EISENHOWER
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Serving the Communities of Norridge and Harwood Heights

EXPLORER

Winter Reading

WINTER 2026-27
DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

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WRITING IN THE MARGINS

I wrote in our Summer newsletter about how we would soon be embarking on a remodeling project. Some work related to that project has already started.

We began a lighting retrofit project throughout the building to switch out our incandescent lighting to energy efficient LEDs. Additional lights in the main areas of the library will be upgraded to LEDs during the renovation process. This should reduce our electricity consumption and save money on utility costs.

We were awarded a grant from the State of Illinois to augment our security systems in the building, resulting in a safer space for patrons and staff. The remodeling process will include additional safety upgrades, such as the addition of a library safety desk near the front entrance, which will be staffed by library safety team members throughout the day. We're also planning updates to the Circulation Desk in the Library Services lobby and the front vestibule. These changes will be based on recommendations made by safety consultants who evaluated our building last year.

One of the changes we're especially excited about is an expansion of the Workshop, our makerspace. Since opening, the Workshop has become a place where patrons can explore new technologies, learn creative skills, and bring their ideas to life. Expanding the space will allow more people to participate in programs featuring 3D printing, laser cutting, sewing/embroidery machines, and other creative activities.

We're still working with our architect and project manager to finalize the scope and schedule of the project. We anticipate work beginning in late winter or early spring, although those plans may change as details come together. We know that construction can be inconvenient, and we appreciate your patience as we work to make Eisenhower a safer and more welcoming space. We'll keep you informed at eisenhowerlibrary.org/reimagine as plans develop. We look forward to sharing the results with you.

Stacy Wittmann, Library Director

GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD

eisenhowerlibrary.org/apply

Norridge and Harwood Heights residents age 14 and older can bring proof of residency to the Library Services Desk for an Eisenhower Library card, ready to use within minutes.

Or, get a digital library card for instant access to books, movies, games, ebooks, audiobooks, and more.

In-person and phone registration starts November 2nd for Norridge & Harwood Heights residents with valid library cards. Online registration for everyone opens November 9th.

COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, December 13, 2026, 1:00–4:30pm

Save the date! Our annual Community Craft Fair returns for a festive day of shopping, creativity, and handmade treasures.

Discover one-of-a-kind gifts created by talented local artists and crafters. If you're searching for something special for someone on your holiday shopping list, you'll find plenty of unique creations while supporting the makers in our community.

Bring your friends and family, enjoy a festive day at the Library, and help us celebrate the creativity of our community. For more information and event updates, visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/craftfair.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

December 01-January 31

It's the chilliest time of the year! Grab your coziest blanket, your fuzziest socks, and warm up with a good book and our annual Winter Reading Challenge! Find more information, register to participate, and start earning prizes at

eisenhowerlibrary.org/winter2027.

KIDS WINTER READING

Ages 12 & under

Winter Reading is here again! Read all the books you can this winter to earn a free book and other prizes. Register on Beanstack and pick up your optional tracking log in Kids World. Then stop in weekly to display your reading progress and encourage other readers!

TEENS & ADULTS

Ages 13 & up

For every book you read this December and January, you'll earn a ticket to spend in our Winter Reading Popup Shop. Register on Beanstack or ask for your reading log at the Answers Desk.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

BOOK MATCH

eisenhowerlibrary.org/bookmatch

Find a book you'll love with the help of your librarians. Answer a few questions and we'll get to work on personalized recommendations for you.

BOOK PAGE

eisenhowerlibrary.org/bookpage

The print magazine reviewing new books is available while supplies last, but digital editions of recent issues are always available online.

BOOKLIST

eisenhowerlibrary.org/booklist

Read current and past issues of Booklist Reader, a digital magazine for readers of all ages from the American Library Association.

NOVELIST

eisenhowerlibrary.org/novelist+

Love a book or author and want to find something similar? Find read-alikes, award winners, complete series information, and more.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

❑ IN-PERSON ❍ VIRTUAL Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

❑ PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES & THE TRAPPINGS OF HOME

Ⓡ *Tuesday, December 1, 6:30–7:30pm*

John Hughes' film, Planes, Trains and Automobiles is more than a comedy. Join film historian Kelli Marshall for a look at the holiday classic. Don't miss the film screening the day before (page six).

❑ HISTORY OF MAHJONG

Ⓡ *Thursday, December 3, 1:00–2:00pm*

Discover the fascinating journey of mahjong from China to the United States with Yvonne Wolf. Learn what the game's characters, bamboos, and dots represent, the difference between mah jongg and mahjong, and how this internationally popular game has evolved across cultures.

❑ SOUNDBATH MEDITATION

Ⓡ *Friday, December 4, 3:00–4:00pm*

Join Frequency Healing musicians and relax to crystal bowls, harp, xylophone, guitar, and saxophone. Bring a yoga mat if you have one (or use a chair), plus a pillow, blanket, and water bottle. Dress comfortably and release your winter stress.

❑ HOLIDAY RECIPES, TIPS & GIFTS

Ⓡ *Saturday, December 5, 2:00–3:30pm*

Food writer Camille Stagg shares favorite recipes and offers turkey tips and wine suggestions. Samples will be served.

