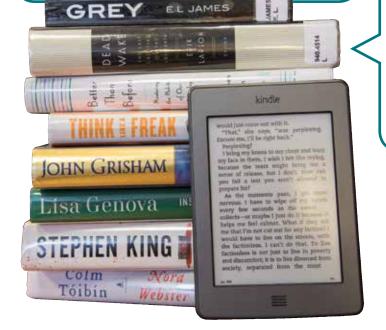
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# FOR ADULTS

#### Family History Resources at the Library

Find out how to do family history research using the library's free resources. We will cover Ancestry.com, historical newspaper archives, and other resources. *Wednesday, September 9 at 7 pm* 

#### Introduction to Yoga

Whether you are trying yoga for the first time or are a regular practitioner, this class will introduce you to basics of yoga practice and the myriad benefits yoga can bring to your life. Bring a mat or towel. Limited to 20 participants.

Thursdays, September 10 and October 8 at 9:30 am

#### Native Plants and Your Garden

Celebrate the ecological heritage of the Midwest. Micah Slavkin of Heirloom Landscapes will teach you about native plants, why you should consider incorporating them into your garden, and what types of native plants are best suited for our climate.

Thursday, September 10 at 7 pm



#### Capture Skokie: A Photo Walk

Landscape and nature photographer Howard Frank and our staff photographer Max Herman will lead you on a photo walk, giving tips on how to capture that serendipitous shot. Limited to 15 participants. Meet in the library's east lobby for a short presentation followed by a walk (outdoors if weather permits, or indoors at different landmarks).

Saturday, September 12 at 10 am

#### Forensic Science 101

Come be part of the library's forensic science group where we will learn the science behind the tools used to reconstruct crime scenes. The college-level course content is from the Introduction to Forensic Science MOOC (massive open online course) on coursera.org. We will meet each week to view the video lectures, ask questions, and learn from each other. Limited to 10 participants. Please plan to attend all eight weeks.

Mondays, September 14–November 2 at 6 pm

#### **Great Decisions Discussion Group**

This group meets monthly to discuss a topic of current affairs. To sign up or for more information, call Bruce Brigell at 847-673-7774 or stop by the Readers Services Desk.

September: Brazil's metamorphosis Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm

# Applying Basic Photography Skills to Your Phone

Move beyond the selfie to create works of art with your phone or tablet. Weather permitting, we will take photos outdoors and then learn to use popular editing apps to further refine our images. Bring your own smartphone or tablet, or test drive one of our iPads. Limited to 12 participants.

Thursday, September 17 at 3 pm

#### **Transfer Photos to Fabric**

Use Citra-Solv, a natural chemical, to make a permanent photo transfer onto fabric. Bring a handful of photos that will look good in black and white, and a fabric item of your choice. Limited to 6 participants. Fabric scraps will be provided for testing.

*Thursdays, September 17 at 7 pm and October 29 at 10 am* 

#### Savvy Skokie Seniors

Are you newly retired or interested in meeting other older adults in the community? Join our new club for seniors. You will meet people, learn new things, and maybe create something to take home. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided.

Thursdays, September 24 and October 22 at 11 am



#### Honey Bee Know How

Ever wonder how to start tending your own beehive? Jana Kinsman of Bike a Bee will give an overview of a year in the life of a beekeeper, the lives of the Chicago area's crucial native bee population, and what you can do to help maintain bee populations. Samples of fresh honey will be provided.

Saturday, September 26 at 1 pm

#### Chicago in the Movies: Gangsters and Sweethearts and a Little Graft on the Side

Join *Chicago Tribune* film critic Michael Phillips for a cinematic tour and discussion of Chicago's movie image over the years. From *Underworld* (1927) and *Scarface* to Spike Lee's forthcoming *CHI-RAQ*, Chicago has never been easy to pin down in the movies. Free tickets will be distributed at 2:30 pm.

Sunday, September 27 at 3 pm

#### Write On! A Skokie Writers Group

Local aspiring and published authors looking to perfect their skills are invited to gather and workshop their writing. Drop-in event. *Mondays, September 28 and October 26 at 7 pm* 

#### Introduction to Crochet in Two Parts

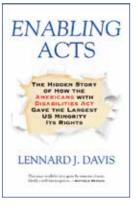
See our website for more information. *Thursdays, October 1 and 8 at 7 pm* 

### A LONG TIME AGO: THE HISTORY OF STAR WARS

Sociologists John and Maria Tenuto will share their research from more than 2,000 newspaper articles, exploring how our culture reacted to and was influenced by the original films. Stories, forgotten trivia, rare photographs, and more will be excavated during this fascinating look at the world's newest mythology.

