

## Fall 2025 Program Guide



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# **General Information**

## WE'RE REMODELING! PROJECT BLACK ROAD

Our Black Road Branch is getting a major upgrade to better serve you!

Remodel begins July 2025 Expected Completion March 2026



## Registration

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Some library programs require registration. Register by phone, online or in person.

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Free parking is available at both locations. At OSB, parking can be validated at the Circulation desk when parking in the garage located at 110 N. Ottawa Street. Parking is FREE in downtown Joliet on Sat/Sun and after 5 p.m. daily.

## **Drop-In Storytimes**

No Storytime Oct. 13, Nov. 24, Nov. 26 and Nov. 27

#### **Toddler Time**

(18 months-3 years with adult) Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a simple craft to take home. Please arrive at the YMCA 10 minutes prior to the storytime for adults to sign in with their ID.

#### **Galowich Family YMCA**

749 Houbolt Rd., Joliet Mondays, Sept. 8-Dec. 15 10:30-11 a.m. 11:15-11:45 a.m.

#### **Bouncing Babies**

(Birth-24 months with adult) 🚺 Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles! This is a great first "playgroup" for children. Please arrive at the YMCA 10 minutes prior to the storytime for adults to sign in with their ID.

#### **Galowich Family YMCA**

749 Houbolt Rd., Joliet Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Dec. 17 10:30-11 a.m. 11:15-11:45 a.m.

#### **Preschool Storytime**

(3-5 years with adult) 🔍 A chance for children to explore the

world of books through stories and songs in a group environment with a craft to take home. Please arrive at the YMCA 10 minutes prior to the storytime for adults to sign in with their ID.

#### **Galowich Family YMCA**

749 Houbolt Rd., Joliet Thursdays, Sept. 4-Dec. 18 10:30-11 a.m. 11:15-11:45 a.m.

#### Wiggle Worms

(18 months-4 years with adult) Meet new friends in our music and play program! We will be shaking our wiggles out and using our imagination through hands-on play.

OSB Tuesdays, Sept. 2-Dec. 16 10:30-11 a.m.

#### **Family Storytime**

(Birth-6 years with adult) 🚺 Family Storytime is a fun and interactive experience that is suitable for ages birth to six years. All your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, songs and a craft.



OSB Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Dec. 17 10:30-11 a.m.

## Bilingual Storytime en español y ingles/In Spanish and English

(Birth-6 years with adult) 🚺 This bilingual storytime is for both English and Spanish speakers and will give exposure to books, songs and activities in both languages.

OSB Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Dec. 17 6-6:30 p.m.

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#### WORMS!

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🕓 Bring the whole family to learn about Rory, the Worm Who Saved the Earth! and all things WORMS with the Will County Land Use Department. Each family will make a worm bin to take home.



OSB Thursday, Sept. 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.



BRB Thursday, Sept. 11 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Family Field Trip: **Hammel Woods Bats**



Visit the summer home of bats in Hammel Woods and learn more about these amazing flying mammals from an educator with the Forest Preserve District of Will County. Bring a chair and use bug spray before you come to help our environment.

#### Hammel Woods: Route 59 Access

560 Brook Forest Ave., Shorewood (follow the road to the Stone Pavilion) Thursday, Sept. 4

7-8 p.m.

#### **Chess Club** (Grades 1-5) 🚺

Whether you are a beginner or already know some chess, come join us for chess fun and make new friends.

OSB Monday, Sept. 8, 22, Oct. 6, 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1 5-7 p.m.

#### **Preschool Games**

(Ages 3-5) **R** Looking for fun? Come play some outdoor learning games with friends.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 9 (outdoors) 10:30-11:30 a.m.



## **Robot Adventures**

(Grades 4-6) 🕓 Code our robots for special missions and games.

## **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet

Tuesday, Sept. 9 5:30-7 p.m.



#### Window Art

(Grades K+ with adult)

Whether you're an artist or just want to have fun, come out and add your own touch to help us make the library shine!

BRB Saturday, Sept. 13 (outdoors) 10-11 a.m.

#### Lotería

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🕚 Bring your family and friends to play the Mexican version of Bingo. A Spanish translator will be available.

#### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Monday, Sept. 15 6-7 p.m.



## Watercolors in Nature

(Grades 1-5)

Enjoy the outdoors while painting with watercolors.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 16 (outdoors) 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Video Game Club

(Grades 1-8)

Calling all video game fans, join us for Video Game Club. Play fun, new multiplayer video games. Try out our virtual reality headsets. Fans of Pokémon can bring their Pokémon cards.



Tuesday, Sept. 16, Oct. 21,

Nov. 18 6:30-7:30 p.m.



#### Family Field Trip: Inwood Golf Course

(Grades K+ with adult) Come with us to check out behind the scenes at Inwood Golf Course.