❑ JAZZ & SWING: THE GUITAR ARTS DUO

Ⓡ *Sunday, December 6, 3:00–4:00pm*

Chicago musicians Jarvis Raymond and John Behling perform an entertaining mix of beautiful and lively guitar music along with the stories of the musicians who first played these great songs.

❑ CITADELS OF SIN

Ⓡ *Thursday, December 10, 6:30–7:30pm*

Historian Richard Lindberg explores Chicago's notorious Levee vice districts. Meet the Everleigh Sisters, Big Jim Colosimo, and other colorful characters while uncovering a 1905 mystery involving Marshall Field Jr.

❑ HUGO'S ELVIS

Ⓡ *Sunday, January 3, 2:30–3:30pm*

People's choice winner in Chicago's Elvis Tribute Artist contest for 2026. Hugo performs all of Elvis's genres from rockabilly to gospel, from ballads to rock 'n roll.

❑ INDOOR GARDENS

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 7, 6:00–7:00pm*

Brighten your home with florist Heather Coughlin. Learn the basics of growing flowers indoors.

❑ SPEED PUZZLING

Ⓡ *Sunday, January 10, 1:30–4:30pm*

Teams of two compete to assemble the same 500-piece puzzle as quickly as possible.

❑ MAGIC THE GATHERING 101

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 14, 5:00–7:30pm*

Curious about *Magic: The Gathering* but not sure where to start? Learn the basics of the trading card game.

❑ THE CAMP MYSTIC FLOOD

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 28, 6:30–7:30pm*

William Hazelgrove examines the 2025 Camp Mystic flood, the dramatic rescues, and the stories of tragedy and heroism that followed.

❑ CHICAGO HABITATS

Ⓡ *Thursday, February 4, 6:00–7:00pm*

Explore Chicago's ecosystems, from prairies and woodlands to wetlands, with naturalist Kim White. Get an up-close look at some of the live animals that call Chicago home, which may include toads, snakes, turtles, and more.

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❑ ANIMALS OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

Ⓡ *Tuesday, February 9, 6:30, 7:30pm*

Yvonne Wolf explores how Chinese zodiac animals were used to measure time, build relationships, and inspire positive qualities. Learn what your zodiac animal may reveal and find out why the Year of the Goat isn't so baaad!

❑ SONGS FOR VALENTINES

Ⓡ *Sunday, February 14, 2:00–3:00pm*

Celebrate Valentine's Day with vocalist Nancy Hays as she performs favorite love songs from the 1920s to today. Enjoy selections made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day, Karen Carpenter, Linda Ronstadt, Norah Jones, and more.

❑ GORGEOUS GEORGIA!

Ⓡ *Thursday, February 25, 6:30–7:30pm*

World traveler Brian Michalski shares his five-week journey through Georgia, from Soviet-era history and mountain hikes to bustling Tbilisi, wine country, and more.

COMPUTER CLASSES

❑ INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER LITERACY

Ⓡ *Thursdays, Dec 3, 10 & 17, 6:00–7:00pm*

Extend your computer knowledge to include internet basics, online safety, and more in this three-part series.

❑ MOBILE DEVICE HELP

Ⓡ *Friday, December 4, 2:00–4:00pm*
Friday, December 18, 2:00–4:00pm
Friday, January 8, 2:00–4:00pm
Friday, January 22,2:00–4:00pm
Friday, February 12, 2:00–4:00pm
Friday, February 26, 2:00–4:00pm

Have a phone or tablet and need help getting started? Need advanced help with an app? Sign up for personalized individual help! One device per session. Registration is limited to one session each season.

❑ DATA PRIVACY & ONLINE SECURITY

Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 5, 10:00–11:30am*

Explore the topics of data, security, and privacy across the internet.

❑ SHOPPING SAFELY ONLINE

Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 12, 10:00–11:00am*

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.

❑ RESUME REVIEW

Ⓡ *Wednesday, January 20, 6:00, 6:45 or 7:30pm*

Elevate your career prospects by refreshing your resume. In a one-on-one session, we'll go over your current resume and update it with a modern layout.

❑ GOOGLE DRIVE

Ⓡ *Tuesday & Thursday, February 16 & 18, 6:00–7:00pm*

Learn about storing files online; creating documents; uploading documents; and collaborating with others online using Google Drive.

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❑ MEDICARE 101

Ⓡ *Wednesday, December 2, 2026, 1:00–2:00pm*

Join representatives from Oak Street Health to learn about all things Medicare: what is covered, potential out-of-pocket charges, supplemental coverage, and more!

❑ SENIOR GAME DAY

Ⓡ *Mondays, December 7, January 11 & February 8, 1:00–3:00pm*

Calling all seniors! Join us for a variety of games and enjoy an afternoon of fun!

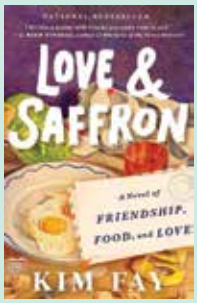
READING MADE EASIER

eisenhowerlibrary.org/accessibility

Enjoy your favorite books in a format that works for you! Eisenhower offers a wide selection of large-print books and audiobooks, along with magnifiers and other assistive equipment to make reading easier. Ask a librarian to help you discover ways to enjoy reading at any age.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org to borrow the books, register for in-person meetings, and find links to join our Zoom discussions. Copies of the selected books will be available at the Library Services Desk approximately one month before each meeting.



ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Our long-running club meets in-person on Tuesdays and online via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons.

TIME OF THE CHILD by Niall Williams

❑ Ⓡ *Tuesday, December 1, 2:00-3:00pm* **(in-person)**

❍ *Wednesday, December 2, 2:00-3:00pm* **(Zoom)**

LOVE AND SAFFRON by Kim Fay

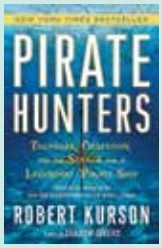
❑ Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 5, 2:00-3:00pm* **(in-person)**

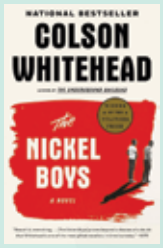
❍ *Wednesday, January 6, 2:00-3:00pm* **(Zoom)**

THE NATURE OF FRAGILE THINGS by Susan Meissner

❑ Ⓡ *Tuesday, February 2, 2:00-3:00pm* **(in-person)**

❍ *Wednesday, February 3, 2:00-3:00pm* **(Zoom)**



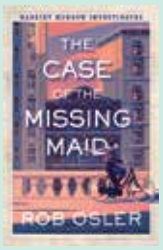


MEN'S BOOK CLUB

This club is designed to get more men reading and talking about books but everyone is welcome.

❑ **PIRATE HUNTERS by Robert Kurson**
Ⓡ *Thursday, January 28, 7:00–8:00pm*

❑ **THE NICKEL BOYS by Colson Whitehead**
Ⓡ *Thursday, February 25, 7:00–8:00pm*



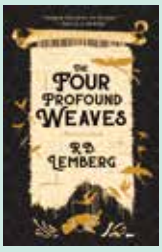
MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Join us for a monthly book discussion followed by a live Zoom Q&A with the author!

❑ **A DAUGHTER OF FAIR VERONA by Christina Dodd**
Ⓡ *Tuesday, December 15, 7:00–8:00pm*

❑ **A MATTER OF PEDIGREE by Leslie Meier**
Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-8:00pm*

❑ **THE CASE OF THE MISSING MAID by Rob Osler**
Ⓡ *Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:00pm*



CAMPFIRE TALES BOOK CLUB

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

❑ **THE FOUR PROFOUND WEAVES by R.B. Lemberg**
Ⓡ *Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-7:30pm*

❑ **HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE by Diana Wynne Jones**
Ⓡ *Wednesday, January 27, 6:30–7:30pm*

❑ **MURDER BY MEMORY by Olivia Waite**
Ⓡ *Wednesday, February 24, 6:30–7:30pm*

❑ BRING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB

Ⓡ *Mondays, December 14, January 11 & February 8, 7:00-8:00pm*

Have a favorite book or two you'd like to share with fellow readers and librarians? Join our book club to tell us about them and get recommendations for books to read next.

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MOVIES AT EISENHOWER

1931

1931 FILM SERIES

In 2027, movies released in 1931 enter the public domain, making them free to use, share, and remix. We're celebrating by screening some of the year's best films.

❑ DRACULA

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 7, 1:00pm.* 1931. 1h 14m.

Transylvanian vampire Count Dracula bends a naive real estate agent to his will, then takes up residence at a London estate where he sleeps in his coffin by day and searches for potential victims by night.

❑ THE PUBLIC ENEMY

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 21, 1:00pm.* 1931. 1h 23m.

Two young Chicago hoodlums rise up from their poverty-stricken slum life to become petty thieves, bootleggers and cold-blooded killers. But with street notoriety and newfound wealth, the duo feels the heat from the cops and rival gangsters both.

❑ CITY LIGHTS

Ⓡ *Thursday, February 4, 1:00pm.* 1931. 1h 27m.

With the aid of a wealthy erratic tippler, Charlie Chaplin, a dewy-eyed tramp who has fallen in love with a blind flower girl accumulates money to be able to help her medically.

❑ FRANKENSTEIN

Ⓡ *Thursday, February 18, 1:00 pm.* 1931. 1h 10m.

Obsessed scientist Dr. Henry Frankenstein attempts to create life by assembling a creature from body parts of the deceased but when his monster escapes Frankenstein must confront his tormented creation.

❑ SPIDER-MAN BRAND NEW DAY

Ⓡ *Thursday, December 10, 2026, 1:00pm*

2026. 2h 25m. PG-13.

One of the biggest movies of all time swings into the Library! Tom Holland returns as Peter Parker. Join us on the big screen for Spider-Man's newest adventure!

❑ PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

Ⓡ *Monday, November 30, 6:30pm*

1987. R. 1h 33m.

Before film historian Kelli Marshall's examination of the classic comedy (page three), join us for a screening of *Planes, Trains & Automobiles* starring Steve Martin and John Candy.

OSCAR CONTEST

January 22-March 14

Are you a movie fan? Think you can pick the Oscar winners? Check off your predictions from this year's Oscar nominated films. Entries with the most correct answers will be eligible to win prizes. Entries will be accepted at the Answers Desk until 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 14th.

