

# Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

February/March 2026 Program Guide



Embark on the 2026 Library Lovers Expedition!



# Director's Desktop: Fall In Love With Your Library!



**Executive Director  
Becky Fyolek**

If February is the month of love, let me make the case for the best relationship you can have, the one with your Crystal Lake Public Library.

The library asks very little of you. It doesn't judge your late nights, your changing interests, or the fact that you're suddenly very into sourdough, true crime, or home remodeling. It's simply there, steady, welcoming, and full of possibilities. You can stop by for five minutes or stay for hours. You can browse casually or arrive with a very specific need. Either way, the library meets you where you are.



A good relationship supports your growth, and the library does exactly that. It helps you learn a new skill, discover a new author, prepare for a big test, plan a trip or just unwind after a long day. It introduces you to ideas you didn't know you were looking for and reminds you that curiosity is something to be celebrated at every age.

It's a relationship built on trust, free access to information, shared resources and a commitment to the common good. This February and March, spend some time with us. Fall in love with a space that belongs to you, a service that's always there, and a relationship that truly gives back.

*Becky Fyolek*

I ♥ BOOKS

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9 am Wednesday, January 28

## Take-and-Make Craft Kits February and March

Register at [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting Feb. 1 and March 1 respectively, from the Youth and Adult Services desks. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only.



**February**  
Youth: Love Bug  
Adult/Teen: Felt Book Covers



**March**  
Youth: Rainbow Flower  
Adult/Teen: Pressed Flower Bookmark





# Journey on the 2026 Library Lovers Expedition!

All Ages

Feb. 1-March 31

15 Area Libraries

Join us for the 5th Annual Library Lovers Expedition! Collect brag tags at participating McHenry County public libraries and beyond! Enter for a chance to win a gift basket for local businesses after visiting 12 of the 15 libraries. Each library will feature a special activity for all ages.

Crystal Lake Public Library will have a mini golf hole and other fun activities. Come join in the fun. Make a day of it, or take all two months to complete the 2026 Library Lovers Expedition! Registration will be available at the Youth and Adult Services desks.



## All Ages



## McNulty Irish Dancers

All Ages

Sunday, Feb. 8

3-4 pm

Ames Room

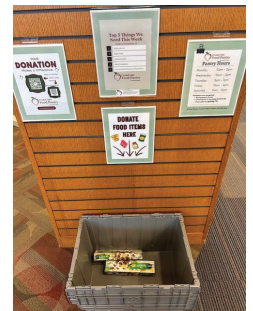
The McNulty Irish Dancers will captivate you with the beautiful, powerful dances of Ireland. In exquisite costumes, exhibiting talent beyond their years, the young dancers will make a lasting impression on you and your family. Registration required for all attendees.



## Drop Donations for the Food Pantry at the Library

During Library's Regular Hours

Crystal Lake Public Library now serves as a donation collection location for the Crystal Lake Food Pantry! A donation box is set up in Adult Services (across from the service desk). Drop your donations in the bin. The food pantry collects the donations weekly.



## Disguise A Duck

All Ages

March 1-20

Adult & Youth Services

Disguise a duck for our Rubber Duck Cosplay Library! Pick up your rubber duck from the Adult or Youth Services desk from March 1-20. Take your duck home, dress it up and then return it to the Adult or Youth Services desk by March 30. Ducks will be displayed in the library for the month of April. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Mobile Office Hours: U.S. Senator Duckworth and State Rep. Ness

Monday, March 9

3-7 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Join the office staff of both U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth and Illinois State Representative Suzanne Ness for mobile office hours at the Crystal Lake Public Library. Constituents are welcome to walk in.



# Adult Programs

For more information about Adult Services programs, visit [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 7.

## Mystery of the Month Club Romance of the Month Club Adult and Teen February and March

Let us pick your next mystery or romance read! Selections will be based on your profile/quiz results. Find a new favorite author or be surprised by a book you've never read. Each month a book will be placed on hold and you will be notified when it is ready for pickup. Upon registration, check your email for your confirmation and selection survey. CLPL cardholders only. Register on the [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) calendar, select dates Feb. 1 or March 1.

