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Hopefully you've used Hoopla, one of our digital services that offers Norridge and Harwood Heights residents access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, TV shows, and music albums. But do you know about Hoopla's BingePass program?

With a BingePass and your Eisenhower Library card, you can get unlimited access to exclusive content from Hoopla's partners for seven days. BingePass collections include magazines, children's content, videos, podcasts, comic strips, puzzles, and more, with new BingePasses being added all the time. Here are some we recommend.

**Curiosity Stream:** Watch thousands of documentaries and nonfiction series spanning topics like science, nature, society, lifestyle, and even children's content.

**Hoopla Magazines:** Read the current issue of 50 popular magazines for all ages and interests, such as Elle, Fast Company, HGTV, Men's Health, Popular Mechanics, Runner’s World, Time for Kids, Woman's Day, and more.

**Puzzle Palace:** Play a variety of brain-bending sudoku, crossword, and word games—with
Earlier this year, Dixie Williams joined the staff here at Eisenhower as our Social Work Intern. A student at Dominican University in her Advanced Generalist Year, Dixie has been busy compiling information on community social resources, offering individual and community support, organizing social groups for youth, teens, and adults, and advocating for positive community change.

Dixie can guide you toward resources that help with social services such as housing, employment counseling, Social Security, domestic violence, parenting, child care, elder care, senior services, substance abuse, LGBT+ support, mental health, or other issues. To make an appointment with Dixie, give her a call at 708-867-2293 or ask for her at the Answers Desk.

### TEEN TALK

**Wednesdays, November 15 & December 06, 3:30 PM**

Make new friends with crafting, cookies, and conversation for people in grades 9-12.

### COOKIES & CONVERSATION: CREATE YOUR DREAM DAY

**Wednesdays, January 10 & 24, February 07, 3:30 PM**

What would your perfect day look like? Join us in a space where you can talk about everything that’s wrong and right in your world. For grades 6-8 only!

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AUTHOR CONVERSATIONS

Simulcast into your home via Zoom and onto our big screen here at Eisenhower, renowned authors from around the country join us for in-depth and insightful conversations about their lives, inspirations, and being a person in the world.

Register to receive a Zoom link or to join us in-person here at the library. For more upcoming author conversations, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/conversations. Ask at a library service desk or call 708-867-7828 for more information.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WITH LORI GOTTlieB
© Wednesday, December 06, 7:00 PM
The bestselling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone, and co-host of the Dear Therapists podcast joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.

SPECULATING OUR A.I. FUTURE WITH CORY DOCTORow, KEN LIU & MARTHA WELLS
© Thursday, January 11, 7:00 PM
Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that A.I. will have on our future, as well as A.I. in contemporary and future science fiction writing.

JERRY CRAFT: FROM MAMA’S BOYZ TO NEW KID AND BEYOND
© Tuesday, February 06, 7:00 PM
Learn about life, art, and telling your story with bestselling author, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist, Jerry Craft.

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ROMANCE MONTH
WITH AUTHOR JULIA QUINN
® Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 PM

Julia Quinn is the author of thirty-five historical romance novels, including her latest, Queen Charlotte, a prequel to the wildly popular Bridgerton books, the inspiration for the Netflix original series.

Julia is a graduate of Harvard & Radcliffe Colleges and briefly attended Yale School of Medicine before deciding to pursue a full-time writing career. She is the author of nineteen consecutive New York Times bestsellers. In March 2021, all eight Bridgerton novels were on the NYT list at the same time, a record for an adult fiction author. Her novels have been translated into 41 languages, and in the United States alone, there are over 20 million copies of her books in print.

January 01 - February 29
It’s the chilliest time of year! Grab your coziest blanket, your fuuzziest socks, and warm up with a good book with our Winter Reading Challenge! Find more information, register, and start earning prizes at eisenhowerlibrary.org/winter2024.

Kids Winter Reading
Ages 12 and under.
Winter reading is here again! Read books to earn a free book and other prizes. Register on Beanstack and pick up your optional game sheet starting the week of January 1st. Stop in weekly to display your reading progress in Kids World.

