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## ROLLING MEADOWS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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-  [@rollingmeadowslib](https://www.instagram.com/rollingmeadowslib)

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Spring program registration opens **Sunday, February 15**. Registration is required for most programs unless otherwise noted.

Register online at [rmlib.org/rsvp](http://rmlib.org/rsvp), on the library's app, in person, or by phone.

### PROGRAM KEY

 **No Registration Required**

 **Virtual Program**

 **Sponsored by the Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library**

## ACCOMMODATIONS

If you require special accommodations, please call 847-259-6050 x177 or email [accessibility@rmlib.org](mailto:accessibility@rmlib.org). Submit your request at least two weeks in advance. Learn more at [rmlib.org/accessibility](http://rmlib.org/accessibility).

## PHOTO POLICY

The library may document its services and the public's use of its building and grounds through photographs, videos, and audio recordings. These materials may be used in the library's publicity print or digital materials, website, and social media. See full policy details at [rmlib.org/photo](http://rmlib.org/photo).



## DID YOU SAY CHEESE?

*Want to be on the next newsletter cover?*  
No experience necessary—just bring your smile! Email [info@rmlib.org](mailto:info@rmlib.org).

*¿Te gustaría estar en la próxima portada de nuestro boletín?* No se necesita experiencia—solo trae tu sonrisa! envíanos un correo a [info@rmlib.org](mailto:info@rmlib.org).

# LIBRARY NEWS

## DEAR PATRONS,

We're excited to announce a new enhancement coming to the library this fall and introduce a new way to connect you with books you'll love.

## OUR CATALOG IS EXPANDING THIS FALL!

We're pleased to share that the Rolling Meadows Library has received a \$53,000 grant from the Reaching Across Illinois Library System. This funding supports our transition to a state-of-the-art shared library catalog scheduled to launch in October 2026. The new catalog will connect us with a consortium of public libraries across the northern suburbs, expanding access to materials from our current collection of about 185,000 items to more than 5 million. We'll share more details as the launch approaches.

## LAUNCHING OUR SUBSCRIPTION BOX FOR ALL AGES

We're launching the *Book Match Subscription Box* (details below), a personalized reading service for patrons of all ages. Simply tell us about your interests, favorite genres, and reading preferences, and our librarians will curate a selection of books just for you. Pickups are offered on a monthly basis, with no obligation to participate every time. Each box includes thoughtfully chosen titles and a few fun extras, all at no cost. It's an easy, personal way to discover new reads and make the most of your library card. Need a library card? Stop by the Check Out Desk!

Thank you for being an essential part of our library community. Your continued support makes it possible for us to grow, evolve, and offer new ways to learn, explore, and connect. We look forward to supporting your curiosity and creativity this spring.

## WARM REGARDS,

**Jack Bower**

Executive Director  
Rolling Meadows Library



Introducing the **Book Match Subscription Box**, your personalized reading experience!

Tell us what you love to read, and we will select a few books matched to your tastes. Each box also includes surprise goodies to brighten your month and enhance your reading journey.

The best part? It's totally **FREE!**



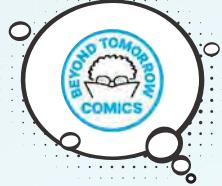
FREE Comic Book Day 

Saturday, May 2 | 9:00 a.m. while supplies last

Pick up a free comic book, while supplies last. We thank *Beyond Tomorrow Comics* in Palatine for their continued support! Be sure to check out the library's own comic book collection!

Stop by the Readers Services Desk for teen and adult comics.

Stop by the Ask Me Desk for youth comics.



## THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 3 TO

AUGUST 16

JUNIO 3 AL

AGOSTO 16

3 DE JUNIO AL

16 DE AGOSTO

## LA BÚSQUEDA DE LA FELICIDAD

2026 DESAFÍO DE LECTURA DE VERANO

June 3 to August 16 

Summer is right around the corner, promising smiles, fun, and good vibes for all! Get ready for the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: *The Pursuit of Happiness*. Complete challenges, win prizes, and celebrate with us all summer long!

del 3 de junio al 16 de agosto 

¡El verano está a la vuelta de la esquina y promete sonrisas, diversión y buena vibra para todos! Prepárate para el desafío de lectura de verano 2026: *La búsqueda de la felicidad*. ¡Completa los retos, gana premios y celebra con nosotros durante todo el verano!

