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From the Director



Ah spring! It's that time of year when I get that itch to clean out closets and paint the house. On that note, I'm excited to share some building updates with you! We have been in our renovated facility since 2013 and it was time for some freshening up.

Among the updates, we are adding new furniture and fresh paint throughout the facility. This included new seating

in the fireplace area and Quiet Room. In our Youth Services Department, the updated paint colors, new carpeting and colorful chairs have been a big hit with our young patrons.

We updated the study rooms with new paint and seating. We have also consolidated our Adult Reference collection to create more room and add additional study areas on the lower level.

These additions allow us to accommodate a larger number of students and library users looking for a space to work.

And on the exterior, signage was updated in the parking lot to ease navigation around the building and the settled sidewalk has been repaired. Please come visit the Library and enjoy these improvements for yourself.

Finally, in the last issue we wrote about what Deerfield is reading. I want to thank our readers who submitted suggestions. I appreciate the feedback and have added them to my 2024 reading list.

Please welcome Josh Charlson to the Library Board. He was appointed at the January 2024 meeting and will serve until the spring 2025 election.

Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director

LAST BOOK STANDING





Sometimes it's nearly impossible for DPL staff to contain our excitement (or disbelief! or outrage!) after we've turned the last page of a newly finished book. Good or bad, we can't wait to tell you (and anyone who will listen) all about it. Shockingly, not everyone agrees with our opinion.

But now, it's time for you to express yours! Why did a particular book speak to you? Was it voice? Character development? Lyrical style? Worldbuilding? An unforeseen plot twist? Did you see yourself (for better or worse) in the main character? Did the book change the way you see the world and in so doing, became a new all-time favorite?

While not everyone will agree with what you derived while reading, your experience is your own, and your opinion matters.

And while there's no concrete way for one book to be considered the best above the rest, there is value in endorsing and debating literature. So let's get reading. Vote early, vote often! At the end of each month, you'll be invited to vote for your favorite "candidate". Near the end of the year, we'll have Deerfield's favorite book! Reading lists will be posted on our website, and will be emailed to those who are registered. Register to vote (for your favorite book) at deerfieldlibrary.org/last-book-standing.

Timeline:

- January-April: Each month there will be an "election" with four candidates.
- May: Four Monthly Finalists Compete for the First Half Winner Title
- June-September: Again, each month there will be an election with four candidates.
- October: Four Monthly Finalists Compete for the Second Half Winner Title
- November is Election Month! (First Half Winner vs Second Half Winner)
- December 2024... Announce Winner!

Adult Programs

For full program descriptions, visit the DPL events calendar at **deerfieldlibrary.org**, click on **"Programs"**.

R = Please register in advance. **Registration opens Wednesday, February 14, 9:00am** at **deerfieldlibrary.org**, click on "Programs", or call 847-945-3311.

- In-person program
- (in-person & online)
- V = Virtual program (online only)

Rain Gardens 101 with the Lake County Forest Preserves

Thursday, April 4, 6:30-7:30pm
What are rain gardens and how do they work? In this introduction to the functions and benefits of rain gardens we'll cover the basics of how to start a rain garden including siting, sizing and plant choice.

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Best Bicycle Trails in Illinois

Thursday, April 11, 7:00-8:00pm
Join us to discover some trails less traveled in Illinois and the surrounding areas with John Lynn, who has hiked, biked, and paddled more than 30,000 expedition miles of trails, roads, and rivers.

Adult Spelling Bee!

Thursday, April 18, 7:00-8:30pm
Calling all language lovers, are you ready to S-P-E-L-L? Register to compete in our Spelling Bee! Participants will compete through several rounds to determine DPL's reigning orthographer. Specific rules will be sent out after registration. Accommodations will be made upon request in advance.

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Ghost Rats Comedy Troupe Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 2:00-3:15pm
Free your inner critic and embrace the absurd! The members of the Ghost Rats will take you through various games that focus on learning character motivations, body movements, object work, and collaborative listening in a fun-filled, welcoming environment. (3)

Book Discussions

Copies will be available one month in advance. Please provide email during registration.