Teens & Adults
Ages 13 and up.
For every book you read during January and February you’ll earn a coupon to redeem at our pop-up book shop. If you read five books, you’ll get a Winter Reading lapel pin. Read 25 and you’ll get a t-shirt!
ADULT PROGRAMS

This season’s events will meet either in-person or online on Zoom. Registration begins November 6th. To register, call 708-867-2299, ask at the Answers Desk, or visit eisenhowerlibrary.org.

IN-PERSON  VIRTUAL  REGISTRATION REQUIRED

REMEMBERING THE EDGEWATER BEACH HOTEL
© Monday, December 04, 6:30 PM
Nothing epitomized the glamour of Chicago’s jazz age like the fabled Edgewater Beach Hotel, the only urban resort of its kind in the nation. Historians Kathryn Gemperle and John Holden explore the fascinating and important history of the hotel.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR
Thursdays, December 14, January 11 & February 08, 7:00 PM
Join us for an hour of casual conversation with other patrons who are learning English as a second language. No lessons, just a place to practice your English skills.

GARDEN CLUB
© Thursday, January 04, 6:00 PM
Join us to talk about everything gardens, from bulbs, bushes to berries, and begonias.

BUILD YOUR AFFIRMATION TAPESTRY
© Tuesday, January 09, 6:30 PM
Tamara Kowalski focuses on the positivity we’d like to bring into the new year by creating an affirmation tapestry. We’ll talk about intentions and weave them with yarn and cloth to make a beautiful tapestry you can take home with you.

MEET COSTUME DESIGNER EDITH HEAD
© Thursday, January 25, 7:00 PM
A successful Hollywood costume designer with eight Oscars to prove it, Edith Head’s career continues to inspire new generations of designers. Join educational entertainer Martina Mathisen to discover why Edith Head was the most influential costume designer in film history.

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY 101
© Monday, January 29, 7:00 PM
The best camera is the one you have on hand. So how can you make the most of that incredible tool you carry around every day? Molly Page will share mobile photography tips and tricks, editing options, and ways to make snapping photos more fun.

BIRDS OF PREY
© Thursday, February 01, 6:00 PM
Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education is coming to the library to do a presentation on Birds of Prey! Come see hawks, owls, and falcons and learn all about these birds, the roles they play in nature, and conservation.

THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES
© Monday, February 12, 7:00 PM
The French Palace of Versailles is the manifestation of King Louis XIV’s absolute power. Paul Neuman shows you why millions of visitors continue to be entranced and intrigued by the world’s most influential palace. Register to receive a Zoom link or to watch the program on our big screen.

FAMOUS AFRICAN AMERICANS BURIED IN ILLINOIS
© Monday, February 26, 7:00 PM
Celebrate Black History Month with an evening of photos and stories of the final resting places of people influential in African-American culture.

SENIORS

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE
© Tuesdays, 11:00 AM
Join fitness instructor Jen Adams for a chair exercise program for seniors ages 60 and up. Register to save your seats for every Tuesday in January and/or February.

SENIOR GAME DAY
© Monday, January 08, 1:00 PM
Join us or Monday, February 12, 1:00 PM Calling all seasoned strategists and game enthusiasts! Battle boredom and have fun making friends at our open game day for seniors. We’ll have dozens of board and card games to challenge your competitive spirit!
MEET THE BEATLES

THE HISTORY OF THE BEATLES

Thursday, December 07, 7:00 PM

The Beatles remain one of the world’s most popular and iconic bands. Join us for a fun-filled evening reviewing the career of the Fab Four through performance and interview clips with music historian Gary Wenstrup.

BEATLES SING-ALONG

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 PM

Singing pianist/guitarist Mick Archer’s Beatles show is a trip down memory lane for Baby Boomers and a revelation to new fans. Sing along with your favorite songs from all phases of the Fab Four’s ten year journey.

