



**BARRINGTON
AREA LIBRARY**

PROGRAM GUIDE
April – May 2026

SUMMER KICKOFF

Saturday, May 30, 10 AM – 2 PM

Celebrate the start of summer and BALibrary Summer Reading with activities, music, crafts, treats – for all ages!

- Live music from **Ben Tater and the Tater Tots** (10 – 11 AM)
- Bubbles on the lawn by **Glowby the Bubbler** (10:30 AM – 12:30 PM)
- Entertainment from **comedic juggler Andy Head** (11 AM – 1 PM)
- **Airbrush Tattoos** (11 AM – 2 PM)



KPop Demon Hunters Party Friday, May 1, 6 PM

All ages w/Caregiver

With the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago

KPop Demon Hunter fans: do not miss this high energy celebration! Join us for crafts, dancing, photo ops, Korean-themed airbrush tattoos, a sing-a-long, and more. Drop in or [register](#) for a reminder.



Touch A Truck

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 AM - 12 PM

Dump trucks, excavators, and front-loaders - oh my! Touch and explore the Village of Barrington's fleet of construction vehicles to celebrate National Public Works Week.

Join the Public Works Food Drive and help us fill a truck with non-perishable food to benefit the Barrington Township and Cuba Township Food Pantries. Please bring non-perishable food donations to the event. Donations are not required for attendance.

Construction Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 19, 10 AM OR 11 AM

Once you've seen the trucks, join us for a fun construction-themed story time!



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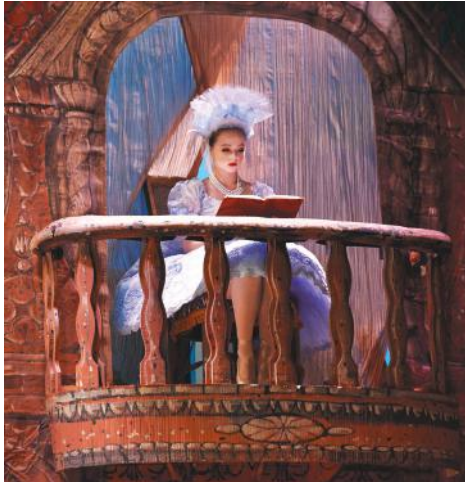
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For kids, teens, and adults

Read, have fun, earn badges and prizes!

Your summer begins at balibrary.org/summerreading

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES!



Family Story & Ballet: Coppelia

With Barrington Dance Ensemble

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 AM

Hear the story of Coppelia, then watch Barrington Dance Ensemble bring it to life with selections from their upcoming performance. This comic ballet is perfect for families, and full of surprises, magic, and mischief. After the performance, children are invited to learn some basic dance steps. [Register.](#)

Family Concert: Miss Jamie

All ages w/adult participant

Wednesday, May 13, 10 AM

Sing, dance, laugh, and learn about life down on the farm with Miss Jamie and her puppet animal friends! Use your imagination to help with the chores, plant and harvest the crops, pretend to be pollinators, and more in this interactive musical show! Drop in.



WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Drop in, except where noted.

Family Story Time

All ages w/adult participant

Mondays thru April

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Wobbly 1s

Ages 12 – 23 months

W/adult participant

Tuesdays thru April

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs, rhymes and stories that support early language and motor skills.

Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays thru April 23, 10 AM

Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imagination and develop creative thinking skills. Join us for an open-ended art project for all ages and abilities. Mess-makers welcome!

Baby Time

Ages 0 – 12 months

W/adult participant

Tuesdays thru April, 3:30 PM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills.

Toddler Time

Ages 2 – 3 years w/adult participant

Wednesdays thru April

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/adult participant

Thursdays thru April 23, 11 AM

Enjoy skill-building stories, rhymes, and activities, especially designed for preschoolers.



Do you know about... STEM Kits?

Bring hands-on learning home with a STEM Kit, which pairs a STEM learning toy and books for curious minds! Scan this code to see a full list of available kits.



STORIES & MORE: FOR AGES 0 – 6

Drop in, except where noted.