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

hoopla

HOOPLA

eisenhowerlibrary.org/hoopla

Sign in with your Eisenhower Library card to download or stream audiobooks, ebooks, shows movies, music, comics, and more.

THE WORKSHOP

Our Workshop is a space dedicated to creativity. It houses a collection of tools that make it an art studio for the entire community! For repeating classes, please sign up for only one session.

❑ IN-PERSON ❍ VIRTUAL Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

❑ COFFEE & CRAFTS

Ⓡ *Wednesdays, January 6 & February 3, 2:00–4:00pm* Ages 13 & up

Take some time to explore your creative side with a variety of art supplies, a featured craft, or bring a work in progress. Come for coffee or tea and stay for fun and conversation!

❑ ETCH A TO-GO GLASS TUMBLER

Ⓡ *Saturday, January 9, 2:00–4:00pm.*
Friday, February 5, 10:00am–12:00pm. Ages 13 & up

Learn to use our laser engraver to etch a to-go glass tumbler. All materials provided.

❑ EMBROIDER A BABY BIB

Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 19, 7:00–9:00pm*
Saturday, February 20, 2:00–4:00pm.
Ages 13 & up

Learn to personalize a baby bib with the Workshop's embroidery machine.

❑ SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 21, 10:00–11:30am*
Thursday, February 25, 12:00–1:30pm. Ages 13 & 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.

❑ TUNNEL BOOK CREATION

Ⓡ *Mondays, January 25 & February 22, 6:30-8:30pm.* Ages 13 & up

Build a 3D, multi-layered book that creates an optical illusion of depth featuring framed cut-paper panels that look down a minature stage or diarama of wonder.

❑ CRICUT: VALENTINE'S DAY LAYERED ART

Ⓡ *Tuesdays, January 26, 6:30–8:30pm, February 2, 12:00–2:00pm & February 9, 2027, 10:00am–12:00pm.* Ages 13 & up

Learn the basics of the Cricut Maker, how to use Cricut Design Space and how to load materials into the Maker. Walk away with a framed piece of layered art, just in time for Valentine's Day.

OPEN WORKSHOP

The Workshop will remain open during remodelling, operating from an alternate location for programming and patron creative endeavors.

Check eisenhowerlibrary.org/workshop or give us a call at 708-867-2294 for information regarding Workshop hours and location once construction begins.

❑ INDIVIDUAL WORKSHOP APPOINTMENTS

Can't make one of our classes, but would like to learn to use equipment in the Workshop? Schedule a one hour appointment! Email us at workshop@eisenhowerpld.org or give us a at call 708-867-2294 and leave a message. We will reach out to you and set up an appointment. (Appointments are scheduled based on the availability of Workshop staff.)

- Sewing machines
- Embroidery machines
- Photo scanning
- Glowforge or Epilog Laser cutters
- Cricut Maker 4 or Cricut Joy craft cutters
- Sublimation printing
- Primera Sticker Printer
- VHS/vinyl/slide/negative/8mm/Super 8mm to digital conversion
- American Button Machines button & magnet makers

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/workshop for more information on what the Workshop has to offer.

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ART & CRAFT PROGRAMS

❑ IN-PERSON ❍ VIRTUAL Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

VIRTUAL CROCHET ALONGS

Enjoy crochet? Interested in learning new stitches or sharing your knowledge? Join us on Zoom every Wednesday afternoon to share your progress on our monthly project or any other crochet project you're currently working on.

❍ NOELLE CROCHET SCARF

Wednesdays, December 2, 9 & 16, 3:00–4:30pm

All through December on Zoom, we will be working on Remington Lane Crochet's Noelle Scarf.

❍ EUNOIA MOBIUS COWL

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27, 3:00–4:30pm

Join us on Zoom to work on a cowl by The Loophole Fox.

❍ CORNER-TO-CORNER PONCHO

Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 17 & 24, 3:00–4:30pm

Throughout the month of February we'll work on the C2C Block Rockin' Poncho by Dora Does.

❑ CORNER-TO-CORNER DISH CLOTH

Ⓡ *Monday, January 4, 6:00–7:30pm. Ages 18 & up*

Use a new crochet technique to create a dish cloth. All materials provided. Basic crochet skills are required.

❑ KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Ⓡ *Mondays, December 14 January 11, & February 8, 2:00–3:30pm. Ages 13 & up*

Join us for an afternoon of yarn projects and conversation. Bring your knitting needles or crochet hooks, and make progress on your current projects.

❑ UFO STITCHING GROUP

Ⓡ *Wednesdays, January 27 & February 24, 6:30–8:00pm. Ages 13 & up*

Still have that project you started years ago? Never finished that scarf for a friend? This group is for you! Bring in your Un-Finished Object for a relaxing evening of crafting.

LIBRARY APPS

CREATIVE BUG

eisenhowerlibrary.org/creativebug

On-demand access to expert instruction in drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, and more. With new video classes added daily, you'll never run out of amazing things to make!

MEET LIBBY

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❑ PINBROIDERY FUN

Ⓡ *Thursday, January 28, 6:30–8:30pm. Ages 13 & up*

Bring your creativity to life! Using your stitching talent, we will guide you to create a beautiful keepsake. Colorful strings will bring your project to life.