SHOPPING SAFELY ONLINE

Wednesday, December 06, 10:00 AM

Billions of dollars are stolen from Americans through online fraud annually. Become a savvy shopper and learn tips to shop safely online in this one hour class.

MOBILE DEVICE HELP

Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Have a phone or tablet and need help getting started? Need advanced help with a specific app? Sign up for personalized individual help! One device per session please, though multiple people may attend with the device.

EXCEL SERIES

Wednesday, January 10 & 17, 10:00 AM

In this two-part class, learn the basics of using Microsoft Excel for making spreadsheets.

BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY

Wednesdays, February 07, 14 & 21, 10:00 AM

Don’t know a keyboard from a mouse? Learn the basics of using a computer in this three-part computer literacy series. A great start for beginners.

SCARY WINTER

Spooky season doesn’t have to end in October. We’re bringing the chills and thrills of Halloween with us into winter with these eerie programs and a series of scary films listed on page eight.

PAPER SNOWFLAKES CRAFT

Saturday, December 16, 1:00 PM–4:30 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up

Use our templates to create your own skeleton, bat, and cat snowflakes out of paper. Pick up the craft to make at home or drop into the Workshop to fold and cut with us. Bring the whole family to work on this all ages craft project.

CHILLING GHOST STORIES

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up

Scary stories for the darkest time of the year. Bring your favorites to read and share. Bonus points for true stories you experienced yourself. We’ll supply the flashlights.

HUNT A KILLER

Thursday, February 08, 3:00 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up

Channel your inner detective to solve a murder with Hunt A Killer’s immersive, story-driven board game, *Death at the Dive Bar*. Sort through evidence, decode ciphers, piece together clues, and see if you can catch a murderer.
DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to borrow the books, register for in-person meetings, and find links to join our Zoom video chats. For help, call 708-867-2299 or ask at the Answers Desk.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
This winter, we’ll meet in-person on Tuesdays. Zoom meetings are on Wednesday afternoons.

LONGBOURN by Jo Baker
- **Tuesday, December 05, 2:00 PM** *(in-person)*
- **Wednesday, December 06, 2:00 PM** *(Zoom)*
Relive the events of *Pride and Prejudice* from the downstairs perspective of the Bennet family servants.

THE GRAMMARIANS by Cathleen Schine
- **Tuesday, January 09, 2:00 PM** *(in-person)*
- **Wednesday, January 10, 2:00 PM** *(Zoom)*
A novel celebrating the beauty, mischief, and occasional treachery of language.

THE LAST PAINTING OF SARA DE VOS by Dominic Smith
- **Tuesday, February 06, 2:00 PM** *(in-person)*
- **Wednesday, February 07, 2:00 PM** *(Zoom)*
A captivating, intertwined timeline literary mystery exploring the art of life.

COZY MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Join our monthly in-person chats about cozy mysteries.

- **PLANTATION SHUDDERS** by Ellen Byron
  - ® **Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 PM**
Secrets and Southern hospitality abound at Maggie Crozat’s Louisiana B&B.

- **DEAD AND BREAKFAST** by Kate Kingsbury
  - ® **Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 PM**
Mayhem breaks out in Melanie’s seaside Oregon town and she must race to save the ones she loves with the help of her B&B’s resident friendly ghost.

- **MURDER ON THE ROCKS** by Karen MacInerney
  - ® **Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 PM**
Natalie risked it all to buy the Gray Whale Inn. Now her freedom is at risk as she is accused of murder.

CAMPFIRE TALES CLUB
Escape the ordinary with in-person discussions of science fiction, fantasy, and horror novellas.

- **BONE: OUT FROM BONEVILLE** by Jeff Smith
  - ® **Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 PM**
Dip your toe into comics with the first in Jeff Smith’s popular fantasy graphic novel series.

- **TRAFIK** by Rikki DuCornet
  - ® **Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 PM**
A buoyant voyage through outer space and inner longing in a post-Earth universe.

BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB
Fridays, December 01, January 05 & February 02, 3:30 PM
Have a current read or two you’d like to discuss with fellow readers? Drop into our virtual BYO book club!

PEN & INK WRITERS GROUP
Mondays, Dec 18, Jan 22, Feb 26, 7:00 PM
Write and read your short stories, poems, or essays, all inspired by a common theme.
MOVIE SCREENINGS

HOLLYWOOD CLASSICS
Join classic Hollywood historian John Stangeland for screenings and discussions of movie masterpieces.

- **GENTLEMAN JIM**
  - **Monday, December 04, 1:00 PM.** 1942. Unrated. 1h 44m
  As bare-knuckle boxing enters the modern era, boxer Jim Corbett uses innovative footwork to rise to the top of the sport. With Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.

- **ATLANTIC CITY**
  - **Monday, January 22, 1:00 PM.** 1980. Rated R. 1h 44m
  In a corrupt city, a small-time gangster and the wife of a drug dealer engage in an escapade of love, money, and danger. With Burt Lancaster and Susan Sarandon.

- **ALL THE PRESIDENT’S MEN**
  - **Monday, February 05, 1:00 PM.** 1976. PG. 2h 18m
  Washington Post reporters uncover the details of the Watergate scandal that lead to President Nixon's resignation. With Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman.

SCARY WINTER FILMS
Add more chills to the coldest months of the year with our series of scary movies this winter.

- **MISERY**
  - **Monday, December 11, 6:30 PM.** 1990. Rated R. 1h 47m
  Angry that he killed off her favorite character, a woman holds a novelist hostage to rewrite the book.

- **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS**
  - **Saturday, December 16, 2:00 PM.** 1993. Rated PG. 1h 16m
  Bored with Halloween, Pumpkin King Jack Skellington longs to spread the joy of Christmas.

- **A SIMPLE PLAN**
  - **Thursday, January 04, 2:00 PM.** 1998. Rated R. 1h 1m
  Blue-collar men who find millions in lost cash quickly let mistrust ruin their windfall.

- **THE THING**
  - **Thursday, January 25, 2:00 PM.** 1982. Rated R. 1h 49m
  A research team in Antarctica is hunted by an alien that assumes the appearance of its victims.

- **1973 FILM SERIES: ENTER THE DRAGON**
  - **Monday, December 18, 2:00 PM.** Rated R. 1h 42m.
  Our 50th anniversary film series dedicated to the year the library was founded comes to a close with Bruce Lee’s classic. A martial artist joins a fight tournament in order to take down the man who killed his sister. Attendees could win DVDs of 1973's films!

- **NUTCRACKER: ROYAL BALLET’S VIRTUAL SCREENING**
  - **December 16-17**
  Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky’s *The Nutcracker* by the U.K.’s internationally renowned Royal Ballet. Registrants will receive a link to view the performance on Youtube anytime during December 16th and 17th.

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THE WORKSHOP

Our Workshop is a space dedicated to creativity. It houses a collection of tools and technology that make it an art and design studio for the entire community!

CREATE A VALENTINE’S DAY CARD
® Monday, January 22, 6:30 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
® Monday, January 29, 6:30 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
Learn a new crafting technique as you create a handmade Valentine’s Day card. Please sign up for only one session a month as the same project will be repeated.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CRICUT UNIVERSE
® Monday, February 12, 3:00 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
Have you seen the Cricut Maker and wondered what you can do with this electronic cutting machine? We’ll explain the basics of the Cricut Maker and its Design Space app.

SEWING MACHINE BASICS
® Monday, February 26, 6:30 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
Learn the basics of operating a sewing machine: threading a needle, winding the bobbin, and selecting different stitches. Time will be available to practice on the machine.

MODEL BUILDING FOR ADULTS
Wednesdays, December 06, January 03 & February 07, 6:30 PM
Hone your model building skills with other enthusiasts. Share tips and tricks and get advice from others.