A.M. Book Discussion

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am (B)

March 14: *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson Orphaned at a young age, Rosalie Iron Wing was placed in foster care as a teen. Widowed in middle age, she returns to her abandoned family cabin where she

remembers the Dakota ways her father taught her.

April 11: Olga Dies Dreaming by Xochitl Gonzalez
In the wake of Hurricane Maria, Olga, wedding planner
for Manhattan's power brokers, confronts the effects

for Manhattan's power brokers, confronts the effects of long-held family secrets when she falls in love with Matteo, while other family members weather their



In 1550s Florence, captivating young duchess Lucrezia de Medici is married to the ruler of Ferrara, Modena and Reggio. Having barely left girlhood behind, Lucrezia must now enter an unfamiliar court, where her arrival is not universally welcomed and her one duty is to provide an heir.

Classics Book Discussion

The Master and Margarita by Mikhail Bulgakov

Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:00pm - Part One and May 2 - Part Two 🛭 🕕 Teens and Adults

A posthumous masterpiece, The Master and Margarita is perhaps the most beloved novel of the Soviet era. Written in secret in the 1930s, Bulgakov explores enduring themes of good and evil, censorship, and the power of the written word. Books will be available a month before the discussion at the Adult Services Desk.

HEA Book Discussion

Yours Truly by Abby Jimenez

Monday, April 29, 7:00-8:00pm 📵 🗸

When Dr. Jacob Maddox, whom Dr. Briana Ortiz is prepared to hate, sends her a letter, which leads to sharing lunch dates in her "sob closet," Ortiz tries not to fall hard for her new colleague.

Horror Book Discussion

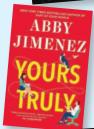
The Remaking by Clay McLeod Chapman

Friday, April 19, 7:00-8:00pm ® Off Site

A 'true' story of a woman burned at the stake in the middle of the night morphs into an urban legend, a horror movie, and a podcast that ruins the lives of everyone who touches it. Location TBD.









It's Showtime, Folks!

Tuesday New Movie Night

FILMS BEGIN AT 6:30pm Tuesdays, April 9, May 14 Join us the second Tuesday evening of the month to watch a new movie together. The movies shown will be announced a couple of weeks prior to

Guess The Oscars 2024

Place your votes virtually or in person by Sunday, March 10, 5:00pm Put your skills to the test & guess who will win Oscars in different categories. Online forms and physical ballots available to cast, but only one ballot per person. Winner will receive a prize!

Classics Film Discussion: Modern Times (1936)

Monday, April 15, 5:00-8:30pm Watch and discuss Charlie Chaplin's "part-talkie" 1936 masterpiece as part of our new Classics Film Discussion!

5:00-6:30 movie showing, 7:30-8:30 discussion. DVD copies will be available to check out a month before the discussion. Movie Showing is in-person, only. Movie Discussion is hybrid. R H



Friday, March 1, 12:00-1:00pm Professional piper J. Kevin Chapman introduces you to the history and presents a demonstration and narrative of one of the oldest instruments still played in the world. Bring your

Get Your Docs in a Row

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00-8:00pm Does your family know what accounts you have, how to pay bills to help with incapacity, and how to access your home and take care of household affairs? This presentation will help you with essential estate planning to ease stress and confusion for your loved ones.

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Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley: The Man, His Times, and the City **He Loved**

Thursday, May 16, 7:00-8:00pm Historian Jim Gibbons will present the life of the man referred to as "Hizzoner." Mayor Richard J. Daley--a man of vision, courage, and dreams for a great city. Through his legacy today, Chicago has an extensive expressway system, one of the world's busiest airports, a major convention center, and legendary buildings. R H

Kombucha 101 with Andrea Pracht

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30-8:00pm Learn how to brew your own kombucha at home, saving money and impressing your friends at the same time. Samples will not be provided, however feel free to bring your own! 🛭 🕕



Trivia Night in the Library

Tuesday, May 28, 7:00-8:30pm Think you know it all? Prove it! We will be using Kahoot for this lively in-person game. Snacks will be provided. Please note, this Trivia Night will take place in the Library meeting rooms. ® 1



Memory Cafe *NEW Time*

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, 10:30-11:45am

The Memory Cafe is offered to support and connect those experiencing memory loss and their care partners. For more information or to register contact Vicki Karlovsky: vkarlovsky@ deerfieldlibrary.org, 847.580.8938.