## Program Management 101 - Part 2

Tuesday, Feb. 3  
7-8 pm

### Zoom

Discover how artificial intelligence can enhance your project management practice. Michael Spilg, PMI-certified instructor, will offer a beginner-friendly overview of AI tools like OpenAI ChatGPT and introduce how to utilize them to enhance project productivity. He'll discuss concepts for best practices. Registration required. Please register with a valid email address to receive the link to join via Zoom.

## Crafter Dark Social Hour

Adult and Teen  
Wednesdays, Feb. 4 and March 4  
7-8:30 pm

### Adult Services DIY Area

Knitters and crafters, pack up your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

## Custom Folded Cards

Monday, Feb. 9  
6:30-8 pm  
Ames Room

All skill levels are welcome for this card-making workshop. Learn to make unique, personalized cards perfect for any special occasion. The library's Cricut Maker will be available for demonstration. All materials will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## CrafterNoon

Thursdays, Feb. 12 and March 12  
Noon-1:30 pm

### Adult Services DIY Area

Calling all crafters! Gather your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.



## Echoes of Africa: Art and Folktales

Thursday, Feb. 12  
7-8 pm

### Zoom

Let's celebrate Black History Month with a vibrant program of storytelling, music and cultural traditions led by Kenyan educator and storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. Elizabeth will guide us through Africa's rich heritage using storytelling, poetry, proverbs, and riddles that inspire values like kindness, patience, and hard work. She will explore traditional folktales, fables, and myths alongside arts and crafts, wood carvings, handmade instruments, clothing, jewelry, and cultural artifacts. This program showcases the history, resilience, and creativity of African communities, honoring their traditions and talents. Registration required.



## Illinois Libraries Present:

### Still Afraid of the Dark/An Evening with R.L. Stine

Adult and Teen

Tuesday, Feb. 24 | 7-8 pm | Zoom | Registration Required

The generation that grew up with the "Goosebumps" franchise may be grown, but R.L. Stine keeps finding new ways to keep us afraid of the dark! Join us with "the most prolific author of children's horror novels," R.L. Stine, to discuss his illustrious and still-expanding body of work. Known for the "Goosebumps" and "Fear Street" series (and their respective TV and movie adaptations), R.L. Stine has sold over 400 million books worldwide in 35 languages.



## Beyond the Page with Percival Everett

Adult and Teen

Thursday, March 19 | 7-8 pm | Zoom | Registration Required

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. His 2001 novel "Erasure" inspired the film "American Fiction," which received the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay in 2024. Brandis Friedman will moderate the event. Friedman is a writer and anchor for WTTW's Chicago Tonight and Chicago Tonight: Black Voices, and also serves as a champion for libraries.



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## Device Drop-In

**Fridays, Feb. 13 and March 13**  
10 am-Noon

### Adult Services DIY Area

Need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader? Bring your device and your questions to us. CLPL staff will help you navigate your device and the library's digital resources.

## Memory Café

**Friday, Feb. 20 and**  
**Thursday, March 26**  
10-11 am

### Ames Room

Individuals with memory related challenges and their caregivers are invited to join us for an informal social gathering and fun activity. Light refreshments will be served. Registration required.

## Acrylic Painting Workshop: Hummingbird

**Age 14 and older**  
**Saturday, Feb. 21**  
10 am-Noon *or* 2-4 pm  
**Ames Room**



Kristen Henmueller from Chasing Creativity Art Studio will guide you in painting

a colorful hummingbird. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. (Please register for only one session).

## CLPL Writers' Group

**Age 16 and older**  
**Tuesdays, Feb. 24 and March 24**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
**Adult Services**

Bring your current work in progress or drafts to work or receive feedback on. Or, just connect with fellow local writers in a casual, loosely structured environment. Writers of all experience levels welcome. Registration required.