MODEL BUILDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Wednesdays, December 20, January 17 & February 21, 6:30 PM
For modelers ages 8-17. Anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

OPEN WORKSHOP
Saturdays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00-4:30 PM
Visit the Workshop to embark on a creative endeavor. Use a sewing machine, 3-D printer, or laser cutter, convert a tape or record to a digital format, or just drop in for some inspiration.

RUG HOOKING MINI LANDSCAPES
® Monday, December 04, 1:00 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
Get a little taste of rug making by hooking your own miniature 8” x 8” rug landscapes. All supplies included.

COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR
Sunday, December 10, 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Just in time for the holidays, meet the talented crafters and artists in our community and find one-of-a-kind handmade arts and crafts. Do you make crafts you’d like to sell? Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/craftfair to apply to be a vendor.

SIMPLE AND AFFORDABLE CRAFT STORAGE SOLUTIONS
® Saturday, January 20, 11:00 AM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
The more crafts you enjoy, the more space you need to store supplies. Specialized craft storage can be cost-prohibitive. Learn fun DIY options for craft storage that won’t break the bank.

LEARN TO CROCHET: HEART HOT PAD FOR VALENTINE’S DAY
® Monday, February 05, 6:30 PM. Adults & teens grade 7 & up
Join us for an in-person evening of crochet as we work on the Happy Heart Hot Pad pattern by Daisy Farm Crafts. We will begin the class going over the basics of how to hold a crochet hook and yarn, simple crochet stitches, and how to read a pattern. All supplies and the pattern will be provided to participants.

CROCHET ALONGS
Enjoy crochet and doing good deeds? This winter, our virtual crochet alongs will be focusing on crafting items we can donate to those in need! Find links to our Zoom meetings along with patterns and more information at eisenhowerlibrary.org/crochet.

HATS & SCARVES
Wednesdays, December 06, 13 & 20, 3:00 PM
CHEMO CAPS
Wednesdays, January 03, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 3:00 PM
KNITTED KNOCKERS
Wednesdays, February 07, 14, 21 & 28, 3:00 PM
EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, STREAMING VIDEO & MORE

An Eisenhower Library card gives Norridge and Harwood Heights residents access to downloadable ebooks & audiobooks, movies & music, newspapers & magazines, research & homework help, plus a lot more. Discover all of our online resources at eisenhowerlibrary.org/online-resources.

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Movies and TV shows on your computer, mobile device, and TV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick.

HOOPLA
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Stream or download audiobooks, ebooks, movies, shows, music, comics, and more.

CREATIVEBUG
EISENHOWERLIBRARY.ORG/CREATIVEBUG
On-demand access to expert instruction in drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, and more. Each high-quality video includes an in-depth description, a materials list, and transcripts. With new classes added daily, you’ll never run out of amazing things to make!

TUTOR.COM
EISENHOWERLIBRARY.ORG/TUTOR
Students can use Tutor.com for free homework help from a live, online tutor, take practice quizzes, or upload assignments for review. Job seekers get live, one-on-one assistance with finding job openings, preparing for an interview, and writing resumes and cover letters.

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CODING FOR TEENS
December 27-29, 3:00-4:30 PM
Join us during Christmas break to learn some fun, basic coding with UX/UI designer Aneta Baran.

ANONYMOUS TEEN WRITERS
Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 PM
Writers in grades 7-12 are invited to join in on a weekly hour and a half of socializing, discussion, and, of course, writing! Share your poems and stories in a supportive space or listen to others read.
COLOR BY DAY CALENDAR
December, 2023. Ages 12 & under
Color your way through December with a color by number art project that is fun for all skill levels. Kits available for pickup starting November 27th. While supplies last.

KIDS WINTER CRAFT DAY
Saturday, December 02, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM or 2:00–4:00 PM. Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Drop by and make four great winter themed crafts. While supplies last.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DESIGN
© Saturday, December 09, 10:00 AM.
Ages 3–12 (7 & under with an adult)
Each child will construct a graham cracker house and then decorate it with sweets. Beautiful and then yummy! Dress for mess.