❑ MACARON PINCUSHIONS

Ⓡ *Saturday, January 30, 2:00–4:00pm*
Tuesday, February 16, 6:00–8:00pm. Ages 13 & up

Join us to cut and hand sew a cute macaron cookie pincushion. Choose from a variety of patterns.

❑ FRAMED STAINED GLASS ART

Ⓡ *Thursday, February 11, 6:30–8:30pm. Ages 13 & up*

Patterns will be provided to create your "stained glass" project. This colorful framed piece will add a pop of color to your home!

KIDS WORLD

Registration begins on November 2nd. Priority for Kids World programs goes to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights. Others will be placed on the waiting list and contacted if there is room in the program.

❑ IN-PERSON ❍ DROP IN, VIRTUAL, OR TAKE HOME Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

❍ TECH TABLE TUESDAYS

December 1, January 5, & February 9, 10:00am & 4:00pm. Ages 12 & under

Drop by our table in Kids World once a month to explore a rotation of different technology.

❑ COOL KIDS COMIC CLUB

Ⓡ *December 3, January 7, & February 4, 6:00pm. Grades 3-6*

Calling all graphic novel fans! Want to eat snacks and talk graphic novels with your fellow comic enthusiasts? Stop by the Library Services desk to pick up a copy of each month's book to read beforehand and join us for discussion, activities, and fun!

❑ PEN AND PAPER TABLE TOP ADVENTURE

Ⓡ *December 5, January 16, & February 6, 10:00am. Ages 7-12*

Grab your pencils and dice! Each session will be a different bite size story in these Dungeons and Dragons adventures.

❑ KIDS CRAFT CLUB

Ⓡ *December 8, January 26, & February 2, 5:00pm*

Ages 6 -12. 7 & under with an adult.

Make some simple crafts and be social with other creative people! Each session we will make something new and have fun things to talk about!

❑ LEGO® NIGHT

Ⓡ *December 9 & January 6, 6:30pm. Ages 8-12*

Join us as we engineer Lego creations and put them to the test!

❍ SENSORY PLAYTIME

December 11, January 15, & February 12, 11:00am. Ages 0-5 with an adult

Join us for an hour of sensory play! Kids will dive into a variety of squishy, crunchy smooth, and colorful experiences designed to stimulate minds, develop motor skills, and encourage exploration. This program will be messy.

❍ WINTER CRAFTS

December 12, 11:00am.

Ages 12 & under. 7 & under with an adult

Drop in and get creative with a variety of fun, winter-themed crafts!

❑ LITTLE LEARNERS

Ⓡ *December 14, January 11, & February 8, 10:30am. Ages 0-3 with an adult*

Each month this program will focus on a different topic related to STEAM. Early Engineers will focus on building with blocks and thinking big! Artistic Adventure will be about colors and textures where your little will be creating a finished keepsake to take home. Music & Math will be about making music and exploring numbers.

❑ LET'S COOK

Ⓡ *December 17, January 21, & February 18, 5:30pm. Ages 6-12 with an adult*

Let's get cooking! This cooking class will give you a hands-on experience with each dish!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle will be held at the Norridge Park District's "Party Room" in the Recreation Center located at 4631 N Overhill Ave. Norridge, IL 60106.

Practice Battle: January 20, 4:00pm
Battle 1: January 27, 4:00pm
Battle 2: February 3, 4:00pm
Battle 3: February 10, 4:00pm
Battle 4: February 17, 4:00pm
Battle 5: February 24, 4:00pm
Award Ceremony: March 10, 4:00pm

❑ LEGO® DAY

Ⓡ *December 19, January 30, & February 27, 10:00am.*
Ages 4-7 with an adult

Using the Library's Lego brick collection, let's have fun building a display for Kids World.

❑ LET'S PLAY: POKÉMON BATTLE ACADEMY

Ⓡ *December 19 & February 20, 1:00pm & January 9, 11:00am. Ages 5-12. 7 & under with an adult*

Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card game with Pokémon Battle Academy! Already know how to play? Use the assembled decks for practice.

❍ TRIVIA GAME HOUR

Ⓡ *December 22 , 3:00pm. Grades 3-6*

Join us virtually on the Library's Zoom account for an hour of trivia fun. Can't make the date? Register to get a link afterwards to play on your own.

❑ DRAWING WITH SHAPES

Ⓡ *December 29, 10:30am. Ages 4-12. 7 & under with an adult*

Grab a pencil and follow along step-by-step as we use simple shapes to draw a scene.

❑ POKÉMON™ CLUB

Ⓡ *December 30, 5:00pm & February 11, 6:00pm.*
Ages 5-12. 7 & under with an adult

Are you a fan of Pokémon? Meet other trainers and show off your favorite Pokémon! Each session will have new activities themed around everyone's favorite pocket monsters!

❑ MAKE A VISION BOARD

Ⓡ *January 12, 6:00pm. Ages 7-12*

Create a vision board to set up yourself for a new year. We will talk about setting goals while making a craft.

❑ KIDS NO SEW FLEECE HAT WITH POMPOM

Ⓡ *January 23, 10:00am.*
Ages 5-12. 7 & under with an adult

Brighten up chilly days with our Kids No-Sew Fleece Hat! This beginner project is perfect for little makers.