Say it with Music

Myths and History of the

Great Highland Bagpipe

"Lunch and Listen"

of the pipes

lunch: desserts

provided. 🔞 🕕

Chicago Cossacks: Ukrainian Song and Dance

Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:00pm Join us for an evening of Ukrainian songs, dances, and tunes. Narration includes translation of lyrics and brief cultural overview. Created in 1993, the Ukrainian and international folk music and dance ensemble "Chicago Cossacks" has been entertaining people of the

Big Band Sound of Deerfield

Sunday, April 21, 2:00-3:00pm The Big Band Sound of Deerfield was formed over 40 years ago as a community band dedicated to performing the great songs of the Big Band Era and having a great time doing it. Join us! 🕕 🕕

Make It! All materials supplied.

NEW! Craft Connection

First Tuesday of the month

Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7, 2:00-3:30pm

Connect over creativity and work on your own portable projects! Tea and hot

Upcycled Wine Bottle Art

Thursday, March 21, 6:00-8:30pm Join us for an engaging decoupage workshop led by artist Margoth Moreno. She will guide participants through the art and technique of decorating glass bottles with various papers and oil-based markers.







Envelope Lapbook Folio Class Advanced

Friday, May 3, 1:30-5:00pm This is an involved, multi-step assemblage & paper construction class, resulting in a fun, finished, interactive folio! *Please note: this is an advanced* class for the paper-enthusiast.

Ages 16+ **R O**



Movement and Mindfulness

Mindfulness and Meditation with Judy Roin

Friday, March 22, 2:00-3:00pm

We will focus on breath awareness and mindfulness techniques to develop peace and stability in our busy lives. Judy Roin is a Registered Yoga Therapist with over 20 years of teaching experience. No prior yoga experience is necessary ® 1



Crystal Bowl Sound Meditation

Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:00pm Find solace while being enveloped by melodies of crystal bowls and Marian's captivating voice. Bring your mat, pillow and/or blanket for comfort during this



Intro to Forest Therapy at **Ryerson Woods**

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00-7:30pm Offsite: Ryerson Woods, **Brushwood Center**

Reconnect to nature with the gentle mindfulness practices of forest therapy (aka forest bathing) at Ryerson Woods. Follow signs for the Brushwood Center parking. Please bring a towel, blanket or chair. R

It's All Fun & Games



Adult D&D (Candlekeep Mysteries)

Wednesdays, March 27, April 24, May 29, 6:30-8:30pm

The mysteries continue! Explore the Candlekeep Library in the world of D&D's Forgotten Realms. Come with your own Level 3 character or use one of ours. No experience necessary. R 1

Scrabble Club

Mondays, March 4, April 1, May 6, 7:00-8:30pm

Make some new friends while expanding your lexicon! Tea and hot

Chess & Checkers Club

Mondays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Sharpen your strategic thinking skills by playing other fans of these classic games. Bring your own set or play with one of ours. Please note: this



PLACE Programs

Saturdays, March 23, April 20, May 18, 6:30-7:30pm

PLACE (Public Library Access and Community for Everyone) programs welcome adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their parents and caregivers. Join us for an evening of reading, conversation, friendship, and fun. For more information, or to register, contact Vicki Karlovsky:

vkarlovsky@deerfieldlibrary.org, 847.580.8938. R V

Children & Teens Programs

R = Please register in advance. Registration opens Wednesday, February 14, 9:00am at deerfieldlibrary.org, click on "Programs", or call 847-580-8962.