POKEMON DAY
© Tuesday, December 19, January 30 & February 27, 6:00 PM. Ages 7-12
Are you a fan of Pokemon? Meet other trainers and show off your favorite Pokemon! Each session will have new activities themed around everyone’s favorite pocket monsters!

KIDS WRITE AWAY
© Thursdays, December 21, January 18 & February 22, 4:00 PM. Grades 4-6.
Want to become the next famous author? Join us for one or all three classes this winter! The themes for each class are, Change Your Point of View, Unforgettable Introductions, and Dazzling Dialogues. Snacks provided at the end of class.

BUILD TOGETHER
© Thursdays, December 28 & February 29 5:00 PM.
Ages 4–8 (accompanying adults welcome.)
Using the Library’s Lego collection, let’s have fun building a scene to display in the Library.

KIDS CONCERT: LITTLE MISS ANN
© Saturday, January 06, 10:00 AM.
Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Award winning kids musician, Little Miss Ann will play both re-invented classics and upbeat originals that will inspire you to clap, sing, jump, and dance along to the music!

U MAKE: ACRYLIC POND PAINTING
© Monday, January 08, 4:00 PM.
Ages 4–12 (7 & under with an adult)
Paint a relaxing water scene with a bridge, lilies and a willow tree.

EMBOSSING FOR KIDS
© Saturday, January 13, 10:00 AM.
Ages 8–12 with an adult & Workshop waiver
Learn how to emboss and make your stamping really stand out!

ATTACK THE FORT!
© Monday, January 22, 6:00 PM.
Grades 3–5
We’ll learn about the Trojan War and build our own forts and catapults. Then we will have an epic pom-pom battle using our catapults!

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TUMBLEBOOKS
eisenhowerlibrary.org/tumblebooks
TumbleBooks is a collection of online animated, talking picture books for kids. It’s great for tech-savvy kids, and teaches them the joy of reading in a format they’ll love.
TOTAL-T: SHARING THE WONDERS OF MAGIC!
Saturday, January 27, 10:00 AM.
Ages 12 & under (7 & under with an adult)
Bring the whole family for an interactive comedy and magic show!

FAMILY SCRABBLE NIGHT
Thursday, February 01, 5:00 PM.
Grades 2-6. (Under 10 with an adult)
Word! Calling young readers and their families. This classic crossword board game is full-on fun for spellers of all ages. Parents & older siblings are encouraged to register and play as well.

MAD HATTERS
Saturday, February 03, 10:30 AM. Ages 12 & under
You're invited to join the Mad Hatters for story time! The Junior League of Chicago Mad Hatters is a storytelling troupe that promotes literacy through a lively 30 minute interactive storytime for children.

EISENHOWER'S FORMAL BALL
Saturday, February 10, 2:00 PM. Ages 12 & under with an adult
Kids are invited to dress in their finest clothes to dance the hour away with their favorite adult dance partner in The Faerie Court.

U MAKE: ACRYLIC MUSHROOM HOUSE PAINTING
Monday, February 12, 4:00 PM. Ages 4-12 (7 & under with an adult)
Paint a colorful scene featuring a mushroom house, fireflies and a snail!

PRESCHOOL FAIR
Tuesday, January 16, 5:00 PM
Drop into the library to learn everything you need to know about enrolling your child into area pre-schools or daycare. Pre-schools and daycares from the area will be in attendance to answer all of your questions.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
Wednesdays, January 24–February 28, 4:00 PM
Battle of the Books challenges students in grades four through six to become familiar with literature in a Jeopardy-style competition. See your school’s Battle Coach to sign up. Need help contacting your coach? Call us in Kids World at 708-867-2298.

ADAPTIVE HOUR
Sundays, December 10, January 14 & February 11, 12:00–1:00 PM. Ages 12 & under
Families with children 12 and under who have a diagnosis or disability are invited to visit Kids World for a special hour exclusively for you! Kids will be able to do crafts, explore Kids World, and meet other families in this special before-hours program!