Summer Reading Kickoff Bash 

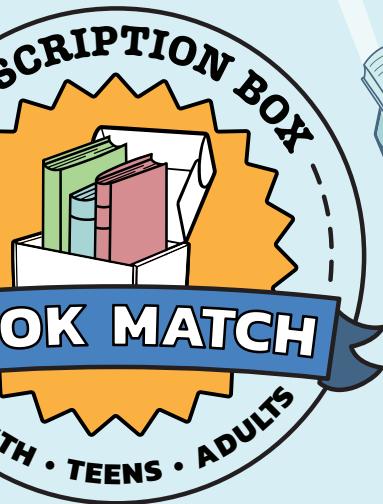
Thursday, June 11 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Let's groove our way into summer. Come sign up for this year's challenge and get ready for a summer full of good vibes. We'll have fun-filled activities, music, entertainment, and FREE ice cream. Rain or shine, come boogie with us!

Fiesta de inauguración 

el jueves 11 de junio | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Comencemos este verano con ritmo. Ven e inscríbete al desafío de este año y prepárate para un verano lleno de buenas vibras. Tendremos actividades llenas de diversión, música, entretenimiento y helados GRATIS, llueva o haga sol, ¡ven a bailar con nosotros!



**PICK UP:** Starts the first Friday of each month.

**SIGN UP:** Rolling enrollment. Sign up at any time, choose your subscription frequency, and you will be added to the list.

Sign up for this ongoing subscription by scanning the QR code or go to [rmlib.org/box](http://rmlib.org/box). Cancel at any time.

Requires a Rolling Meadows Library card.



Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library

## Spring BOOK SALE

\$5 Pre-Sale:  
Friday, March 13  
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Regular Sale:  
Friday, March 13  
12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 14  
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 15  
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Pay by check,  
credit card, or cash

## Primavera VENTA DE LIBROS

\$5 Pre-Venta:  
viernes, 13 de marzo  
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Venta Regular:  
viernes, 13 de marzo  
12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
sábado, 14 de marzo  
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

domingo, 15 de marzo  
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Paga con cheque, tarjeta de crédito, o efectivo

## JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE ROLLING MEADOWS LIBRARY

If you are a community-minded individual with some free time to spare, consider joining the Friends! The Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library are always accepting new members, and there is no cost to join. Call 847-259-6050 for more information.

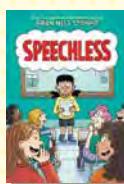


### Kids' Graphic Novel Club

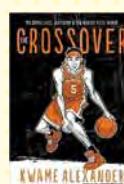
Grades 5-8

Tuesdays | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join the club for kids who love graphic novels! We all read the same book, then meet up to talk about it.



**March 10**  
*Speechless*  
by Aron Nels Steinke



**April 7**  
*The Crossover*  
by Kwame Alexander



**May 12**  
*A First Time for Everything*  
by Dan Santat

Stop by the Ask Me Desk for a copy of the book.



**Libby.**

Limited eBooks & eAudiobooks are available on the Libby app.

## SPRING SERIES

### Paws-itive Reading

Grades 1-5

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:00 p.m.



March 4 & 18  
April 1 & 15  
May 6 & 20

Practice your reading skills with a furry, four-legged friend! Dogs are from the Masonic Association of Service and Therapy Dogs (MAST).

### Book Fiesta!

Grades K-2

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 10  
April 14  
May 19

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities in English and Spanish.

### Kinder-2do. Grado

Los martes | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

10 de marzo  
14 de abril  
19 de mayo

Acompáñanos para disfrutar de cuentos, canciones, y divertidas actividades en inglés y español.

### Middle School Advisory Board

Grades 6-8

Thursdays | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

March 12  
April 9  
May 14



Join the MSAB to help your community and have fun with other kids your age.

### Junior Picassos

Grades 3-8

Saturdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

March 14  
April 11  
May 9

Channel your creativity through drawing, painting, and crafts. No experience needed.

### B I N G O

#### Drop In Family BINGO **NR**

Youth of all ages

Mondays | 5:30-8:00 p.m.

March 16  
April 13  
May 11

Drop in for a lively evening of lucky numbers, silly fun, and cool prizes. Play a few rounds and let the good times roll!