Saturday, October 3 at 1 pm

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#### THE HIDDEN STORY How the ADA Gave the Largest U.S. Minority Its Rights

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Lennard Davis, author and professor of

disability and human development at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will address this momentous occasion for civil rights. Following his remarks, there will be a discussion and reception featuring community members and their experiences before and after ADA, as well as a book sale featuring his extensively researched work on this topic.

Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm

#### New Urbanism in Skokie

What's new urbanism all about—this movement that emphasizes a richer quality of life through walkability, sustainability, eclecticism, and organic growth? Learn the basic principles as they apply to Skokie at this panel discussion, then join us for a follow-up workshop in November. Speakers are named on our website.

#### Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm



#### Camera Essentials

Learn about the different camera modes and explore essential menu options on your DSLR, ILC, or compact camera in this hands-on class. Bring your own camera to explore possibilities in class. Limited to 15 participants.

Wednesday, October 14 at 7 pm



#### Mindy Segal's Cookie Love

Ever wonder how you can up your cookiebaking game? Mindy Segal, owner of Chicago's Hot Chocolate, self-professed cookie nerd, and author of *Cookie Love*, will share her secrets for interpretations of classic recipes. Cookies will be available to try, and a book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

Thursday, October 15 at 7 pm

#### So You Want to Be a Writer

Members of the Independent Writers of Chicago guide you through the business of freelance writing. Sally Chapralis launched her freelance business in 1984, and Jeff Steele has been a freelance writer since 1989.

Monday, October 19 at 7 pm

#### Embroidery Painting

No watercolors, no brushes— Katie Netti's preferred painting method relies on a needle and thread. Learn how to interpret and recreate an image using embroidery painting. All materials are provided. Limited to 20 participants.

Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 pm

#### Eula Biss: On Immunity

See page 7 for more details. *Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm* 

#### Canes for a Cause

Make a difference by decorating a walking cane that will be donated to a person in need. This service project is part of the library's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Drop-in event for all ages, while supplies last. *Sunday, October 25,12:30–2:30 pm* 

#### On the Road: Useful Websites and Apps

Learn to use helpful travel websites and apps to help you get around on the road. Book a last-minute room, translate a sign, find a clean bathroom (yes, really!), locate restaurants, and more in this 90-minute hands-on class. Bring your own device or use one of our iPads. Limited to 13 participants. *Monday, October 26 at 11 am* 

#### Welcome to Your Automated Home

Both Apple and Google have announced new initiatives to make the automated "smart" home



a reality. Take a sneak peak at the house of the future and explore the consumer products that are already readily available. Presented by Mike Gershbein of technology training company Very Smart People.

Tuesday, October 27 at 7 pm

## TEENS

#### Friend Squad Volunteer Training

We are recruiting volunteers in grades 6–12 who want to earn service hours by being a friend to others. Help us run our monthly Friend Squad activities and create a supportive environment for your peers to meet new people.

Wednesday, September 23 at 6 pm

#### Nail Art

Halloween-inspired nail art program. Drop-in event for grades 6–12. *Fridays, October 16 and 23 at 4 pm* 

#### ACT Practice Exam

Take a practice test and receive a detailed analysis of your performance provided by KAPLAN,

then decide which part to study. The test is 3.5 hours long. Limited to 30 participants.

Saturday, October 17, 1–5 pm

#### Zombie and Gore Makeup

Join us after school to become one of the undead. We will supply the makeup, but you have to bring your own brains! For grades 6–12.

Friday, October 30 at 4 pm

#### Just Dance Tournament with D219 Dance Marathon

Show off your moves and learn about the Dance Marathon charity: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. Prizes will awarded to the best two dancers.

Saturday, November 7 at 1:30 pm

Check our website for a complete listing.

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# LIVE PERFORMANCES

## MADAMA BUTTERFLY: MAIN STREET OPERA

Main Street Opera returns with the timeless classic *Madama Butterfly*. A young geisha gives up everything for a dashing American in Puccini's masterpiece of hope, determination, and ultimate sacrifice. The performance will be fully staged and costumed, with piano accompaniment. Main Street Opera provides professional opera performances in locations that don't have regular access to high-caliber



Sunday, September 20 at 3 pm

#### Young Steinway Concerts

For many years, Skokie Public Library's Young Steinway Concerts have showcased young people with extraordinary talent and the drive to make great use of that talent. These concerts give local audiences a chance to enjoy first-class music close to home at no cost.