Spring Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 10, 10 AM

Get ready for spring with stories, songs, and rhymes. [Register.](#)

Springtime Craft

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 10, 11 - 11:45 AM

Let your creativity bloom with this art activity for all ages.

Developmental Playgroup

Ages 0 – 5 w/participating adult

Wednesdays, April 15 & May 20

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

An inclusive drop-in playgroup for children ages 0 – 5 who receive or are considering therapy services. Children play while families meet and find support. Siblings welcome. Facilitated by Megan Smith, a Clinical Therapist at Peace Within Therapy and Wellness, and aligned with C.I.T.Y. of Support's program model.

Books + Beats

Ages 0 – 5 w/participating adult

Friday, April 17

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Monday, May 11

10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Practice making rhythm with our shakers and sticks in this interactive musical story time.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/participating adult

Tuesdays, April 21 & May 26, 6 PM

Shake your sillies out, get cozy, and listen to bedtime stories in this calming evening story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep.

Potty Palooza Story Time

Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver

Friday, April 24, 10 AM

Time to ditch the diapers and get this potty started! We've got songs and stories to get littles excited, and ideas for caregivers to help make this big transition a positive experience for everyone. [Register.](#)

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, April 24, 11 AM

Mister Rogers often said that anything mentionable is manageable. Join us as we create a space to talk about all feelings, big and small, through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises.

Science Sprouts: Tornadoes

Ages 3 – 6 w/participating adult

Wednesday, April 29, 11:30 AM

Does your curious preschooler love to ask "Why?" Let's learn about exciting science topics and try a hands-on experiment to encourage that curiosity. [Register.](#)

DIY Lavender Playdough

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, May 1, 10 AM

Celebrate spring flowers and create your very own lavender scented play dough with your grown up.

REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services programs require registration. Registration for April and May programs opens Monday, March 30. To register, visit the [Library's online calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/adult participant

Wednesday, May 6, 10 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting.

It's Your Birthday!

All ages w/participating adult

Friday, May 8, 10 AM

This special experience is for children celebrating a birthday in April or May. Register in advance with the birthday child's name and then we'll celebrate with stories, songs, a craft, and birthday surprises!

Chinese Story Time

All ages w/participating adult

Friday, May 8, 11 AM

Starlink Global Education brings their Chinese story time to the library. Enjoy stories, songs, and an introduction to Chinese in this interactive story time. [Register.](#)



LEARN – PLAY – CREATE

Drop in, except where noted.

LEGO Workshop

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, April 3, 3 PM

Friday, May 8, 3:30 PM

Make LEGO robots and tell their stories through your amazing creations.

Read With Me™ Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, April 11, 10 AM

Saturday, May 9, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch will be here with their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs for cozy one-on-one reading time. The Pet Partners Read With Me™ initiative incorporates therapy animals to support readers of all ages and abilities. Register.

Fiction & Nonfiction:

All About Castles

Grades K – 2

Monday, April 13, 4:15 PM

Learn all about castles and make a craft! [Register](#).

Kids for Kindness

Grades 2 – 5

Thursday, April 16, 4:15 PM

Join us as we decorate a bandana and create doggy bags for shelter pups.

Intro to Junk Journaling

Grades 4 – 8

Monday, April 20, 4:15 PM

A different and fun approach to scrapbooking! Give junk new life by cutting and pasting labels, paper scraps, magazine clippings, etc., into a journal. Make a cool journal page out of things you would have otherwise thrown away! [Register](#).

Recycled Toy Art

Grades K – 8

Wednesday, April 22, 4 PM

Celebrate Earth Day and let your imagination run wild as we breathe new life into old toys. Create sculptures, design a new toy, or make abstract art. [Register](#).

Afterschool Story + Craft

Grades K – 2

Tuesday, April 28, 4:15 PM:

Downpour by Yuko Ohnari

Tuesday, May 19, 4:15 PM:

Escargot by Dashka Slater

Listen to a story and create a related art project. Register.

Code Together

PreK-Grade 5 w/participating adult

Wednesday, April 29, 6 PM

Kids team up with their adults to explore early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars and LEGO WeDo robots. Register.