**Registration for all programs**  
**opens at 9 am**  
**Wednesday, January 28**

## Seed Library

### Grand Opening 2026

**Sunday, March 1**  
1-5 pm in Adult Services  
Opens March 1 for CLPL cardholders.  
Opens to everyone April 1.



- ☑ Fully restocked: wide variety of flower & vegetable seeds
- ☑ Limits apply.
- ☑ Stop by our DIY Area to create garden labels to match your seeds!

**Calling All Gardeners!**



## FILM SCREENING: 'THE LIBRARIANS'

**Adult and Teen**  
**Thursday, March 5**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
**McHenry County College**  
**Leucht Auditorium**  
8900 U.S. Route 14, Crystal Lake

Award-winning PBS Independent Lens documentary (NR, 84 minutes). Thought-provoking film explores the role of librarians in the U.S. and how book review policies are shaping communities, and influencing public discourse. Brief panel discussion will follow. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Program brought to you by McHenry County Libraries United.

## Aging in Crystal Lake: What Families Need to Know

**Thursday, March 12**  
1-3 pm

**The Philanthropy Center at**  
**The Community Foundation for McHenry County**  
33 E. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake



What should you do when an unexpected medical emergency at home, such as a fall, requires an urgent response and medical care? How can you prepare to remain safely at home, or understand next steps? Certified dementia and community educator Lynne O'Malley narrates the journey of an older resident who encounters an unexpected medical emergency at home. Free educational event for older residents, family members and caregivers. Registration is encouraged.

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## \* CLPL After Hours: Cozy Hygge Hangout

Age 18 and older \*  
Friday, February 27  
7-10 pm in Adult Services

Hygge (“hooga”) is the act of taking time away from the daily rush to relax and enjoying life’s quiet, cozier pleasures. \*

We’re warming up a cold winter night with our coziest After Hours yet! We’ll have board and card games, themed crafts, snacks and a movie - all while the library is closed to the public. This is lock-in style. Once you leave the library, you won’t be permitted back in. Registration required.



## Bedazzled Books

Age 15 and older  
Wednesday, March 25  
6:30-8 pm in Ames Room

If your favorite book be dazzling you, you can bedazzle your book! Bring your own book to embellish and personalize with library-supplied gems. All decorating materials provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Gardening 101- Starting Your Vegetable Garden

Saturday, March 21  
11 am-12:30 pm  
Ames Room

Learn the dos and don'ts of starting your vegetable garden. Master Gardener Doug Moore, along with other master gardeners, will be here to teach us the basics. Doug is the volunteer liaison for the Cary Park District at Hoffman Park Give Back Gardens that supply fresh vegetables in season to the Cary Grove Food Pantry. Registration required.



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Wednesday, January 28

## The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare Monday, March 23 7-8:30 pm

Ames Room and Zoom

This hybrid educational seminar will help you understand your Medicare choices. Learn about Medicare A & B, Supplemental Insurance, Part D (Prescription Drug), Medicare Advantage, as well as their costs and how each option works. Presented by Jane Klinger (Sanchez) Broker, Life & Health for Aegis Resources Inc. Registration required for both remote and in-person attendance.

## Readers' Social Club

Age 18 and older  
Thursday, March 26  
6-7:30 pm

Summer Moon Coffee  
625 Cog Circle Unit D, Crystal Lake

This isn't your typical book club! There's no assigned reading, no discussion to prepare for. Just bring whatever you happen to be reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee in Crystal Lake for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.

## Playwriting Workshop

Age 15 and older  
Saturday, March 28  
1-4 pm

Ames Room

Chicago playwright Bill Daniel will lead a seminar on the basics of playwriting with lecture, exercises and feedback. Come prepared to write: notebooks and pens/pencils or laptops are encouraged. Registration required.

## Making the Most of Social Security

Tuesday, March 31  
7-8:30 pm

Ames Room

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals and widows. These strategies can often provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard filing options that are typically selected. Stacy will also cover topics such as Social Security earned income limits and the taxation of Social Security benefits. Registration required.