D = Drop-in, no registration required

= Tickets available 20 minutes before start time

We offer adaptive programs for children with disabilities and will make reasonable accommodations for every program for all abilities. For more information about programs and services for Youth and Teens, please contact Cristina Bueno at cbueno@deerfieldlibrary.org.

STORYTIMES & PLAY

Storytime Under the Stars

Grades K-2

Mondays, March 4, April 8, May 6, 7:00-7:30pm

Storytime in the library at night? Yes! Get your jammies on and join us in the library for picture book favorites to listen to and discuss! R

Movin' and Groovin'

Ages 0-5 with Adult

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19; April 2, 9, 16; 10:00-10:30am

Get up and dance in this fun, movementbased storytime! Just drop in. D

STEAM Playtime

Ages 0-5 with Adult Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20; April 3, 10, 17; 10:00-10:30am Come play with STEAM toys in this new playtime! 1

Family Storytime

Ages 0-5 with Adult Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18, 9:30-10:00am OR 10:00-10:30am Join us for a storytime full of stories, songs, and fingerplays for the whole family.

Creative Clubhouse

Grades K-2

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18; 4:15-5:00pm

Specially designed for younger elementary students, this program features books and a fun craft project each week! Please dress for artistic mess! R

Baby Lapsit

0-18 months with Adult Fridays, March 8, 15, 22; April 5, 12, 19; 10:00-10:30am

It's never too early to read to your baby! Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs for you and baby, plus social time after the program. 1



First Chapter Friday

Grades 3-5

Fridays, March 1, April 5, May 10, 4:00-5:00pm

We'll read the first chapter of a surprise book together and discuss what we think will happen in the rest of it. Books provided to take home to keep reading. ®

Solar Eclipse Party

Youth All Ages, Family Friendly Saturday, March 2, 10:00-11:00am Are you ready for the solar eclipse in April? Come learn about the eclipse and participate in activities. Plus, pickup a pair of solar eclipse glasses so you can safely see the eclipse on April 8th!

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Baby Book Bunch

Birth-24 months

Pickup begins on Mondays, March 4, April 1, May 6

Are you looking for baby books but don't know where to start? Let the library surprise your baby (and you!) with five selected board books, as well as an activity or craft to keep! 🚯

Youth Advisory Board

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, 4:00-4:45pm

Join us to plan future events, get behind the scenes tours, socialize, and share your opinions about our favorite library, DPL!

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Grab & Go Kits

Available every third week of the month Beginning Mondays, March 18, April 15, May 20

Stop by for a kit to take home. Choose one of 3 options: PreK & K / Grades 1-4 / Grade 5+. While supplies last.

Let's Draw: **Leprechauns and Legends**

Grades K-5

Friday, March 8, 4:00-5:00pm Feeling lucky? Perhaps we'll encounter likable leprechauns, mystical merrows, gregarious grogochs, and the perilous pooka to name just a few! (Please leave pots of gold at home.)

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Percy Jackson Escape Room

Grades 4-6

Saturday, March 9

Each session is about 45 minutes 9:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm,

Percy is in danger! Work together to solve the puzzles to help him! You may only register for one session. R



of the North Shore

K9 Reading Buddies of the North Shore

Grades 1-5

Mondays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 4:00-5:00pm

Come read a story to one of our volunteer dogs right here at the Library! Everyone gets individual time with a dog. We'll have

Tournament of Books April 2 - May 13 DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY OF BOOKS

Round of 32: April 2 - April 15; Round of 16: April 16-April 22; Exciting Eight: April 23 - April 29; Favorite Four: April 30 - May 6; Championship Round: May 7 - May 13; Winners announced May 14

The 11th annual Tournament of Books is here! Vote for your favorite picture books, early readers, graphic novels, manga, chapter books, series, non-fiction, and teen titles. Visit deerfieldlibrary.org/tournament-of-books/ to vote online and make sure your favorites become champions!



LEGO Club

Youth All Ages, Family Friendly Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14, 3:45-4:45pm

Stop by the Youth Program Room to design and build your next great LEGO creation!