Family Explorers:

Birds @ Crabtree

All ages w/caregiver

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 AM

We'll read *How to Find a Bird* by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Diana Suduka, and learn all about birding. Then we'll walk around and spot some birds! Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting.



Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Monday, May 4, 4:15 PM

Are you mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? We'll explore the universe together and participate in space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities. [Register](#).

Make a Mother's Day Card

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, May 5, 10 AM OR 4:15 PM

Make a card for someone special.

Fluffy Pet Rocks

Grades K – 8

Wednesday, May 6, 4 PM

Monday, May 18, 4:15 PM

Create your very own extraordinary friend! Register.

Art Studio

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, May 13, 4 – 5 PM

Create something amazing with the Library's art supplies.

Crafting For a Cause

All ages w/adult

Friday, May 15, 4:15 PM

Join us as we decorate a bandana and create doggy bags for shelter pups.

STEM Explorers

All ages w/participating adult

Friday, May 22, 3:30 PM

Families explore a variety of technology such as robots, circuits, iPads, and more.



BABY FAIR

Saturday, April 25, 10 AM – 1 PM

Connect with the information and resources you need most as an expecting parent or parent/caregiver of a child ages 0 – 2.

- Baby and me activities
- Expert presentations on topics like sleep, mealtimes, and more
- Local organizations that serve infants and families
- FREE professional photo opportunity available to all attendees of Baby Fair
- Every family receives a swag bag of goodies!

Register at balibrary.org/babyfair to see the full schedule, learn more about our presenters, and receive an email reminder.



NON-PROFIT KNOW-HOW

Volunteer Connection LIVE!

Saturday, April 11, 1 – 3 PM

With Barrington Area Volunteer Connection

April is National Volunteer Month! Volunteer Connection LIVE is a volunteer fair, donation day, and community networking event. Connect with nonprofits; learn about volunteer opportunities and local resources; donate requested items. See calendar for nonprofits' wish lists. Drop in or [register](#) for a reminder.

Bonus: Earn raffle tickets from participating nonprofits; we'll draw names for gift cards to local eateries.

Non-Profits: Interested in hosting a table? Contact Community Engagement Librarian Sam: sadams@balibrary.org

Design a Digital Newsletter
Wednesday, May 13, 1 PM

Learn to edit a standard digital newsletter template for your organization or non-profit using Canva's free online design platform. [Register.](#)

YOUNG ADULTS

Blackout Poetry Workshops

Wednesday, April 15, 2 & 6 PM

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating a blackout poem! Enter your art piece into our contest for a chance to win a small prize! Register or drop in.

Capstone Café

Tuesday, May 26 –

Thursday, May 28

2 – 9 PM

Drop into our Meeting Room to study, enjoy light refreshments, and de-stress during exam week.

Tuesday, May 26, 4 – 5 PM:

Make positivity clips in the MakerLab

Wednesday, May 27, 4 – 5 PM:

Visit with SOUL Harbour Ranch's therapy mini horses and dogs.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Coming this fall for grades 7 - 12. Applications opening this summer. Stay tuned for more details!



The Promise of Possibility: Resources for People with Disabilities

Tuesday, April 7, 6 PM

Mike Kerley from Aspire Chicago discusses The Promise of Possibility: the journey and resources for people with disabilities and their families, particularly those in high school and beyond. [Register.](#)

JOB SEARCH 101

Monday, May 11, 7 PM

With Barrington Career Center
Career Center and Barrington Area Library staff cover library resources, resume preparation, networking, referrals, interviewing, social media and AI, and common mistakes that applicants make. For recent graduates and those with many years of experience. [Register.](#)



APRIL: NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

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Dwell In Possibility: An Intimate Evening with Emily Dickinson

Thursday, April 16, 7 PM

Immerse yourself in the eccentric life of famous American poet Emily Dickinson with Betsey Means of WomanLore.