STORYTIME

❍ WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays. Ages 12 & under

From January through February we offer drop-in storytime. For drop-in storytimes, sign in will begin 30 minutes before the class starts. For information and schedules call 708-867-2298 or visit us online at eisenhowerlibrary.org/storytime.

WINTER READING

Ⓡ *December 1-January 31, Ages 12 & under*

Winter Reading is here again! Read all the books you can this winter to earn a free book and other prizes. Register on Beanstack and pick up your optional tracking log in Kids World. Then stop in weekly to display your reading progress and encourage other readers!

TRAIL TO KINDERGARTEN

Ⓡ *December-July, Ages 4-5*

Designed to assist families with the transition to school, this eight-month long program is for children who will be heading to kindergarten in the 2027-2028 school year.

Each month features a unique BINGO card with activities that introduce and develop skills for kindergarten readiness. Each complete card will garner a backpack charm for use next year. BINGO cards will be made available in paper and digital forms.

Children are welcome to join anytime during the program's duration.

KIDS WORLD

Registration begins on November 2nd. Priority for Kids World programs goes to residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights. Others will be placed on the waiting list and contacted if there is room in the program.

❑ IN-PERSON ❍ DROP IN OR TAKE HOME Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FUN ALL WINTER LONG

Check out Kids World each month for fun take home activities and things to do when you visit.

DECEMBER

KIDS WORLD COMMUNITY QUILT

December 1-31. Ages 12 & under

Come get a quilt square during December. Decorate it while visiting the library or at home with your own supplies, just make sure to bring it back before the end of 2026! The squares will be joined into a quilt in January and displayed in Kids World. In June, participants can collect their quilt squares. While supplies last.

TRAIL TO KINDERGARTEN®

December 1-31. Ages 4-5

Heading to Kindergarten next year? Earn prizes by completing monthly BINGO cards. Details on page 10.

JANUARY

COLOR-BY-NUMBER ART

January 1-30. Ages 12 & under

For 30 days, color pixel by pixel to reveal the hidden art. Drop in to pick up a kit at the Kids desk starting December 28th. While supplies last.

MINI ART GALLERY

January 1-30. Ages 12 & under

Be a part of Kids World's Mini Art Gallery, where you are the artist! Take home a 3x3 canvas to decorate during the month of January and bring it back to us to display throughout the month of February. While supplies last.

BOOKMARK EXCHANGE

January 1-30. Ages 12 & under

Show off your art skills in our bookmark exchange: make one to share and pick one to keep for your reading adventures.

DECORATE A MITTEN

January 1-30. Ages 12 & under

We're smitten about reading! Decorate a mitten to add to our bulletin board.

TRAIL TO KINDERGARTEN

Ⓡ *January 1-30. Ages 4-5*

Heading to Kindergarten next year? Earn prizes by completing monthly BINGO cards. Details on page 10.

FEBRUARY

WASHI TAPE ACCESSORIES

February 1-28. Ages 12 & under

Make some cute accessories for your desk or to give away as gifts. While supplies last.

BEADED KEYCHAIN LIZARD

February 1-28. Ages 6-12

Pick up a kit to make your very own lizard buddy out of pony beads. While supplies last.

COLORFUL PASTA NECKLACE

February 1-28. Ages 2-4

Pick up a kit to make a colorful necklace out of pasta. While supplies last.

LEGO NIGHT: TAKE AND MAKE

Ⓡ *February 1-30. Ages 8-12*

Builders can register to receive a take-home dinosaur kit (limit one), and build a habitat for their dino. Completed dino habitats will be displayed in Kids World if the builders wish.

TRAIL TO KINDERGARTEN

Ⓡ *February 1-30. Ages 4-5*

Heading to Kindergarten next year? Earn prizes by completing monthly BINGO cards. Details on page ten.

TEENS

❑ IN-PERSON ● VIRTUAL Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

❑ ANONYMOUS YOUNG ADULT WRITERS

Every Thursday, 4:00-5:30pm

Writers in high school and college are invited to drop in on a weekly hour and a half of socializing, discussion, and writing! Share your poems and stories in a supportive space or listen as others read.

❑ MAGIC: THE GATHERING

Ⓡ *December 28, 29 & 30, 11:30am–2:30pm*

Welcome, storytellers, world-builders, and game players ages 12–18! Learn to play the world's greatest trading card game, Magic: The Gathering.

❑ WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? SELF DEFENSE

Ⓡ *Saturday, January 9, 2:00–4:00pm*
Ages 15-18

Learn how to protect yourself! Lindsey Daehnke, a martial artist since 1999, demonstrates practical techniques you can use in real-world situations.

❑ CROCHET FOR TEENS

Ⓡ *Tuesday, January 26 & February 23, 4:00–5:00pm.* *Ages 12-18*

Learn to crochet (or maybe knit), or advance the skills you already have. Yarn, hooks, and needles provided, or bring your own project.

❑ SMASH BROS

Ⓡ *Tuesday, Jan 19, 3:30–4:30pm.* *Ages 12-18*

Join us after school for a Super Smash Brothers tournament! Battle your friends to get a prize if you win!