MENTAL HEALTH SELF CARE KITS FOR KIDS
Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 PM, Grades 1–3 with an adult
Join a speaker from National Alliance of Mental Illness Cook County - North Suburban (NAMI CCNS) to design and create your own self-care kit. Discover how using your five senses can help your own wellness. Each participant will take home their self-care kit!

TOTS & PRE-K FUN DAYS
Come in for a morning of activity and exploration! Each session will have a different activity!

LET'S BUILD WITH FAKE SNOW
Friday, December 01, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult

THREE LITTLE PIGS
Friday, January 05, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult

COLOR SCIENCE
Friday, February 02, 10:00 AM. Ages 2–5 with an adult
BOOK SUGGESTIONS

With so many great books to choose from, it can be hard to pick your next read. Literary awards and resources available at Eisenhower can help make the decision easier.

LITERARY AWARDS

THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE
One of the most prestigious awards in literature. The Nobel is awarded based on overall remarkable contribution. The 2023 Nobel Prize was given to novelist, playwright, and poet Jon Fosse in recognition of his entire body of work. A good entry point into his writing is his short story collection, *Scenes from a Childhood*.

PULITZER PRIZES
Another highly prestigious award, the Pulitzer is given in categories including journalism, drama, and music. We’re most interested in the fiction and nonfiction categories. The winners of this year’s fiction prize are: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver and *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. For nonfiction, *His Name Is George Floyd* by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunpipa was chosen.

THE EDGAR AWARD
Named after Edgar Allan Poe and presented by the Mystery Writers of America, the Edgars highlight outstanding work of mystery and crime writing. The 2023 winner for best novel is *Notes on an Execution* by Danya Kukafka.

YOUNG ADULT & CHILDREN’S BOOKS
The American Library Association maintains several awards for young people and children. The most prestigious are the Newbery Medal, the Caldecott Medal, and the Michael L. Printz Award. This year the Newberry was awarded to *Freewater* by Amina Luqman-Dawson, the Caldecott was given to *Hot Dog* by Doug Salati, and the Print Award went to *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir.

SCI-FI & FANTASY
The major science fiction and fantasy awards are the Hugo and the Nebula. This year, the Hugo Award for best novel went to *Nettle & Bone* by T. Kingfisher and *Babel* by R. F. Kuang won the Nebula.

RECOMMENDATIONS
At Eisenhower, we offer many resources to help you find your next great read. Find these tools and a lot more at eisenhowerlibrary.org/class/books.

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In 1989, we published *Island Within a City: A History of the Norridge-Harwood Heights Area* by Tom McGowen. In 2019, for the book’s 30th anniversary, we began planning an update, exploring more recent history. Those plans were derailed by COVID-19. But now we’re back on track and, this time, we’re asking for your help.

History comes alive when we hear directly from those that experienced it. So we’re offering an opportunity for you, the community, to shape future historical understanding of Norridge and Harwood Heights by writing short stories about your connections to the area.

Below you’ll find writing prompts to spur your memories. Write a 250-500 word essay inspired by one or more. While we welcome all of your stories, the published book will contain only those related to local history since 1990. Stories outside of that scope may be made available to read online.

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Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/island for a selection of writing prompts on a variety of subjects including:

- Family Life | Gone But Not Forgotten | Changes You’ve Witnessed | The Park District
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For and in consideration of being allowed to participate in and submit essays (“Participant”) to the Eisenhower Public Library District (“Library”), and as a condition of my own voluntary participation in submitting an essay to be considered for publication in the Library’s Island Within a City (the “Book”) and/or the Library’s Website (“Website”), I acknowledge and agree to the following:

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I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above waiver, and release.

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**Signature**  
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Residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights with current Eisenhower Library cards can take advantage of free or discounted admission to participating cultural destinations in Illinois and the Chicago area.

Museum Adventure Passes offer discounts at the Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and more. For a list of participating museums visit museumadventure.org. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis at the Library Services Desk.

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