[Register.](#)

COLOR YOUR WORLD



Floral Watercolors: Tulips

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM

Relax while you create beautiful tulip-inspired art in this watercolor class from Audrey Moon. [Register.](#)

Introduction to Color Analysis

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 PM

Discover how color analysis and body shape enhance your style, confidence, expression, and authenticity. Certified personal stylist & image consultant Soyol provides an introduction, including a self-analysis to be done at home. Program will not include individualized sessions. [Register.](#)

SECOND FRIDAYS



Fareed Haque

Friday, April 10, 7 PM

Fareed Haque's unique command of the guitar and ability to draw from classical, jazz, and other styles inspire his fearlessly innovative performances. Enjoy a special musical program, Spanish Reverie, featuring impressionistic music from Northern Spain. [Register.](#)



Donna Herula Trio

Friday, May 8, 7 PM

Enjoy lively, heartfelt versions of traditional Delta Blues, Chicago Blues, and originals that honor those styles from award-winning singer/songwriter, slide guitarist, and Chicago Blues Hall of Fame inductee Herula, Marc Edelstein on bass, and Tony Wittrock on guitar and mandolin. [Register.](#)

FUN & GAMES

Puzzle Races:

Extra Challenging Edition

Friday, April 24, 6 PM

Compete against other teams to see who can complete our jigsaw challenge fastest. Members of the winning team get bragging rights and free puzzles. [Register](#) as a team of up to five or individually.

Puzzle Swap: Drop off a gently-used puzzle during the Puzzle Races and help yourself to a puzzle someone else has shared.

Mahjong Open Play

Wednesday, May 27, 1 PM

Nine sets of Chinese Mahjong cards available for teams of four. Beginners, experts, and everyone in between are welcome! [Register.](#)



Elgin Symphony's Listeners Club

Tuesdays, April 7 & 28, 1 PM

Your chance to delve deep into the ESO concert experience with a guided tour, including personal insights about each concert program. Register.

BALIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

Cover To Cover

Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults. Register.

Harlem Rhapsody

by Victoria Christopher Murray

Wednesday, April 8, 1 PM

I See You've Called in Dead

by John Kenney

Wednesday, May 13, 1 PM

LIT

Join Adult Services Librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Register.

The Satisfaction Cafe by Kathy Wang

Monday, April 13, 7 PM

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife

by Anna Johnston

Monday, May 11, 7 PM

Prairie Pages

The Light Eaters

Tuesday, April 21, 1 PM

Welcome spring with our Adult Services Librarians and Crabtree Nature Center Naturalists in an afternoon book club for adults. Our nature-themed title is *The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth* by Zoë Schlanger. [Register](#). Off-Site: Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.



English Teatime

Tuesday, April 28, 2 PM

Let's take tea together and talk about the history of English teatime. [Register](#).

Spring Rolls

Tuesday, May 26, 7 PM

Roll up your sleeves as Jen Paleracio from Lean Bella's Kitchen shows us how to prep and prepare spring rolls. [Register](#).

Big Summer Books

Thursday, May 7, 6 PM

Adult Services Librarian Liz dishes about some of the most anticipated summer releases. You might even go home with a free book! [Register](#).

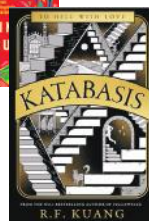
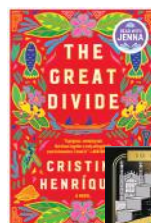
VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENINGS

Join in an intimate, online conversation with ground-breaking, award-winning authors.

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Thursday, April 16, 7 PM

Join critically acclaimed bestselling author Cristina Henríquez for a compelling conversation about her work. Henríquez's newest book, *The Great Divide*, is a moving exploration of the people who lived, loved, and labored during the construction of the Panama Canal. Named a New York Times' Editors' Choice selection and TIME Magazine "100 Must-Read Books of 2024," *The Great Divide* explores history and adversity in a place very special to her – her father's homeland of Panama. [Register](#).



Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

Thursday, May 19, 7 PM

R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Academic yet approachable, Kuang's work combines history, magic, and classical literary tradition to render powerful critiques of academia, the publishing industry, and contemporary popular culture. Her most recent novel, *Katabasis*, follows two graduate students as they descend into hell after the death of their professor, and the screen rights options were sold to Amazon MGM Studios for an upcoming TV series. This event is intended for adults. [Register](#).