Justin Chang, Piano, and Chizuru Tanaka, Violin *Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm* 



Leevy Williams, Cello Sunday, November 1 at 3 pm



#### Andreas Kapsalis

Ten-finger acoustic guitar virtuoso Andreas Kapsalis performs original compositions quoting Americana folk sensibilities infused with Balkan and European ornaments. His style of composition is always reminiscent of a soundtrack

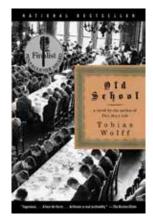
filled with emotionally introspective twists, contemplative motifs, and an air of intrigue and fantasy, all meant to accompany the audience's imagination. Andreas returns to Chicago debuting his first solo all acoustic guitar album. *Sunday, October 11 at 3 pm* 

#### Kaia String Quartet

The Kaia String Quartet currently focuses on exploring the music of Latin American composers, both contemporary and traditional. Kaia has been named Ensemble in Residence of the Latin Music Festival of Chicago since 2012. Kaia's members are Victoria Moreira and Naomi Culp, violin; Sixto Franco Chordá, viola; and Hope Shepherd, cello. *Sunday, October 25 at 3 pm* 







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# BOOKS & AUTHORS

#### **Chapters Book Discussion**

Family Life

by Akhil Sharma *Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm or Thursday, September 17 at 10 am* 

#### LitLounge

LitLounge meets at Curragh Irish Pub, 8266 Lincoln Ave. Sign up and get a copy of the book at the Readers Services Desk.

#### The Circle

by Dave Eggers Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm

#### The Martian

by Andy Weir Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm

#### Local Author Showcase

#### Krish V. Krishnan

Krishnan's book *Rambles into Sacred Realms* combines a travelogue with more than 113 pieces of the author's artwork executed over nearly three decades across 12 different countries. He presents a book talk and scratch art demo. Books and prints will be available for purchase and signing.

Monday, September 21 at 7 pm

#### **Top Shelf Book Discussion** Old School by Tobias Wolff

Wednesday, October 7 at 7 pm or Wednesday, October 21 at 10 am

## EULA BISS: ON IMMUNITY

Acclaimed author Eula Biss will give a public reading and talk on her recent work *On Immunity: An Inoculation*, a finalist for the National Book Critic Circle Award for nonfiction. In light of the ongoing national debate over vaccination, join us for this important and timely conversation. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm



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# KIDS & FAMILIES

#### School Nights

Faculty and staff from local schools will read their favorite stories, followed by refreshments. Drop-in event for grades K-5.



#### Hillel Torah

Wednesday, September 2, 7–8 pm

East Prairie Wednesday, October 7, 7–8 pm

#### Road Trip USA

Pick up your road trip map as we set out on our year-long adventure through the American Southeast. For grades 1–5.





On the Road to Memphis, TN Friday, October 9, 4:30-5:30 pm



#### **Breakfast with Books**

Join us for our favorite stories and games while enjoying a light breakfast snack. Drop-in event for ages 2–5.

Saturdays, September 12 and October 10, 10:30-11:15 am

#### **Builders Club**

Come create with our vast collection of legos, duplos, and other building materials. Design on your own or help build a joint masterpiece. Drop-in event for grades K-5.

Mondays, September 14–October 26, 4–5:30 pm

#### Fun with Science

Join a professor from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northwestern University for experiments, games, and the wonders of science. Limited to 25 participants. For grades 2-5.

Saturdays, September 19 and October 17, 3-4 pm

#### Musikgarten

Staff from the Music Institute of Chicago lead singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening, and playing simple instruments to develop the child's musical aptitude, and enhance their focused listening abilities. Each session limited to 15 participants. For ages 0–5 with an adult.

Monday, September 21, 10:30-11 am or 11:30 am-noon

#### Mission Addition

Explore the library's pretend preschool store and practice simple number and math skills as you play. Limited to 15 participants. For ages 4–5. Thursday, September 24, 10:30-11 am

#### Pajama Storytime

Gather under the library stars for our favorite stories. Pajamas are optional, but fun is guaranteed. Drop-in event for ages 2-5 with a grownup.

Wednesdays, September 30 and October 28, 7-7:30 pm

#### Star Wars Extravaganza

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...there was a library where Star Wars was celebrated by all! Hone your skill using the Force with an assortment of games, trivia, and activities for the whole family. Drop-in event for all ages.