EcoKids Academy

Grades 3-8

Fridays, March 15, April 19, 4:00-5:00pm Learn how to be an Eco Educator! We'll talk about creative ways you, your family and friends can conserve and preserve our beautiful planet. Participants will develop action plans and share results at our last meeting. 13

My First Book Club

Grades K-1

Monday, March 18, Tuesday, April 16, Monday, May 13, 4:00-4:45 pm

Do you love talking about books, eating snacks, and doing fun projects? Join us for a special book club just for beginning readers! Participants get to keep the books. (3)



Little Kids Little Songs by Green Golly

Suggested for Ages 2-7; Family Friendly Saturday, March 23, 10:00-11:00am
Join Green Golly duo, Keith Torgan and Barbara Siesel, in this highly interactive program designed to introduce children to live music, comedy, and theater!

Create an Altered Board Book

Ages 9 and up

Monday, March 27, 4:00-5:00pm Create a one-of-a-kind altered book by using, paint, stamping, found items, or whatever tickles your fancy!

Minecraft Fairy Tale Fun with TD3 Innovative Gaming

Grades K-5

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 4:00-6:00pm Curious about or already love Minecraft? Join in some fun fairy tale inspired challenges!

Let's Draw: Lunar Cartooners

Grades K-5

Friday, April 12, 4:00-5:00pm
Kids will travel to the distant reaches of outer space and draw their own: Bizarre blobs! Triangular terrors! Mysterious mustaches!

Family KiDLS: Digest This!

Ages 5-10 with adult

Monday, April 15, 4:00-4:45 pm

Is your tummy rumbling? What happens when you feed it? Explore the digestive system from

mouth to stomach!



Interactive Finding Nemo Movie

Youth All Ages with Adult, Family Friendly Friday, April 26, 4:00-5:30pm

An overly protective clownfish embarks on a daring rescue mission when his beloved son, Nemo, gets scooped up by a diver. Props provided! *Rating: G Running Time:* 95 minutes.



Jedi Training Academy

Grades 1-5 with Adult Thursday, May 2, 4:00-5:30pm

Calling all Initiates! Come learn what it takes to be a Jedi during this Star Wars training academy. Jedi Masters (caregivers) required to stay with their padawans (children).

Let's Draw: Reptile Roundup

Grades K-5

Friday, May 3, 4:00-5:00pm

Kids will learn to draw strange, weird, and downright bizarre reptiles like the giant soft-shell turtle, the ornate flying snake, the thorny devil, and the rhinoceros iguana!

Free Comic Book Day / Star Wars Day

Youth All Ages, Family Friendly Saturday, May 4

Crafternoon: Make Your Own Fidget!

Youth All Ages, Family Friendly
Tuesday, May 7, 4:00-4:45 pm
Stop by the Youth Program Room to make your own fidget toy!



Earth Week

Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26

Celebrate Earth Day all week long in the Youth Department!
Participate in a scavenger hunt and other earth-friendly activities.

House Plant Extravaganza

Grades 2-5

Tuesday, April 23, 4:00-4:45 pm

Love houseplants? Come learn how to grow and take care of them! You'll also get to decorate your own pot and leave with some seeds or a plant.

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Children & Teens Programs

Let's Tinker: Paper Circuits

Grades 4-6

Wednesday, May 8, 4:00-5:00pm
Learn the basics of electricity and circuit design to make your very own light up card with this hands-on paper circuit program.

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Let's Draw: Princesses vs Ninjas

Grades K-5

Friday, May 31, 4:00-5:00pm
Princesses! Ninjas! Versus! Is it weird? Sure.
Are you curious? I'm assuming so. Come and see what happens!

Homeschool Hangout

Youth All Ages Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm April 25, May 23

Have fun with your homeschool friends as you play games and do fun crafts! To register, contact Kary Henry at khenry@deerfieldlibrary.org

Workshops with the Kohl Children's Museum!

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding this special workshop series.