PLEASE NOTE: Registration for these events closes at 5 PM on event day. Late registrations will be processed after the live event, allowing access to the event recording.

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FINANCIAL FITNESS

A collaboration with local libraries of the Business Interest Group

Budgeting and Saving

Thursday, April 9, 7 PM

Ryan Decker breaks down the basics of personal finance: budgeting and introductory saving and investment strategies. Learn how to decide when, where, and how to save, invest, or aggressively tackle debt. Additional resources and tools will be shared. [Register](#). Virtual.



Buying a Home: The Basics

Monday, April 13, 7 PM

Join Open Communities for an overview of the complex process of purchasing a home. This course covers what lenders look for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the players in the home-buying process. [Register](#). Virtual.



Retirement Reality

Tuesday, April 21, 7 PM

Thinking about retirement? CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger, CFP, demystifies your finances and walks you through the necessary steps to get where you want to go, whether you are just starting off in your career or ready to wind down. [Register](#). Virtual.



RETIREMENT PLANNING

Making the Most of Social Security

Thursday, April 16, 7 PM

Learn strategies that can provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than standard filing options that are typically selected. [Register](#).

When I'm 64

Three dates in May, 7 PM

With Bacoa

Representatives from Bacoa and various organizations present a different topic each evening. Register.

May 5: Medicare Basics

May 6: Medicare Advantage Plans

May 7: Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans



SENIOR FUN & GAMES

Game-O-Rama

Tuesday, April 14, 2 PM

Simple and fun card and dice games for 2-4 players – bring your friends! For those 65 and older. [Register](#).

Senior Scrabble

Wednesday, April 22, 1 PM

Bring some friends and test your Scrabble skills! Five boards available for 2-4 players each. For those 65 and older. [Register](#).

WE ARE MADE OF STORIES



I Did A DNA Test: Now What?

Wednesday, April 8, 7 PM

Get ready for National DNA Day on April 25! Michelle Bray Wilson helps you learn how to put DNA to work to confirm and extend your lineage and break down those brick walls in your family history research. [Register](#).

From Memories to Memoirs: How to Begin Writing Your Story

Wednesday, May 20, 6 PM

You have a lifetime of stories: write them down! Learn how to capture treasured memories in writing during this interactive session bursting with ideas and inspiration. [Register](#).

OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Uncovering the History of Your Seeds

Monday, April 6, 7 PM

Seed Historian Sara Straate of the Seed Savers Exchange discusses the heritage of a seed: why it is important, how it is determined, and the stories it tells. [Register](#). Virtual.

Secret Wildlife of Barrington

Sunday, April 12, 2 PM

With Citizens for Conservation

Explore the astonishing variety of local wildlife captured on trail cameras: coyotes, foxes, beavers, opossums, deer, owls, hawks, and more. Award-winning wildlife photographer, retired veterinarian, and longtime CFC volunteer Stephen Barten provides insights into the wild world right outside our doors. Hybrid program; attend in person or via Zoom. [Register](#).

Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

Friday, April 17, 10 AM

Rain Date: Friday, April 24, 10 AM

Horticultural Therapist, Forest Therapy Guide, and yoga instructor Navraaz Basati leads an immersive walk inspired by nature poetry. We'll begin with mindfulness exercises, followed by a therapeutic walk. Dress comfortably. Priority [registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Off-Site: Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington.

By the Light of the Moon: Evening Gardens

Monday, April 20, 6 PM

Learn about designs that take advantage of interesting textures and shapes to transform your garden after dark. [Register](#).

Environmental Impact of AI

Wednesday, April 22, 7 PM

AI is everywhere. The Illinois Environmental Council discusses data centers, water and electricity usage, and the overall impact AI has on our environment. [Register](#).

Strawberries in January... At Mount Everest!

Tuesday, April 28, 6 PM

With the Barrington Rotary Club

How do you grow a healthy variety of food in arctic conditions? Gary Lesley shares his experiences working alongside the Sherpa people to construct geodesic domes that address this problem. [Register](#).

Lawn To Garden

Monday, May 4, 6 PM

Convert a traditional lawn to beautiful, eco-friendly, and sustainable garden space with tips and tricks for removing grass, preparing soil, and selecting plants. [Register](#).