TUTOR.COM

eisenhowerlibrary.org/tutor

Live, one-one-one online help with tutoring, test prep, homework, essay reviews, finding job openings, preparing for interviews, and more.

MANGO LANGUAGES

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Learn practical language skills with fun, interactive lessons, English as a Second Language courses, and Mango's mobile apps.

CLUBS & GROUPS

❑ SCALE MODEL CLUB (ADULTS)

Wednesdays, Dec 2, Jan 6 & Feb 3 6:30–7:30pm. *Ages 18 & up*

Hone your model building skills by joining other enthusiasts. Work on your project, share tips, and get advice.

❑ PEN & INK WRITERS GROUP

Mondays, Dec 21 & Jan 25, & Wednesday, Feb 17, 7:00–8:30pm

Read your short stories, poems, or essays, all inspired by a common theme. Receive and offer positive critique.

❑ SCALE MODEL CLUB (YOUTH)

Wednesday, Dec 16, Jan 20 & Feb 17, 6:30–7:30pm. *Ages 8-17*

Work on your model project and get advice on making your project look it's very best.

❑ WARHAMMER!

Saturday, Dec 26, Jan 16 & Feb 20, 10:00am–12:00pm. *Ages 16 & up*

Join us in the fantasy world of Warhammer for a campaign of strategy and storytelling as we battle medieval armies and monstrous creatures.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Our Social Services team is here to assist you by offering short-term case management or referring you to outside organizations. They have access to a wide network of resources, including the Seniors Assistance Center, Housing Forward, and the Salvation Army.

Residents of Norridge and Harwood Heights can make a weekly appointment by calling 708-867-2293 or with the form at eisenhowerlibrary.org/socialservices.

Walk-in appointments are available to everyone based on the availability of Social Services staff.

Some things we can help with include:

- Employment
- Resume Assistance
- Youth Services
- Senior Services
- Social Security
- Housing
- Food Insecurity
- LGBTQIA+ Support
- Crisis Management
- Substance Abuse
- Care Kits
- Mental Health
- Immigration Support

SOCIAL SERVICES EVENTS

❑ IN-PERSON ◯ VIRTUAL Ⓡ REGISTRATION REQUIRED

❑ SELF-GUIDANCE THROUGH ART
Ⓡ Wednesday, January 13, 6:00–7:00pm

Give yourself the guidance you are looking for in the new year through the medium of art! This is an opportunity to engage in self-reflection and self-expression with your choice of art activity. Guided art prompts and all materials will be provided!

❑ MOVEMENT AND MINDFULNESS
Ⓡ Monday, January 25, 6:00–7:00pm

Use somatic therapy techniques and a guided meditation script to practice mindfulness in a no-judgement zone. No previous yoga or meditation experience required!

LITTLE COMMUNITY CARE CART

Sometimes a little help can make a big difference. Located in the Library's vestibule, our Little Community Care Cart offers free food and personal care items to anyone who needs them, no questions asked. Visitors may take up to five items.

The cart relies on community generosity. Donations of unopened, nonperishable food and personal care products are always welcome. Help us keep the cart stocked and support our neighbors in need!

HOME DELIVERY & CURBSIDE PICKUP

As we move into the cooler months we thought you might like a reminder that we still offer Curbside Pickup and Home Delivery. These services let you borrow from the Library without having to brave the weather.

To request pickup or delivery, place holds on books, movies, or other items either through the Library's online catalog or, for quicker service, by calling 708-867-7828.

Once you have received notification that your items are ready, either give as call to let us know you'd like them delivered (Norridge and Harwood Heights residents only) or call from our parking lot and we'll bring your items right out.

You'll have books to read or movies to watch and you might not even have to put your coat on!

❑ COOK COUNTY CLERK
Thursday, December 3, 2026, 12:00–4:00pm
Thursday, December 10, 4:00–8:00pm

Meet representatives from the Cook County Clerk's Office and learn about the services and resources they offer. Pick up informational materials about voter registration, elections, vital records, and other county services.

In-person and phone registration starts November 2nd for Norridge & Harwood Heights residents with valid library cards. Online registration for everyone opens November 9th.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There's more at the Library than books! Our library of things offers a variety of other items to help you explore new interests, tackle projects, or simply try something new.

For home entertainment, turn your living room into a theater with a portable **video projector**, or borrow an **Apple TV** or **Roku device** to explore streaming services and entertainment options. Whether you're planning a movie night or trying out new technology before making a purchase, we've got you covered.

Stay connected with our **WiFi hotspots**, which provide internet access for your laptop, tablet, or smartphone. You can also borrow a **Chromebook laptop** and Wi-Fi hotspot together, giving you the tools to work, study, or browse the internet from almost anywhere.

Discover your musical talents with our **acoustic guitar** and **ukulele kits**, complete with instructional materials. Younger musicians can experiment with colorful Chroma-Notes **resonator bells**, while our portable **karaoke machine**, featuring two microphones and party lights, can turn any gathering into a sing-along.

Explore the world around you with a **Celestron telescope**, perfect for beginning astronomers interested in observing the moon and stars. Our **binoculars** are great for birdwatching and backyard exploration.