Vibration Explorations

Preschool - Grade 1
Wednesday, March 13, 4:00-4:45pm
Explore, design, build and test musical instruments to discover how sound is created through vibration.

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H₂₀ Art

Preschool & Kindergarten
Wednesday, March 20, 4:00-4:45pm
Explore the properties of water, color, shape and texture through the creation of "water art."

Re-Use It

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, April 24, 4:00-4:45pm Investigate and discuss methods to reduce and reuse garbage. (B)

Sensational Senses

Ages 2-5 with adult Thursday, May 9, 10:00-10:45am

Take a journey through our different senses and how they help us understand our world.

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Animal Adaptations

Preschool & Kindergarten
Wednesday, May 22, 4:00-4:45pm
Discover how animals adapt to their
environment through exploring birds, insects,
and invertebrates.

Animals as Architects

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, May 29, 4:00-4:45pm
Compare, contrast and construct animal homes and shelters and learn how they're built.

TEEN PROGRAMS

For Grades 6-12 unless noted otherwise.

Ides of March: Movie & Discussion

Teens & Adults, Ages 13+ Thursday, March 21, 6:00-8:00pm

Come watch 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) and discuss how it compares to Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew (clips and summaries of Taming of the Shrew provided at the program).

Teen D&D Character Creation in the MakerSpace

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00-8:30pm
This Spring we will be starting a new campaign for Teen D&D. Come to this REQUIRED session to help build your characters and set up for the upcoming games. Please email dgrube@deerfieldlibrary.org if you want to play but cannot make this session.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, May 8, 6:00-7:00pm

Do you love the Library? Join us for pizza, socializing, and the chance to contribute to our programs in the Teen Space!

Teen Book Bunch

Grades 7-12

Pickup begins on Tuesdays, March 19, April 23, May 28

Are you looking for Teen books but don't know where to start? Let Teen Librarian Dylan surprise you with a wonderful pair of books! We will have a themed box containing one book checked out from our collection and one paperback book for you to keep!

Spring Themes

March: The Ides of March are upon us! What a perfect time to read some books inspired by (or adapted from) Shakespeare's plays!

April: April is National Poetry Month, so we will celebrate with some novels-in-verse!

May: Start the month with Free Comic Book Day on May 4th and end your May with even more graphic novels!

Teen D&D

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 6:00-8:30pm

Come join us as we start a new D&D 5E campaign with Level 1 characters. Players of all experiences are welcome to join. Sign up for the Character Creation program on March 6th! Contact Dylan at dgrube@deerfieldlibrary.org to schedule a time to prep your character. (3)



Teen Crafternoon

Thursday, April 11, 4:45-5:45pm
Calling all crafty teens! We'll have a variety of materials out to create your own project and a featured craft or two.

Guacamole for Teens

Wednesday, May 1, 5:15-6:00pm Learn to make a simple guacamole and experiment with adding in different ingredients. ®



Finals Week @ the Library

Grades 9-12 May 22-29

MakerSpace Programs

Teen/Adult Programs (Age 13-Adult) **All materials provided unless noted otherwise.**

R = Register in advance. Registration opens **Wednesday, February 14, 9:00am** at **deerfieldlibrary.org**, click on "Programs," or call 847-945-3311.

* Due to high demand for this program, registrants will be chosen from a lottery of everyone who registers on the first two days.



Tuesday, March 5, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Wonder how we make all of the awesome stuff you see in the Makerspace? Look no further than Inkscape, the free and open-source vector design software!
Beyond making an awesome name tag, you'll see how the software works in tandem with our many machines like the laser engraver, vinyl cutter, and even 3D printers!

How to Engrave a Pint Glass (Laser Engraver)

Tuesday, March 12 & Wednesday, March 13, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Learn how to use our Laser Engraver to engrave a name or words or a logo on a pint glass. Make a custom pint glass and fill it with your favorite beverage for St. Patrick's Day! (R)

Embroidery Constellation* (Crafting)

Tuesday, March 19 & Wednesday, March 20, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Learn basic embroidery skills to stitch a constellation. We'll learn simple circuit design to add LED bulbs to make the constellations light up! (3)

Eggs! (Crafting)

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30pm-6:00pm
We're going to have fun with eggs! We'll
color them, create designs, and have fun
egg related crafts to do. It should be a fun
eggsperience.