### B I N G O

#### Tarde de BINGO **NR**

niños de todas las edades

Los lunes | 5:30-8:00 p.m.

16 de marzo  
13 de abril  
11 de mayo

Ven a disfrutar de una animada tarde llena de números de la suerte, mucha diversión y fantásticos premios. ¡Acompáñanos a jugar unas cuantas rondas y déjate llevar por la diversión! No es necesario inscribirse.

### Drop In Crafts **NR**

Youth of all ages

New projects every other week!

Drop in to the library to create a fun craft! Follow us on Facebook to see what craft we are making. Little ones may need some help.

### Coding Club

Grades 3-8

Saturdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

March 21  
April 25  
May 23

No matter your experience level, the Coding Club is for you! Register for one, two, or all three sessions.

### Reader's Theater Presents

Grades 4-6

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24  
April 21  
May 12

Catch the acting bug! Have fun reading and acting out stories. No memorizing or acting experience necessary. Performance at 7:45 p.m. for family and friends.

### Messy Time!

Grades PreK-2

Tuesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 31  
April 21  
May 26

Come have fun making a messy creation. Dress for a mess!

Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome, if space permits.

## MARCH

## Andertoons Is Back!

Grades K-8

Thursday, March 26 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Professional cartoonist Mark Anderson returns to the library to lead us on another drawing adventure. Get your creative juices flowing and your pencils moving. This time, we'll try to escape from a scary cartoon dungeon!

## Bubble Mania

Grades 4-5

Saturday, March 28 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Explore the world of bubbles, and make bubbles in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors!

## APRIL

## Kids Camera Club: Focus on Light

Grades 2-4

Wednesday, April 8 | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Come join the club where we use instant cameras to take a fun photography tour. In this session we focus on the role of light. The best photos will be proudly displayed in the Youth Services Art Gallery!

## MAY

## FREE Comic Book Day

All ages

Saturday, May 2 | While supplies last

See page 3 for more details.

## Microbes!

Grades 1-3

Saturday, May 2 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Explore the world of microbes by understanding what they are, how they work, and what they do.

## Magic Workshop

Grades 4-8

Friday, May 22 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

In professional magician Dan Gogh's Magic Workshop, you will not only learn the secrets to the magic, but also gain valuable presentation skills to make your own *magic show* exciting.

ANNUAL GRADES K-8  
Bookmark Contest

for Children's Book Week

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK IS MAY 4-10

Contest begins  
**April 1**  
Entries due by  
**April 25**



You can win a gift certificate to a local bookstore! Share your creative ideas, promote a favorite book, or draw a new cover for your favorite book and become a famous Rolling Meadows artist in the process! Winning bookmarks will be printed and handed out to the public during Children's Book Week: May 4-10. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Grades K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th, and 7th-8th.

Entry forms and materials will be available beginning April 1 at the Ask Me Desk. Designs are due by April 25.

Día de los Niños – Día de los Libros  
*niños de todas las edades y sus familias*  
el martes 28 de abril | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Día de los Niños - Día de los Libros es una celebración para los niños, la familia, y la lectura. Nuestra celebración enfatiza la importancia de los libros y la lectura para todos los niños. ¡Ven y celebra con nosotros! ¡Tendremos bocadillos!

Children's Day – Book Day  
*Youth of all ages & their families*  
Tuesday, April 28 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Children's Day - Book Day, or Día de los Niños - Día de los Libros, is a celebration of children, families, and reading. Our celebration emphasizes the importance of books and reading for all children. Come join us! A snack will be served!



## 100 Books Before High School

Grades 4-8

We're challenging all 4th-8th graders to read **100 books before high school!** Read at your own pace and earn awesome prizes along the way! Sign up at the Ask Me Desk to get started.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## Babies-Kindergarten

Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome, if space permits.

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten®

#### Babies-Age 5

The Rolling Meadows Library is the perfect place to find fabulous books that both child and caregiver will enjoy! Reading together is fun and will create lifelong memories for the both of you.

Our walls are lined with stars celebrating all of the Rolling Meadows children on the path to reading success! To get your little one's name in the stars, all you need to do is read to them. The goal is to reach 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten. You can do it, and we can help!

Stop by the Ask Me Desk or call 847-259-6050 x140 to get started or learn more at [rmlib.org/1000-books](http://rmlib.org/1000-books).