Saturday, October 3, noon-4 pm

We have a new registration process! Starting September 1, you'll be able to register for all programs in September and October!



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## POP! PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Come to POP!, a new group for parents of children ages 2–5 where you can meet other parents, enjoy refreshments, learn about child development, and support each other in doing the best for your young children. In October, we're talking about ways to help your child build the skills to get ready to read. No babysitter needed—bring your young children to a special storytime in an adjoining room.

Tuesday,October 27, 6:30–7:30 pm (limit 16)

#### Canes for a Cause

See description on page 5. Sunday, October 25, 12:30–2:30 pm

#### **Campfire Stories**

Storyteller Chris Fascione will add to the autumn mood with not-too-scary stories perfect for entertaining the whole family. Stay after the stories for s'mores! Drop-in event for families. Dress for outdoor weather.

Friday, October 30, 6:30–7:30 pm

#### Halloween Stories and Parade

Wear your costume to hear some fun stories, followed by a Halloween costume parade and trick-ortreating in the library. For ages 2–6.

Saturday, October 31, 10:30–11:30 am



Check out our website for a complete listing of events for kids and families.

#### **Storytimes for Little Ones**

Give the child in your life a great start in learning and reading with fun, interactive storytimes. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays, and action rhymes aimed at building a love of language, books, and reading. Parents or another adult caregiver participate with children younger than three and stay in the library while 3–5 year olds attend independently. All sessions run the week of September 28 through the end of October.

Book Babies	0–11 months	Wednesdays 9:30–10 am
Together Time	0–23 months	Wednesdays 9:30–11 am
Wonderful Ones	12–23 months	Wednesdays 10:30–11 am
Wonderful Ones	12–23 months	Mondays 10:30–11 am
Toddler Time for Twos*	2 years	Tuesdays 10:30–11 am
Toddler Time for Twos	2 years	Fridays 10:30–11 am
Rise & Shine Storytime	3–5 years	Mondays 10:30–11 am
Preschool Storytime*	3–5 years	Tuesdays 10:30–11 am
Preschool Storytime	3–5 years	Thursdays 1:30–2 pm
Hooray for PreK*	4–5 years	Wednesdays 1:30–2:15 pr

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# BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

#### Hands-on Tablet and Computer Help

Come with your basic technology questions to this small, discussion-based class that is great for beginners. Limited to five participants.

Fridays, September 4–October 30 at 1 pm



## DEMYSTIFYING COMPUTERS

A reassuring, jargon-free talk to introduce late bloomers, technophobes, and the digitally challenged to all the wonders of using a computer, email, and the Internet with Abby Stokes (AskAbbyStokes.com), author of *Is This Thing On?* Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm

#### Learn to Use Online Photo Editing Tools

You don't need to own expensive and difficult-tolearn software to make your pictures perfect for the screen or to print. This hands-on class teaches the basics of free online photo editing tools. Limited to 13 participants.

Thursday, September 24 at 7 pm

#### Cracking the HTML Code: Build Your Own Website

Whether or not you have coding experience, by the end of this course you'll have the skills required to build your own website using Treehouse. Complete self-guided, easy to follow, and interactive instruction modules at home. At the weekly classes we'll discuss the modules, ask questions, and learn from each other. We request that you attend every class. Limited to 20 participants who have Skokie Public Library cards and strong computer skills.

Wednesdays, September 30-October 21 at 9:30 am

#### The Ever-Changing Face of Internet Security

Protect yourself from the many cyberthreats that leverage the Internet for profit or mischief today. Presenter Mark Litin owns the IT support firm Computer Nirvana, LLC, serving Chicago's North Shore. He is an expert in Internet security and data breach prevention.



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Thursday, October 8 at 7 pm

#### **Digital Wallets 101**

You can use Digital Wallets to purchase gas, groceries, and much more using NFC (near field communication). Come hear an unbiased introduction to the pros and cons of this relatively new technology.