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Advanced Sewing (Advanced Sewing)

Wednesdays, April 3, April 10, April 17, & April 24, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Take your sewing skills to the next level! In this multi-session program you'll learn to make a stylish tote bag, all the way from patterning to final finishing. Time allowing, we'll also be tackling the full construction of a simple pair of pajama pants! All materials for the first project supplied. Basic sewing skills and familiarity with sewing machine operation are required for this program. ®

Passover Afikomen Napkins* (Sublimation)

Tuesday, April 16 & Thursday, April 18, 4:30pm-6:00pm

Tired of using the same old napkin to hide your Afikomen during Passover? Join us to learn about the amazing craft of Sublimation. You'll learn how to put your very own, personalized design on a table napkin, and give the kiddos something special to search for!

May 4th Lightsabers*

Saturday, May 4, 10:00am-5:00pm (by appointment)

Join us for an unforgettable experience on May the 4th, as we bring the galaxy far, far away to you! Continue the way of the Force and design your own custom lightsaber. Register now to be contacted for a specific time slot for your saber building experience. Includes themed photo-op. Costumes encouraged! (3)

Mother's Day Cards (Crafting)

Thursday, May 9, 5:00pm-6:00pm Create a custom Mother's Day card with cards designed with our laser engraver. Use tissue paper, paint pens and vinyl stickers to create your own custom look.

May Pressed Flowers (Crafting)

Tuesday, May 14 & Wednesday, May 15, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Celebrate spring by creating a pressed flower arrangement. We'll supply the dried flowers and all of the supplies you need to create your own unique sun catcher. R

Felt Rolled Flowers (Crafting)

Tuesday, May 21 & Wednesday, May 22, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Learn how to make a flower by rolling pre-cut felt. You can use this same method to make many different types of flowers once you learn how it's done.

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Laser Engraved Clocks* (Laser Engraver)

Tuesday, May 28 & Wednesday, May 29, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Learn how to use our laser engraver to create a custom clock face. We'll assemble the clocks with motors and arms to create a functioning custom-designed clock you can display in your home or give as a gift.

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What's New? B79 Embroidery Machine

A dream for creative people

The b79 Yaya Han Edition opens your world to creative embroidery. It combines a high quality embroidery machine with the BERNINA Embroidery Software 9 Creator to bring your creations to life. The b79 Yaya Han Edition is incredibly easy to use, offers a wide range of included extras and lets you be your most creative. Come in and see for yourself!





It's not too late to get started with the Deerfield Public Library's 2024 reading challenge! Prizes will be awarded periodically to "registered voters" and journals to help you keep your thoughts organized are available upon registration (while supplies last).



Last Movie Standing: Deerfield Votes

But wait, there's more! Running alongside "Last Book Standing" we will also feature the "Last Movie Standing" program. Each month you'll be invited to vote for your favorite "candidate". Near the end of the year, we'll have Deerfield's favorite! Movie contestants will be posted on our website and will be emailed to those who are registered. Register to vote (for your favorite movie) at deerfieldlibrary.org/last-movie-standing.

These programs are brought to you with the generous support of the Friends of the Deerfield Public Library.

Improve your test scores. Explore your next career.