Make the most of winter with items for both indoor and outdoor activities. When the snow starts falling, borrow a **snow block mold** to build snow forts, sculptures, and other winter creations. When it's too cold to venture outside, brighten up the darker days with a **Verilux light therapy lamp**, designed to help improve mood and energy.

Discover more at eisenhowerlibrary.org/special-collections.

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

MUSEUM PASSES

eisenhowerlibrary.org/museums

Norridge and Harwood Heights residents with a current Eisenhower Library card can enjoy free or discounted admission to museums, gardens, zoos, and more.

Museum Adventure Passes offer discounts to attractions like Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, and the Chicago Botanic Garden. See participating locations at museumadventure.org. Passes are available first come, first served at the Library Services Desk.

Explore More Illinois provides online discounts to museums, performing arts venues, and other attractions. Get passes at exploremore.quipugroup.net.

You can also borrow **Art Institute of Chicago** and **Kohl Children's Museum** passes for free admission through our Special Collections. eisenhowerlibrary.org/special-collections.

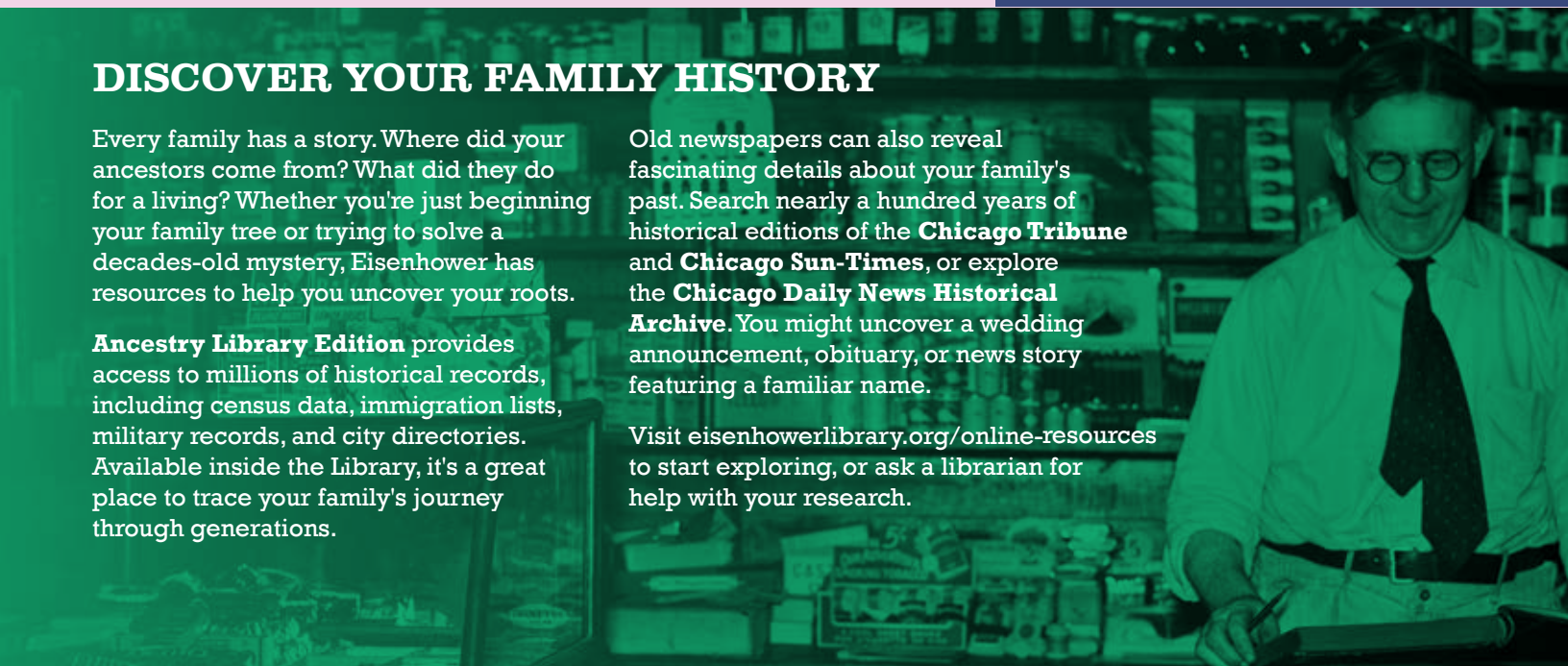
DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Every family has a story. Where did your ancestors come from? What did they do for a living? Whether you're just beginning your family tree or trying to solve a decades-old mystery, Eisenhower has resources to help you uncover your roots.

Ancestry Library Edition provides access to millions of historical records, including census data, immigration lists, military records, and city directories. Available inside the Library, it's a great place to trace your family's journey through generations.

Old newspapers can also reveal fascinating details about your family's past. Search nearly a hundred years of historical editions of the **Chicago Tribune** and **Chicago Sun-Times**, or explore the **Chicago Daily News Historical Archive**. You might uncover a wedding announcement, obituary, or news story featuring a familiar name.

Visit eisenhowerlibrary.org/online-resources to start exploring, or ask a librarian for help with your research.



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❑ CONSUMERS' CHECKBOOK

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Find reliable local businesses and service providers with independent ratings, customer reviews, and price comparisons. Research plumbers, contractors, auto repair shops, healthcare providers, and more.

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