An Introduction to the East Asian Garden

Wednesday, May 6, 6 PM

Yvonne Wolf discusses the aesthetics of Japanese and Chinese gardens. Learn the cultural history, symbolism, and other significant elements of these carefully composed, peaceful places, including the Japanese Garden at Chicago Botanic Garden and Ping Tom Park in Chicago Chinatown. [Register](#).

Exploring the Andromeda Galaxy

Monday, May 18, 7 PM

Learn about Wheaton's own Edwin Hubble and other astronomers who worked to explore the Andromeda Galaxy and unlock the key to understanding the structure of our entire Universe. Learn where and when you can see the Andromeda Galaxy for yourself – no telescope required! [Register](#).

TEACHING GARDEN

The Teaching Garden is located in the southeast corner of the upper parking lot. Registration suggested as programs are subject to change due to weather conditions.

Spring Cleanup

Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 – 11 AM

Work side by side with local Master Gardeners out in our Teaching Garden, and learn how to prepare a garden for planting.

Planting Days:

Friday, May 15, 10 AM – Noon

Saturday, May 16, 12 – 2 PM

All ages

Work side by side with Master Gardeners to learn basic gardening skills and help us plant our garden! Gloves and tools provided.

Children with a caregiver are welcome at both sessions, and Friday's event has a special focus on helping little ones learn about gardening.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Parenting Myths Debunked

Tuesday, April 14, 7 PM

With BStrong Together

Learn from clinical psychologist, educational leader, and author Doug Bolton, PhD, as he unpacks the rising levels of anxiety, burnout, and overwhelm we're seeing in kids today. Dr. Bolton will debunk common parenting myths that drive stress and undermine resilience – for parents and kids alike. [Register.](#)

The Climate Crisis and Mental Health

Monday, April 27, 7 PM

Maintaining emotional wellness is difficult in the face of an escalating climate crisis, but imperative for our well-being and our ability to take effective action. Learn more with climate-aware therapist Marilee Feldman. [Register.](#)

Train Safety with Metra

Wednesday, April 29, 7 PM

Prepare for the nice spring and summer weather by getting an overview of railway safety from Metra's Operation Lifesaver program. [Register.](#)

Chair Tai Chi

Wednesday, May 6, 10 AM

[Register.](#) Virtual.



Bike Maintenance & Trek Ride

Saturday, May 9, 10 AM

Get the low-down on keeping your bike in tip-top shape for summer. The experts at Barrington Village Cycle share maintenance must-dos whether you ride for work, errands, or leisure. Then discover a new way to ride with the Trek Ride Club. [Register.](#)

Singing Bowl Meditation

Wednesday, May 13, 7 PM

Bring your mat and relax with this delightful Singing Bowl Meditation led by instructor Jenny Bergold. [Register.](#)

Beyond Bedside

Thursday, May 14, 7 PM

Palliative and hospice care can be overwhelming for patients and families. Join this compassionate discussion with experts and get your questions answered. [Register.](#)

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Barrington Rotary Club



Sunday, May 3, 2 – 4 PM

With Barrington Rotary

Keynote Conversation: 2 PM

Discussion with Tom Farley, author of *The Chris Farley Show*



and founder of The Chris Farley Foundation; Teri Latter, NAMI Illinois Strategist; and Mandy Burbank, licensed clinical social worker. Submit a topic or question for consideration at registration. [Register.](#)

Resource Fair: 3 PM

After the keynote, visit a showcase of local mental health resources: National Alliance on Mental Illness, BStrong Together, Barrington Youth & Family Services, and more!

U.S. INTERVENTION IN VENEZUELA AND LATIN AMERICA

Wednesday, May 20, 7 PM

How is recent U.S. intervention in Venezuela similar or different from previous actions in the region? College of DuPage Political Science professor David Goldberg discusses the current context, Operation Just Cause in Panama, along with 19th and 20th century cases, to discover the motivations, implications, and repercussions across the hemisphere. [Register.](#)



TECH AND MAKER WORKSHOPS

Register with your BAlibrary card. MakerLab.