Announcing DPL's Newest Online Resource: Peterson's Test and Career Prep

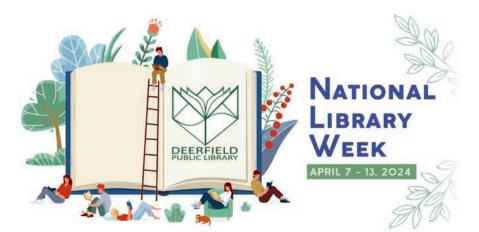
Taking standardized tests, choosing the right college, and planning for a career can be stressful. That's where Peterson's Test and Career Prep comes in. **Available now with your DPL card**, this valuable online resource provides standardized test preparation, undergraduate and graduate program research, tuition assistance information, and career advice, including:

- Full-length, timed practice exams for the AP, ACT, SAT, PSAT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT and more.
- An intuitive search of over 4,000 accredited schools, with quick results on school location, tuition, academics, admission requirements, campus life, and much more.
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- Four in-depth career assessments that align to interests, values, personality, and workplace preferences to drive personalized career recommendations.
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Peterson's Test and Career Prep prepares you for the next level, so you can embark on new paths and achieve your goals. Find it under Online Resources at deerfieldlibrary.org/resources/online-resources/.



Ready, Set, Library!

Race to discover the possibilities at your library during National Library Week this April 7-13.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week, is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Find Easy Access to Recommendations



Personalized Picks

In a reading rut? Need some inspiration for choosing your next book? Get recommendations by letting us help you find your next great read or watch! Fill out our Personalized Picks form (for Kids, Teens or Adults) at deerfieldlibrary. org/personalized-picks/. Our staff will be in touch within the next week with some great recommendations customized just for you.

Teen Quick Picks

Along with the Personalized Picks for teens, we also feature a Teen Quick Picks list on our website. Here, you will find a variety of topics and genres to spark your interest and curiosity such as Fantasy, Manga, Mystery, and, from our very own teen librarian—Dylan's Picks! Teens, get creative with your reading here: deerfieldlibrary.org/teens/get-recommendations/.



Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you so much** for all of your support this past year! The more members we have, the more we can do for the Deerfield Public Library. All the support we receive from the community is funneled directly back into library improvements for the benefit of everyone. If you're not a member yet, please check out our website and consider joining – we'd love your help in continuing to make our library the best it can be!

Deerfield Dines Out!

During National Library Week in April and in partnership with local restaurants, the Friends will launch an inaugural event "Deerfield Dines Out" to raise awareness about the programs and positive impact of the Deerfield Public Library. The aim of this fundraising event is to connect residents to local restaurants, celebrate the positive impact of the library in our community and contribute funds to support library programs, equipment and supplies. Check our social media regarding participating restaurants and event details.



Book Donations Welcome!

The Friends continue to run the only bookstore in all of Deerfield! Our gently used book corner in the front of the library is always stocked with interesting **fiction**, **nonfiction**, **children's books and more**. If you have any gently used books that could use a new home, consider donating them to us at the bins in the library. Donations derived from the sale of used books helps the Friends fund exciting new programming and projects.

Visit our website for more information: **deerfieldlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library**The Friends can be contacted at **847-580-8995** or at **friends@deerfieldlibrary.org**



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 To ask a reference question: reference@deerfieldlibrary.org

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The Library Will Be Closed All Day

Sunday, March 31 Sunday, May 26 Monday, May 27

The Library Will Open at 10am Thursday, April 25 Tuesday, May 21

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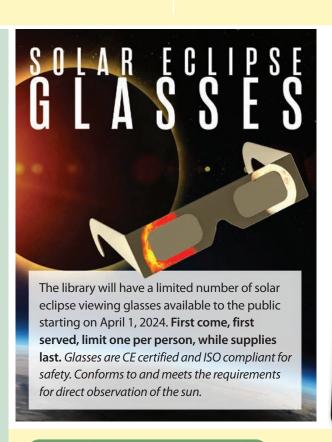
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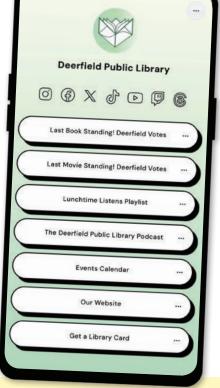
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Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-9:00pm Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm









Connect with your Library! Scan the QR Code to register for a program, link to our website, apply for a library card, check the events calendar, listen to the DPL Podcast, follow us on social media and more!