHenry Outdoor Theater
Friday, September 19 | Movies start at dusk

Enjoy Shrek and Madagascar! Stop by the Nippersink Library table to sign up for a new card or show your current one for a chance to win a $25 Jewel gift card (event night only).

BOOK SALE
DECEMBER 5 & 6

Donations of new or gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and video games will be accepted from **November 20 to November 29.**

All proceeds will help fund our Summer Reading Programs.



Full Steam Ahead!

All Aboard with Northwest N-Trak! Tracks, trains, and tons of excitement— catch it while you can!







Thurs, Sept 4th @ 1 pm-7:30 pm
Fri, Sept 5th @ 9:15 am-4:30 pm
Sat, Sept 6th @9:15 am-3:45 pm

LEVEL UP SUMMER READING 2025

Registered	Finished	Books Read	Minutes Read
441	141	791	179,984

Thank You

SUMMER READING PARTNERS

Anderson's Candy Shop Richmond | Burger King McHenry
Caravelle Lighting | Classic Cinemas Fox Lake | Color Me Mine
Conlon Thompson | Crumbl | Domenella Dental
Donald C. Stinespring & Associates | Elite Insurance Group
Firehouse Gym | Janice Fischer Photography
Lake Geneva Cruise Line | Lake Geneva Ziplines
McDonald's Spring Grove | Maria's Mexican Grill
McHenry County Fair Association |Memory Lanes Photography
Milwaukee County Zoo | Portillo's Racine County Zoo
Raising Cane's | Red Head Salon | Richardson Farms
Richmond Cafe| Richmond Fire Department
Richmond Grade School | Richmond Motors
Richmond Police Department | Richmond Veterinary Clinic
Rita's McHenry | Safari Lake Geneva | Thelen
Timber Ridge Lodge | Twisted Limits
Urban Air Crystal Lake | Xtreme Wheels | Your Life Protect

Children & Tween Programs

Programs marked with (R) require registration.
Registration for Summer programs will open on 08/25 for NPLD cardholders and on 09/02 for all.

Adaptive Hours

Quiet Space & Sensory Play

Thursdays @ 9 - 11 a.m.
For families with sensory needs.

Early Literacy (0 - 5)

Baby Bash (R)

Tuesdays @ 10 a.m.
Story time and play for ages 3 and under.
Fall session runs 09/09 - 11/18.

Preschool Story Time (R)

Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.
Interactive story time for ages 5 and under.
Fall session runs 09/10 - 11/19.

Messy Art (R)

Monday, September 29 @ 10 - 11 a.m.
Dress for the mess and experience sensory art.

Capes & Tutus (R)

Saturday, October 4 @ 10 - 11 a.m.
Create your own disguise! t-shirt capes and tulle tutus supplies will be available.

Youth Programs (Ages 6 - 10)

Chess Meetup (R)

Wednesday, September 10 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
We welcome chess players new and old!

Pokémon Club (R)

Wednesday, September 17 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 19 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Join in on crafts, activities, and card trading!

Art Club (R)

Thurs, September 18 @ 6 - 7 p.m. *Print Making*
Thurs, October 16 @ 6 - 7 p.m. *Dreamcatchers*

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

Thursday, October 2 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Experiment with force and create a rollercoaster.

Slime Lab (R)

Saturday, October 25 @ 10 - 11 a.m.
Create your own slime creation!

Mad Science Presents: All About Animals (R)

Thursday, November 6 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Mad Science of Chicago invites you to learn about animals, their habitats, and so much more!

Lego Challenge (R)

Tuesday, November 11 @ 5 - 6 p.m.
Design and challenge your master builder skills!

Kids' Book Club information on back page!

Family Events (12 & Under)

Home Fire Safety (R)

Wednesday, September 24 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Learn how to create a fire safety plan with your family. Presented by the McHenry County Department of Health.

Paws & Read (R)

Thursday, September 25 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, October 23 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.
Read with a therapy dog, or just hang out!

Retro Night (R)

Saturday, September 27 @ 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Have a blast to the past with groovy activities and games.

Sleepy Story Time (R)

Thursday, October 9 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wear your comfy pjs and bring a stuffy to night time stories!

Family Reading Night (R)

Thursday, November 20 @ 5 - 7 p.m.
Reading is your passport to the world! Join us for activities and games that will inspire literacy at home.

Tween Programs (Ages 10-12)

Dungeons and Dragons (R)

Monday, September 8 @ 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Learn the basics to D&D and create a character!
Campaign runs 09/08 - 11/17.

Tween Crafternoon (R)

Snack while you craft!
Fri, 09/12 @ 12:30 - 2 p.m. *Model Magic Monsters*
Fri, 11/07 @ 12:30 - 2 p.m. *Musical Paintings*

Pumpkin Painting (R)

Wednesday, October 22 @ 5 - 6 p.m.
Design your own pumpkin for the season.

National Novel Writing Month Workshop (R)

Tuesday, November 4 @ 5 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 18 @ 5 - 6 p.m.
Challenge yourself to write! Our workshops will help you edit, share, and overcome writer's block.

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Tween Book Club information on back page!

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Cards and Coffee
Tuesdays @ 2 - 4 p.m.
Enjoy coffee while playing cards with friends!

September

Basic Tech Help
Friday, September 12 @ 2-3 p.m.
One-on-one sessions to assist with basic/beginner tech concerns. To make the most of your session, come prepared with: a fully charged device, password/login info, and a problem to tackle. First come, first serve in hour window.