Odds N' Ends Collage

Wednesday, April 8, 6 PM

Glue and paint a fun abstract collage with the bits and pieces left over from our laser-cutting projects.

Silhouette Studio Wedding Tags

Monday, April 13, 6 PM

Learn how to use Silhouette's print-then-cut feature to create paper tags.

Sick Burn: Solutions for Charred Wood

Thursday, April 16, 11 AM

Learn how to avoid or remove scorch marks from lasered wood.

Inkscape Nodes: Connecting The Dots

Monday, April 20, 6 PM

In this intermediate Inkscape class, learn how to manipulate nodes to design the shape of a laser-cut rainbow decoration.

Silhouette Pens: May Day Basket

Tuesday, April 28, 10 AM

Use the pen tool in Silhouette Studio software to add a message on a paper May Day basket before assembling and decorating.

DIY MakerLab Bag

Wednesday, April 29, 6PM

Design and subliminate a tote bag to transport your crafts (and books) to and from the library.

Silhouette Machine: Cardmaking with Trace Tool

Monday, May 4, 6 PM

Tuesday, May 5, 10 AM

Learn to use Silhouette Studio software to create a sunflower card.



No-Sew Embroidery Hoop Craft

Wednesday, May 6, 6 PM

Thursday, May 7, 11 AM

Using Canva, set up a photo of your loved one for sublimation and attach a colorful floral ribbon. Participants must bring digital photo file.

How-To: Digitize Slides with SlideSnap Pro

Tuesday, May 12, 10 AM

Learn about SlideSnap Pro and how to make an appointment to digitize your slides in the Digital Studio. Meeting Room.

Design a Digital Newsletter

Wednesday, May 13, 1 PM

Learn to lay out a standard newsletter for your organization or non-profit using Canva's free digital design platform.

Planting Positivity with Seed Paper

Monday, May 18, 6 PM

Use Silhouette Studio to cut seed paper into shapes and then write your wishes to plant and grow!

Gorgeous Gradients!

Thursday, May 21, 11 AM

Learn how to make a gradient design using Inkscape and leave with a custom sticker.

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Sun: 1 PM – 5 PM

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Library Closings:

Sunday, April 5, Easter

Thursday, April 30, Staff In-Service

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day



**BARRINGTON
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Make with a Mission: Children's Advocacy Center

Tuesday, April 21, 7 PM

Learn how Children's Advocacy Center works to improve the well-being of children who have experienced violence. Meet Dora the Therapy Dog who helps them feel safe, then make comfort kits for children who come to the Center for services. Supplies provided through a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation. [Register.](#)



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Sunday, April 5, Easter

Thursday, April 30
Staff In-Service

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day



***Celebrate the 250th anniversary
of the signing of the Declaration
of Independence on July 4, 2026!
These special programs are a
collaboration with the Daughters
of the American Revolution –
Signal Hill Chapter.***

**Voices of 1776:
The Diverse Faces Behind
America's Founding
Tuesday, April 14, 7 PM**

Valerie Gugala highlights hidden figures who helped define liberty, from Phillis Wheatley's poetry to Deborah Sampson's bravery in disguise, from Native leaders to ordinary farmers and artisans. Gain a deeper understanding of our country's founding. [Register.](#)

**When Was It Taken? Dating
Old Family Photos**

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM

Old family photos can be a puzzle, but fashion trends, hairstyles, and photographic methods provide dating clues. Using photographs from the 1870s-1920s, local historian Julia Johnas illustrates clues you may find in family photos. Bring your own puzzling photo for Julia to examine. [Register.](#)

**Founding Mothers
Tuesday, May 12, 7 PM**

Our Revolutionary era is full of moms who influenced history, but their names are often forgotten. Historian Joyce Haworth explores feminists, political writers, entrepreneurs, and a first lady who challenged their times, enriched our nation, and raised some pretty great kids. [Register.](#)

**Politics of Tea: The East India
Company and British Tea
Culture**

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM

The history of tea is steeped in espionage and rebellion. Claire Evans guides us through the lucrative world of tea and how it made its way to the West. [Register.](#) Virtual.