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## Movies

### Tuesday Night Movie



#### *A Big Bold Beautiful Journey*

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6-8 pm

Ames Room

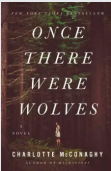
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Wednesday, January 28

## Book Clubs

### Bookies Book Discussion

Registration required.



Wednesday, Feb. 18

9:30-11:30 am

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom

*Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy. Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on hoopla, Libby and the Palace Project.



Wednesday, March 18

9:30-11:30 am

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom

*The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on Libby and on The Palace Project.

### Night Owls Book Club

Registration required. A book club for readers who do their best after dark!



Monday, Feb. 16

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom

*The Teller of Small Fortunes* by Julie Leong. Get copies at the Circulation Desk and Libby.



Monday, March 16

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom

*Looking Glass Sound* by Catriona Ward. Get copies at the Circulation Desk, on hoopla and Libby.



## Have you checked out our Library of Things?

### Why buy when you can borrow?!

- Bike repair kit
- Binoculars
- Blu-ray player
- CD/cassette player
- Cricut Easy Press 12x10
- Cricut Hat Press
- Cricut Mug Press
- Crochet set
- Electricity meter
- Film-to-digital converter
- Floppy disk reader
- Karaoke machine
- Knitting needle set
- Laser level
- Moisture detector
- Projectors
- Projector screen
- Radon detector
- Scanner
- Stud finder
- Tire inflator
- Toniebox & characters
- Tripods
- Vehicle code reader
- Voltage tester
- Yarn winder



More items are available.  
Visit [cpl.org](http://cpl.org) > Services > Library of Things



# Tweens & Teens

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## Hedgehog Book Folding Craft

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Feb. 3

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Make an adorable hedgehog craft using a paperback book.

CLPL cardholders only.

Registration required.



## Teen Crafts: Origami Hearts and 3D Duct Tape Hearts

Grades 6-12

Thursday, Feb. 5

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

Try making a simple origami heart design (which can double as a love note) and a 3D duct tape heart.



## Black Light Bingo

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Are you ready for a fun and friendly Bingo competition with a twist? There will be black lights, snacks and prizes! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Teen Crafts:

### Personalized Bucket Hats

Grades 6-12

Monday, Feb. 23

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Teens can make a bucket hat with a simple, custom iron-on design using the library's Cricut Maker and Hat Press. All materials provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

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## Fandom Meet Up: Wings of Fire

Grades 6-8

Thursday, Feb. 26

4:30-5:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Love the *Wings of Fire* series? Meet up with other fans to celebrate the series with activities and games. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Dating Violence Awareness Workshop

Grades 6-12

Thursday, Feb. 26

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. This Turning Point workshop will inform teens and equip them with essential skills such as setting boundaries, naming unhealthy or abusive patterns in relationships, and identifying supportive adults in their lives. Registration required.

## Tween Chip Challenge

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, March 3

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Are you an adventurous chip connoisseur? Let's get together and have a chip tasting! Will your taste buds be able to guess the flavor? Once we figure out the flavors, we'll vote for our favorite. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Beaded Plants

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, March 17

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Think spring! Make a beaded plant that will never need watering. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Teen VR Game Night

Grades 6-12

Thursday, March 26

6:30-8 pm

Ames Room

Students, use the library's Meta Quest 2 VR Headset and Nintendo Switch™, or play a tabletop board game, while hanging with other teens. Snacks will be provided. Stay for a little while or the whole time. Registration encouraged.



## April Fools Party

Grades 6-8

Tuesday, April 7

6:30-7:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Let's celebrate the silliest holiday with games, a whoopee cushion craft and snacks! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



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## 2026 Illinois Readers' Choice Voting

Grades K-8

Feb. 2-20

Youth Services

Read books from the 2026 Illinois Readers' Choice lists and vote for your favorite!

**Monarch Voting (Grades K-3)**

Read 5 books to vote

**Bluestem Voting (Grades 3-5)**

Read 4 books to vote

**Caudill Voting (Grades 4-8)**

Read 3 books to vote

This program is open to all children in grades K-8 who have read the minimum number of books and have not voted elsewhere. Ballots are available at the Youth Services Desk.