#### Family Storytime

#### Babies-Age 5 & their families

Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 5, 12, & 19

April 2, 9, & 16

May 7, 14, & 21

Babies to preschoolers (and their siblings) are invited to enjoy stories at this evening storytime. Great for families with kids of multiple ages.

#### The Cradle Will Rock

#### Ages 6-24 months

Fridays | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

March 13, 20, & 27

April 3 & 24

May 1, 8, 15, & 22

Books, music, songs, fingerplays, and bubbles for caregiver and baby.

#### Arrró bebé

#### bebés de 6 a 24 meses

Los miércoles | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

11, 18 y 25 de marzo

15, 22 y 29 de abril

6 y 13 de mayo

¡La hora del cuento diseñada para bebés y su acompañante ha llegado! disfrutarán de cuentos cortos, música, rimas y canciones.

#### Puppy Dog Tales

#### Ages 2-3 years

Thursdays | 10:00-10:30 a.m.

March 12, 19, & 26

April 2, 9, & 30

May 7, 14, & 21

An inviting and engaging time for caregiver and child to enjoy books, songs, and a simple craft together.

#### Storytime

#### Ages 3-5 years

Wednesdays | 1:15-2:00 p.m.

March 11, 18, & 25

April 1, 8, & 29

May 6, 13, & 20

Hear a story, make a simple craft, get some wiggles out, and have lots of fun! Children should be able to attend without a parent.

Access a vast collection of books, videos, and music, all free with your library card.

- 1 Visit [rmlib.org/hoopla](http://rmlib.org/hoopla) or download the hoopla app.
- 2 Create an account using your RML card.
- 3 Search "bingepass for kids" to get started!



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**Teen Crafts** NR**Starts the first day of each month**  
**While supplies last****March:** St. Patrick's Day flower**April:** Easter egg wreath**May:** Mother's Day wooden signKits are at the Readers Services Desk.  
Personalize your craft with supplies  
from the Art Cart!**Book Bouquets****Teens 13+ and Adults****Monday, April 20 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

See page 9 for more details.

**ARTS ALIVE** Concerts

Sponsored by the Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library

**Shamrock Ragsters** ❤**Sunday, March 1 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

When lilting Irish, blazing bluegrass, and Dixieland jazz collide, you get the Shamrock Ragsters. It all comes together in lively Irish and American folk tunes.



Enjoy the instrumental expertise of Doug Jones (bass), Gus Friedlander (mandolin), Steve Martin (banjo and concertina), and Al Tauber (guitar), along with Andi Tauber's lovely voice.

**Four Hands Piano Concert** ❤**Sunday, April 19 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Join us for an afternoon of piano duets filled with beauty and spirit, creating a heartwarming journey through music. Jimin Yun and Yoahn Kwon will perform classical signature themes—Fauré's playful charm, Mozart's graceful melodies, Schubert's passionate emotion, and Beethoven's powerful triumph—brought to life through this uplifting program. Jimin Yun received her bachelor's degree at Ewha Women's University in Seoul, South Korea. She came to the U.S. and earned her master's degree and professional studies certificate at the Manhattan School of Music. She is an experienced soloist; instrumental, vocal, and choir accompanist; and chamber musician. Yoahn Kwon began piano studies at the age of nine, attended the Pre-College Division of the Juilliard School, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Mannes College of Music. He performs critically-acclaimed concerts in North America, Europe, and Korea, and is a sought-after teacher for piano students.

**Elvis Tribute: Memphis to Vegas** ❤**Sunday, May 17 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.**Join us for an engaging exploration of Elvis Presley's enduring influence on music and culture. Hugo Colin, the amazing Elvis tribute artist, will authentically perform Elvis's music: from his early years as a young singer taking the country by storm, to his evolution into the older Vegas entertainer. We'll dive into the *King of Rock 'n' Roll*'s groundbreaking career, his transformations, the stories behind his songs, and the lasting cultural impact of his artistry in music and fashion. Hugo is a celebrated Elvis tribute artist who has performed in Las Vegas and Canada, and returns to Graceland's "Elvis Week" every August. He has performed hundreds of shows around Chicago and Northeastern Illinois for over ten years. *This show runs 90 minutes with a brief intermission for a costume change.*

# ADULTS

Ages 18+

NR No Registration Required

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Virtual Program

## SPRING SERIES

### Arts Alive Concert Series

Sundays | 2:00 p.m.