Heart Centered Sound Bath (R)
Saturday, September 20 @ 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Experience the power of sound through a session that uses therapeutic vibrations and frequencies.

Harm Reduction Pop-up by MCDH
Wednesday, September 24 @ 12 p.m.-2 p.m.
Visit this pop-up to learn about information regarding MCDH's harm reduction strategies to prevent and respond to overdoses and substance use issues.

Floral Pumpkins (R)
Tuesday, September 30 @ 6-7 p.m.
Join Anna Beyer from Wildly Rooted Floral for a hands-on workshop to create a floral pumpkin.

October

Paint a Ceramic (R)
Wednesday, October 1 @ 6-7 p.m.
Paint a Halloween themed ceramic to take home.

Medicare 101
Tuesday, October 7 @ 6-7:30 p.m.
This seminar is designed to help people understand their Medicare options and get unbiased information.

Crafting Herbal Mocktails (R)
Wednesday, October 8 @ 6-7 p.m.
Unleash your creativity by blending alcohol-free mocktails, while exploring the intriguing history of herbs in alcoholic beverages.

Heart Centered Sound Bath (R)
Saturday, October 18 @ 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mary Kubica Author Event at MCC Luecht Auditorium (R)
Monday, October 27 @ 6-7 p.m.
Attend this offsite author event at McHenry County College.

Harm Reduction by MCDH
Wednesday, October 29 @ 6-7 p.m.
Learn about the impact of the opioid epidemic, which also includes a Narcan training.

Check the back page for information on the Adult Book Clubs and events to enjoy from home!

November

Tea Blend Workshop (R)
Saturday, November 1 @ 2-3 p.m.
Create your own tea blend!

Recipe Show & Tell (R)
Wednesday, November 5 @ 6-7 p.m.
Bring in your favorite recipes and photos of the delicious dishes! No food required—just tasty inspiration and a chance to share culinary creations with fellow food lovers.

Daniel Kraus Author Event at MCC Luecht Auditorium (R)
Thursday, November 6 @ 7-8 p.m.
Attend this offsite author event at McHenry County College.

Basic Tech Help
Friday, November 7 @ 2-3 p.m.
See September's description for this program.

Gratitude Guided Journaling (R)
Wednesday, November 12 @ 6-7 p.m.
Experience the power of reflection through prompts to help you focus on the good in your life. Journals will be provided.

Teen Programs (Ages 13-17)

Dungeons and Dragons (R)
Monday, September 8 @ 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Learn about D&D! Campaign runs 09/08 - 11/17.

Open Mic (R)
Tuesday, September 23 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Share music and poetry, or just hang out and snack!

Volunteer Info Session (R)
Tuesday, September 30 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Become a library volunteer! Learn how you can help.

Banned Together (R)
Tuesday, October 7 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Learn about why books get banned and how you can stop censorship and consider your next read.

Teen Read Week is Mon. 10/13 - Sat. 10/18

Keep an eye out for more information!
Mon. *Teen Read Week registration gift available.*
Tues. @ 6 - 7 p.m. Book Swap (R)
Wed. @ 6 - 7 Teen Book Club Part 1 (R)
Thurs. @ 6 - 7 p.m. Comic Bookmark Craft (R)
Fri. @ 3 - 4 p.m. Quiet Book Club (R)
Sat. @ 10 - 4 p.m. Shrek Movie Marathon (R)

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

Library Closings
Monday, September 1 - Closed
Fri, November 7 - Opening at Noon
Wed, November 26 - Closing at 5 pm
Thurs, November 27 & Fri, November 28 - Closed

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



Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns
Tue, Sept 16 | 7 PM via Zoom
Scan the QR code to register



Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode
Tue, Oct 21 | 7 pm via Zoom
Scan the QR code to register



A Journey Through Food and Science with Kenji Lopez-Alt
Tue, Nov 18 | 7 PM via Zoom
Scan the QR code to register

MCDH Wellness Screenings at NPLD
Thursday, September 25 @ 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
The McHenry County Department of Health will be offering screenings for cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose, blood pressure, body mass analysis, AIC, and heart age assessment at the library. The cost for the glucose and cholesterol screening is $25, AIC is $20, or all 3 for $35; all other screenings are free. **Visit www.mcdh.info or call 815-334-4510 for more info or to register. Appointment required.**

Scan the QR to be directed to their website.

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

Book Clubs

Youth Book Clubs

Kids Book Club (R)
Ages 7 - 9
Thurs. 10/30 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
The Adventures of Penguin and Panda Vol. 1 by Brenda Maier

Tween Book Club (R)
Ages 10 - 12
Tues. 10/28 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
A Sky Full of Dragons by Tiffany McDaniel

Teen Book Club (R)
Ages 13 - 17
Part 1: Wed. 10/15 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Part 2: Wed. 11/19 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
The Nice House on the Lake by James Tynion IV

Adult Book Clubs

September (R)
Page Turners: Tues, Sept. 16 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Midday Reads: Wed, Sept. 17 @ 1- 2 p.m.
Registration opens on August 25
None of This Is True by Lisa Jewell

October (R)
Page Turners: Tues, Oct. 21 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Midday Reads: Wed, Oct. 15 @ 1- 2 p.m.
Registration opens on September 22
My Sister the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

November (R)
Page Turners: Tues, Nov. 18 @ 6 - 7 p.m.
Midday Reads: Wed, Nov. 19 @ 1 - 2 p.m.
Registration opens on October 27
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murders by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Rotary Richmond-Spring Grove

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



Fall Take & Makes

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

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