## Make It Mondays

Grades K-5

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 23;

March 2, 9, 16, 30

3:45-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Stop by for a surprise, hands-on activity. Crafts, games or building. The activity will change every week. Drop in. No registration required.

## Maker Academy: Cross Stitch, Embroidery and Hand Sewing

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Feb. 10 and March 10

6:30-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Grab your grown-up and come to Youth Services to learn fiber art skills. Take home a finished project you've made together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## LEGO® Builders' Club

Grades 2-5

Thursdays, Feb. 12 and March 12

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join other LEGO®-loving kids for an hour of brick-building fun. Try a building challenge or create your own. Use the library's LEGO® collection for this program. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Sweet Story and Craft

Grades K-2

Friday, Feb. 13

4-4:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join us for a sweet story and create a special craft in celebration of Valentine's Day! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Saturday Story Time and Play

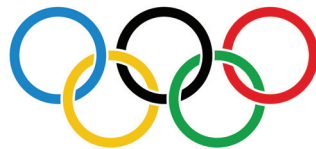
Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Saturdays, Feb. 14 and March 14

10:30-11:30 am

Program Rooms I & II

Children and their caregivers can enjoy a short story and playtime. Drop-in. No registration required.



## Junior Winter Olympics

Grades K-5

Monday, Feb. 16

Session 1: 1-1:45 pm (Grades K-2)

Session 2: 3-3:45 pm (Grades 3-5)

Program Rooms I & II

Let's go for the gold! We will have STEM-based activities to celebrate the 2026 Winter Olympic Games. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Pokémon Craft and Play

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, Feb. 18

4-4:45 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Want to hang out with fellow Pokémon card collectors? Stop by the library with your card collection to talk, craft and play! Have cards but don't know how to play? We will teach you! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



## Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, Feb. 19

10 am

Ms. Seanine will read a funny story. You can watch the video on the CLPL YouTube channel.

## Monarch Book Club

Grades K-3

Thursday, Feb. 19

4:15-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn about the Monarch awards then hear two of the Monarch nominees read aloud. After the stories, we'll have some hands-on fun. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Read With Me

Grades K-5

Saturdays, Feb. 21 and March 21

10-11 am

(Sign up for a 15-minute session)

Program Rooms I & II

Would your child like to practice reading with a trained therapy dog? SOUL Harbour Ranch brings their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs to the library for a cozy, one-on-one reading time, which ensures the best experience for our readers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



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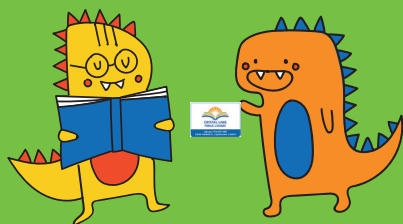
## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

**BORROW BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, EBOOKS, MUSIC, VIDEO GAMES & HOTSPOTS**

**ATTEND PROGRAMS, LEARN A CRAFT, ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT**

**USE OUR DATABASE RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH & EDUCATION**

**BORROW TOOLS, EQUIPMENT & ITEMS FROM OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS**



### Toddler Art Studio 18-35 months w/caregiver

**Tuesday, Feb. 24**  
9:30-10 am  
Program Rooms I & II  
Process-based art designed specifically for toddlers. Dress for a mess! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

### Family Evening Story Time

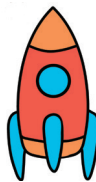
**Birth-5 years w/caregiver**  
**Tuesdays, Feb. 24 and March 24**  
6:30-7 pm  
Program Rooms I & II  
Bring the family and enjoy a story time together. Prepare to dance and sing. Registration required.