March 1, April 19, & May 17

See page 7 for more details.

### Creative Coloring Club

Mondays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 2: Spring Scenes

April 13: People

May 11: Surprise

Each month we'll learn about new art instruction books available at the library, discuss the monthly take-home project, and color. Sweet treats and bottled water will be served. A *limited supply of take-home coloring sheet packets are available for pick up the day after the meeting.*

### Microsoft Excel

Wednesdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

March 18: Formulas and Functions

A look at some fundamental concepts to get you started using functions and formulas. Learn a few basic functions such as VLOOKUP and PAYMENT.

March 25: Pivot Tables

Find out what pivot tables are and how to use them to analyze your data. *Working knowledge of Excel required.*

### Illinois Libraries Present

Tuesdays OR Thursdays | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19, April 16, & May 19

See page 11 for more details.

## STAFF PICKS

Find more recommended reads on display in the Readers Services and Reference Departments.

### NextReads

Meet *your* next read.

Recommendations delivered to your inbox. Subscribe at [rmlib.org/nextreads](http://rmlib.org/nextreads).

تفضل بالانضمام إلينا! / Acompáñanos!

### Conversation Circle

Saturdays | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 28, April 25, & May 30

Looking to practice your English in a fun and relaxed setting? Free for all! You do not have to live in Rolling Meadows to join us.

Wpadnij!

Join Us!

### Círculo de conversación

Los sábados | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

28 de marzo, 25 de abril, y 30 de mayo

¿Quieres practicar tu inglés en un ambiente divertido y relajado? ¡Gratis para todos! No tienes que vivir en Rolling Meadows para participar.

一起来吧!

### Flavorful Kitchen Escapades

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn about a spice or herb, try it out at home, and come back to talk with others about your experiences with this spice club. Spice packet, information sheet, reading and resource list, and recipes provided. Meets every other month. Sign up early, supplies are limited.



March 31

Natural Food Colorings:  
butterfly pea flower, cranberry,  
hibiscus flower, & mango powders



May 19

Summer savory (herb)

## MARCH

### Business Boosters

Wednesday, March 4 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Discover a treasure trove of resources including databases, market research tools, books, magazines, and AI, all tailored to help you succeed in your entrepreneurial journey.



### Quilling Workshop

Wednesday, March 4 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Paper quilling is the art of rolling, pinching, and arranging strips of paper to create shapes. Learn basic techniques to make fun designs perfect for spring! Instructions and materials provided. *Register early, space is limited.*

### Women's Health in Aging

Thursday, March 19 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Join Julie Benson and Debra Wenneeman for a discussion on women's health as they age, covering chronic pain, muscle imbalance, pelvic floor wellness, and nutrition.

### Investing 101

Saturday, March 21 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Whether you're looking to save for retirement or just make a little extra money on the side, all are welcome.

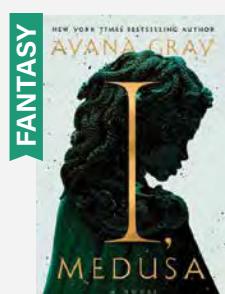
### Jump-Start Your Job Search

Wednesday, March 25 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

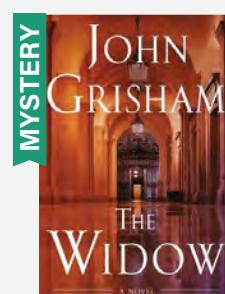
Get help in the job-search grind with this free job-search program featuring library resources available for job hunters.



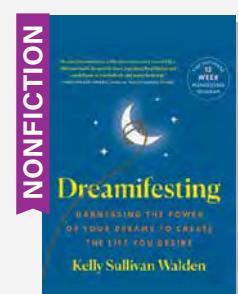
PARANORMAL ROMANCE



FANTASY



MYSTERY



NONFICTION

*Conform*

by Ariel Sullivan

*I, Medusa*

by Ayana Gray

*The Widow*

by John Grisham

*Dreamifesting*

by Kelly Sullivan Walden

Ages 18+

# ADULTS

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

## APRIL

### Crafting with Decoupage!

Wednesday, April 1



4:00-5:30 p.m.