Monday, October 12 at 7 pm

# DML CLASSES

**Introduction to the Apple Computer** Wednesday, September 9, 7 pm Tuesday, October 6, 7 pm

*Advanced Photoshop Elements Friday, September 11, 11 am* 

**Digitize All the Things** Monday, September 14, 7 pm Sunday, October 18, 1 pm **Photoshop Elements** Sunday, September 20, 1 pm Wednesday, October 21, 6 pm

Introduction to Podcasting Monday, September 21, 7 pm

Make Movies Friday, October 2, 3 pm Introduction to Adobe Lightroom Monday, October 5, 3 pm

#### Facebook Basics

Sep 4 at 6:30 pm

Skype for Beginners Sep 8 at 3 pm

Google + Sep 10 at 7 pm

Applying Basic Photography Skills to Your Phone

Sep 17 at 3 pm

Windows 10 Sep 18 at 7 pm

**Use Your Tablet to Read** Sep 24 at 3 pm

Learn About 3D Printers Sep 26 at 10 am

**Google Hangouts** Sep 30 at 7 pm

#### Automate Your Life with Arduino

Oct 2 at 11 am

Applications and Wearables For Fitness Oct 6 at 7 pm

**Google Forms for Beginners** Oct 11 at 1 pm

**Camera Essentials** Oct 14 at 7 pm

*Making GIFs* Oct 16 at 3 pm

**Comic Life for Adults** Oct 19 at 7 pm

*iPad: Basic Use and Surfing the Web Oct 22 at 7 pm* 



Computer Hardware: What Makes This Thing Compute? Oct 24 at 10:30 am

Government Information on the Web Oct 28 at 7 pm

Windows 10 Oct 29 at 7 pm

Microsoft Word 2013

Beginners Sep 19, 10:30 am Oct 1, 7 pm Intermediate Oct 12, 7 pm Mail Merge Oct 28, 3 pm

#### Microsoft Excel 2013

Beginners Sep 5, 10:30 am Oct 4, 1 pm Charts and Graphs Oct 19, 3 pm Formulas and Functions Sep 23, 11 am Oct 31, 10:30 am

Making a Budget Sep 2, 11 am Oct 3, 10:30 am Pivot Tables Oct 15, 7 pm

#### Microsoft PowerPoint 2013

Beginners Sep 28, 7 pm Oct 17, 10:30 am Intermediate Oct 7, 3 pm Photo Slideshow Oct 26, 7 pm

Microsoft Publisher 2013BeginnersSep 15, 7 pmCreate a FlyerOct 9, 3 pm

# BUSINESS & CAREER

#### Business before Hours: How Does Facebook Work for Small Businesses?

Learn to manage and make the most of your business Facebook page. Coffee and networking will precede the presentation. Enter on the west side of the library only by 8:15 am.

Wednesday, September 16 at 8:15 am

#### How to Start & Grow a Business in Skokie

Don't miss this workshop led by the Village of Skokie's Economic Development Division. Sample business plans, business incentive programs, and available property listings will be provided, as well tips on navigating licensing, marketing, and the financial process.

Monday, September 28 at 7 pm

#### **Strategies for Changing Careers**

In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn about the change management process and how to get organized when planning for your career move. You'll walk away with a personal plan to help you achieve your dreams.

Tuesday, September 29 at 7 pm

#### Creating Business Plans: Road Maps for Planning and Getting Loans



Good planning increases the odds of success. This workshop covers the essential elements of business plan development, including setting goals, making marketing and financial plans, and defining steps to obtain your goals. Presented by SCORE.

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Explore the science of textiles using sewing machines, weaving looms, embroidery hoops, a vinyl cutter, simple circuits for "smart" wearables, and more. Attend a micro workshop to learn the basics of our featured equipment and get certified to use them independently.

Trash to Treasure Paper Making Grades 3–5. September 9, 6:30–7:30 pm

Science Club Grades K–2. September 16, 4:30–5:15 pm

**Tie Dye Pattern Challenge** For grades K–5 with an adult. September 26, 10:30–11 am or 11–11:30 am

Science Club Jr. Ages 3–5. October 1, 10:30–11 am

Cross Stitch Grades 3–5. October 2, 6:30–7:30 pm

**Transfer Photos to Fabric** Adults. September 17 at 7 pm and October 29 at 10 am

Introduction to Crochet in Two Parts Adults. October 1 and 8 at 7 pm September 1-December 20 Unless noted, registration is required and begins September 1.

#### **Drop-In Hours**

Grades 3–8 *Monday–Thursday, 4–6 pm* 

Family (grades K+ with an adult) Saturday–Sunday, 1–4:30 pm

Adult Monday–Wednesday, 6–8 pm

Micro Workshops (during drop-in hours)

Mondays: Sewing 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: Weaving or Embroidery *4:30 pm & 6:30 pm* 

Thursdays: eTextiles *4:30 pm*