### Silly Story Time Dance Party Birth-5 years w/caregiver

**Thursday, Feb. 26**  
9:30-10 am and 10:30-11 am  
Program Rooms I & II  
Come shake your sillies out in this special story time focused on music and dance. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

### Science Explorers Grades K-2 w/caregiver

**Wednesday, March 4**  
4-4:30 pm  
Program Rooms I & II  
Come explore with us! We will be using STEM-based activities to explore the world around us. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



### Fandom Meet Up: Wings of Fire Grades 3-5

**Thursday, March 5**  
4:30-5:30 pm  
Program Rooms I & II  
Love the *Wings of Fire* series? Meet up with other fans to celebrate the series with activities and games. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

### Yoga Story Time Ages 2-5 w/caregiver

**Friday, March 13**  
10-10:30 am  
Program Rooms I & II  
Join us for a story time focused on movement and fun. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



### D&D Beginner's Club Grades 3-5

**Wednesday, March 18**  
4-5 pm  
Program Rooms I & II  
Learn the basics of D&D! You will learn how to play by working together to defeat monsters. Adventurers are welcome to bring their own dice. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

### Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Karamy

**Thursday, March 19**  
10 am  
Ms. Karamy will share a special story. You can watch the video on the CLPL YouTube channel.



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## Spy School

Grades 3-5

Monday, March 23

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II



Calling all spies! Are you ready to use your skills and spy knowhow to solve the puzzles and complete your mission? CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Art Unlimited: Tissue Paper 'Stained Glass' Jar

Grades K-2

Tuesday, March 24

1-1:45 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Create a "stained glass" decorative jar using tissue paper. All supplies will be provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Preschool Story Time and Craft

Ages 3-5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, March 25

10-10:45 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join us for a special story time for preschoolers that includes stories, songs and a fun craft. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

## Spring Story Time Dance Party

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Thursday, March 26

9:30-10 am and 10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

We'll put a spring in your step during this special story time focused on music and dance. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



# Story Times!



The following story times require registration with a CLPL card (except for Family Story Time on Tuesdays). To register, visit the calendar on [clpl.org](http://clpl.org); call the library at 815.459.1687, ext. 6; or register in person at the Youth Services desk.

## Mondays

### Baby Time

Birth-17 months w/caregiver

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 16;

March 2, 9, 16

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Special story time for babies. We'll have stories, songs and lap-sit games.

### Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Mondays, Feb. 2, 9, 16;

March 2, 9, 16

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

## Tuesdays

### Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17;

March 3, 10, 17

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

### Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17;

March 3, 10, 17

10:30-11 am

Youth Services

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing. (No registration needed for this program)

## Wednesdays

### Preschool Story Time

3-5 years

Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18;

March 4, 11, 18

9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories and songs for preschool-aged children. (Adults encouraged to leave room to build kids' independence.)

### Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18;

March 4, 11, 18

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

## Thursdays

### Bilingual Story Time/ Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Thursdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19;

March 5, 12, 19

10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Get ready to have fun with music, books and rhymes in this special bilingual story time. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Prepárate para divertirte con música, libros y rimas en esta hora especial de cuentos bilingües. Solo para usuarios con tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake. Se requiere inscripción.

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am  
Wednesday, January 28

## Mission Statement Crystal Lake Public Library:

We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm Feb. 18 and March 18. Visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) for more information.

### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday	9 am-9 pm
Friday & Saturday	9 am-5 pm
Sunday	1 pm-5 pm

**Due to staff training:** the library will open at noon Fridays, Feb. 6 and March 6.

Photos: Library staffers regularly take photos to use in library publications and promotional fliers. Written consent will be obtained from those named in a photo.



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Facebook para hispanohablantes



## Early Voting at the Library! March 2-16

Crystal Lake Public Library will serve as an early voting site for McHenry County residents from March 2 to March 16.

Voting booths will be set up in the Ames Room located in the lower level of the library. Please

note: accessible parking is available on Paddock Street and the library has an elevator in the main lobby.




## Seed Library: Grand Opening 2026!

Sunday, March 1  
1-5 pm  
Adult Services

Opens March 1 for  
CLPL cardholders.



Opens to everyone April 1.

 Fully restocked: wide variety of flower & vegetable seeds!

 Limits apply.

 Stop by our DIY Area to create garden labels to match your seeds!

Calling All Gardeners!