Terracotta Planter



6:30-8:00 p.m.

Oyster Shell Trinket Dish

In these hands-on workshops, you'll learn the beautiful art of paper napkin decoupage. All supplies are provided. *Please sign up for each workshop separately. Space is limited.*

### Investing Club

Saturday, April 4 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

This insightful quarterly program offers a collaborative environment to discuss market trends, explore strategies, and analyze stocks using the library's premium resources.

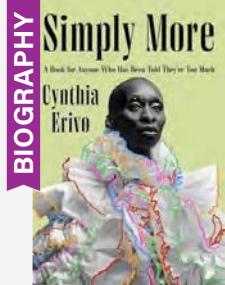
### By the Time I Get to Memphis: King's Last Year



Tuesday, April 7 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

As his career hurtled so unwittingly to its conclusion, Martin Luther King Jr.'s final days were filled with challenges, chaos, and change. By redirecting his course and narrative, he opened up himself and the Civil Rights Movement to an unprecedented level of scrutiny, doubt, criticism, and abandonment. Join Clarence Goodman to learn more.

NONFICTION



*Evergreen: The Trees That Shaped America*  
by Trent Preszler

*Simply More: A Book for  
Anyone Who Has Been  
Told They're Too Much*  
by Cynthia Erivo

Registration opens February 15

### Book Bouquets

Adults & Teens 13+

Monday, April 20 | 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Turn old book pages into beautiful paper roses! Learn how to fold, twist, and shape your pages into a stunning floral creation. Make a single bloom or a whole bouquet and your upcycled roses will be the perfect gift or decoration. *Bring an old book or use the materials provided.*



### An After-Downton Evening Tea Time

Monday, April 27 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Downton Abbey fans, get ready for your next deep dive! Join us for after-dinner tea while we explore what to read, watch, and listen to next. Bring a teacup or dress from your favorite decade (optional). Tea and desserts await!

### Library Apps for Your Tablet or Phone

Tuesday, April 28 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Read, listen, and watch content on the go or from the comfort of your home, 24/7. All you need is your library card and mobile device. We'll show you how.

### Mississippi River Adventures Along the Great River Road

Tuesday, April 28 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Illinois traveler John Kokoris will share insider tips to help you explore the Upper Mississippi River from Galena, IL, to St. Louis, MO. Learn where to go, what to do, and all about the mighty river's storied past. We'll discuss architecture, food, events, and more.

## MAY

### FREE Comic Book Day

All ages

Saturday, May 2 | While supplies last

See page 3 for more details.

### Gardening with Our Community

Saturday, May 2 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We've gathered many knowledgeable local people, including a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. They'll be here to answer questions and share their perspectives on gardening in Rolling Meadows. Come meander, chat, and learn from them!



### The History of the Beach Boys

Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

If summer had a sound, it's the music of The Beach Boys! This program focuses on their sunniest years from 1962-1967. Using interview and performance clips, we'll trace the arc of The Beach Boys' career from "Surfin' USA" and "California Girls" to the more mature "Pet Sounds" and "Good Vibrations." Surf's up!

### Best Movies Filmed in Chicago

Thursday, May 14 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Chicago's iconic landmarks have served as the backdrop for some of Hollywood's greatest films. From *The Fugitive* to *My Best Friend's Wedding*, this fast-paced, fun presentation highlights stories, trivia, and unforgettable clips from ten classics shot in the Windy City.

### Is It Legit? Information and Misinformation Online

Saturday, May 16 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

It can be tough to know what to trust online. Learn some steps to cut through the noise and evaluate sources for signs of credibility—as well as for red flags that signal a source should be avoided.

### Debating Independence: The American Revolution in 1776



Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In early 1776, many Americans opposed independence; months later, it was embraced. Historian Joyce Haworth explores the king's blunders, persuasive essays, and war's impact.



Stop by the Reference Department to grow your garden with our *Seed Library* this spring. Seed packets do not have to be checked out and do not require a library card to take.

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- Setting up your LinkedIn Learning and Udemy profiles to start online courses

*30-minute session by appointment only*

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# BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

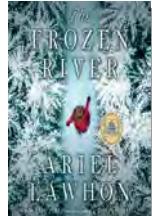
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Registration is required for all book groups.

## Book Buzz

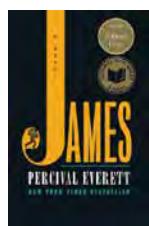
**Tuesdays OR Thursdays | 9:30-11:15 a.m.**

Start the day off right with a stimulating chat about a good book. *Please choose between Tuesday OR Thursday to attend.*



**Thursday, March 19 OR  
Tuesday, March 24**

*The Frozen River*  
by Ariel Lawhon



**Tuesday, April 14 OR  
Thursday, April 16**

*James*  
by Percival Everett



**Tuesday, May 12 OR  
Thursday, May 14**

*The Collected Regrets  
of Clover*  
by Mikki Brammer

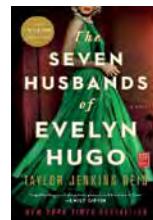


Sweet treats and bottled water will be served at every meeting.

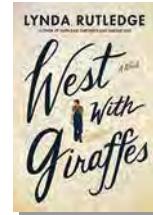
## Just Desserts

**Tuesdays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

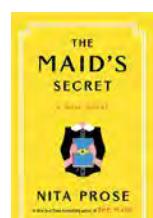
The only thing sweeter than devouring a good book is sharing it with others. *This group meets the fourth Tuesday of alternating months unless otherwise noted.*



**Tuesday, March 24**  
*The Seven Husbands  
of Evelyn Hugo*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid



**Tuesday, April 21  
(third Tuesday)**  
*West with Giraffes*  
by Lynda Rutledge



**Tuesday, May 26**  
*The Maid's Secret*  
by Nita Prose

## The Real to Reel Book Club

**Saturday, March 28 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Nonfiction fans can read the book, watch the movie, or both for discussion at our quarterly morning meetings.



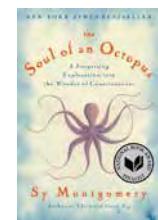
***The Glass Castle: A Memoir***  
by Jeannette Walls

***The Glass Castle***  
(2017, PG-13, 127 minutes,  
Lions Gate Films)

## Four Seasons Book Club

**Wednesday, April 22 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Do you enjoy reading nonfiction that reads like fiction? Then you're invited to join us at our quarterly evening meetings.



***The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness***  
by Sy Montgomery

Para programar una sesión  
llame al 847-259-6050 x144

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  - Navegar en Google o crear una cuenta de correo electrónico
  - A configurar tu perfil en LinkedIn Learning y Udemy para que inicies tus cursos en línea

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# Premier Online Events



## Virtual Program

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## Beyond the Page with Percival

Beyond the  
**Everett**  

**Thursday, March 19 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Industrious, irreverent, humble—though he may deny the accusation—Percival Everett, like his fiction, defies categorization. His most recent novel, *James*, earned both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the National Book Award, and his 2001 novel *Erasure* inspired the film *American Fiction*, which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Tune in for our conversation with Percival Everett to get a glimpse beyond the page. Brandis Friedman will moderate the event.

## Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

**Thursday, April 16 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

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. *The Great Divide* explores history and adversity in a place very special to her: her father's homeland of Panama. Carmen Álvarez will join Henríquez as moderator.

Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

**Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

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 even contemporary popular culture. Her most recent novel, *Katabasis*, follows two graduate students as they descend into hell after the death of their professor. Kelly Jensen, an anti-censorship advocate, will be joining Kuang in conversation.



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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

### Easter

Sunday, April 5

### Memorial Day

Sunday, May 24

Monday, May 25

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### Rolling Meadows Human Services Office Hours at RML

**Wednesdays | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**March 4 & 18 • April 1 & 15 • May 6 & 20\***

A social worker is at the library to assist with: financial assistance, benefits application (Link, Medicaid, Medicare), finding a job/résumé building, and connecting with resources.

\*Please note: Dates are contingent upon social worker availability.



### State Rep. Nicolle Grasse Constituent Office Hours at RML

**Tuesdays | 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**March 3, April 7, & May 5**

Discuss issues you're facing in the community or get assistance with Illinois agencies. For more information, contact Rep. Grasse's constituent services office at 847-749-1137.



### Commissioner Maggie Trevor Office Hours at RML

**Thursday, May 7 | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Learn how Cook County works for you. A representative from the 9th District of Cook County will be here to help with resources for families, seniors, homeowners, and much more.