#### **Inwood Golf Course**

3200 W Jefferson St., Joliet Thursday, Sept. 18 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **Preschool Explorers:** Talk Like a Pirate Day

(Ages 2-5 with adult) Ahoy, matey! Join us with your little scallywags while they enjoy stories, music and hands-on activities! Yo ho ho!

OSB Friday, Sept. 19 10:30-11:30 a.m.



#### Lucha Libre Storytime

(Ages 3-8 with adult) 🚺

Come and meet a real luchador! The lucha libre wrestler will talk about the sport, we will read stories, and you can make your very own luchador mask. Don't forget to take your picture with the luchador. A Spanish translator will be available.

OSB Saturday, Sept. 20 1-2 p.m.

### **Homeschool Hangout**

(Ages 5-12 with adult) Hangout, meet other homeschoolers and do a new activity each month.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 23, Oct. 21 (outdoors) 1-2 p.m.

OSB Thursday, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### **Special Storytime**

(Birth-6 years with adult) Come listen to a few stories and sing songs with your friends and family. Enjoy a craft afterward.

### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Tuesday, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16 6:30-7:15 p.m.

### Potato-palooza!

(Grades PreK+ with adult) Calling all tater tots! Celebrate National Potato Month with us, and learn more a"peel"ing potato facts than you'll ever need to know at our spud-tacular stations.



## **Toddler Dance Party**

(Ages 1-4 with adult) Shake your sillies out to fun interactive music at this program. We'll dance, sing and even play with the parachute!

BRB Friday, Sept. 26 (outdoors) 10:30-11:30 a.m.

### Taking in the Great Outdoors: A Sensory Experience

(Ages 6+ with adult)

Join a forest therapy guide from The Conservation Foundation to take in the great outdoors with your family. Families will interact with nature through their senses and will create something, share and connect.

BRB Saturday, Sept. 27 (outdoors) 10-11:15 a.m.









#### Family Field Trip: Joliet West Theater Backstage (Grades K+ with adult)

Get a behind the scenes look at a high school theater and go backstage to learn about props, costumes, stage crew and more!

Joliet West High School Auditorium 401 N Larkin Ave., Joliet Park in parking lot off Glenwood Ave and enter at Door 5 Tuesday, Sept. 30 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## **Pumpkin Disguise Contest**



Pick up a paper pumpkin and craft a disguise at home, based on a book you love. Turn it in by Oct. 20 for judging.

BRB Oct. 1-20

#### Make Your Own Piñata

(Grades 1+ with adult) Join us and learn step-by-step how to make a fun mini-piñata. A Spanish translator will be available.



OSB Thursday, Oct. 2 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **Outdoor Family Glow Party**

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🚺 We're having an outdoor glow party! We will have a variety of glow games, a scavenger hunt and fun music for dancing! Weather permitting.

BRB Friday, Oct. 3 (outdoors) 7-8 p.m.

## Make Your Own Piñata Kit

(Grades PreK-5)

Try your hand at making your very own quick and easy Mexican piñata using everyday materials. Pickup at the Youth Services desk.

BRB Oct. 5-11

#### **Robot Rally**

(Grades 1-3) Learn basic coding principles while working with adorable robots. **Troy Craughwell School** 

3333 Black Rd., Joliet

Tuesday, Oct. 7 5:30-7 p.m.

## Printmaking

(Grades 3-6)

Create stamps using food and various household objects, then paint them and test them out on different surfaces to make some cool usable art.

Thursday, Oct. 9 6-7 p.m.

(Ages 10 and under with adult) 🖤 Dress for the weather and for fun! We'll have various bubble stations set up for you and the family to enjoy! A Spanish translator will be available.

Saturday, Oct. 11 (outdoors) 10-11 a.m.

Join us to celebrate the release of Bad Guys 2 with crafts, games and activities! A Spanish translator will be available.

Saturday, Oct. 11 1-2 p.m.

### Family Field Trip: Rancho Los Guzman

(Grades K+ with adult)

Experience the charm of a hacienda style barn and get the chance to pet and feed the horses!

### **Rancho Los Guzman**

2225 Maple Rd., Joliet Monday, Oct. 13 1-2 p.m.



## Tic Tac Toe



Learn some fun facts about tic tac toe and play a few games. Then you'll make your own travel size tic tac toe

game to take on the road!

OSB Monday, Oct. 13 4:30-5:30 p.m.



#### **Developmental Screening** (Ages 0-3) 🚺

Children ages birth to 36 months can get a free developmental screening from Child and Family Connections. Stop by before or after Wiggle Worms to fill out a survey and see for yourself all the great things your child is learning and doing.



## 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Monster Mash

(Kids of all ages with adult) Wear your costumes and get ready to shake a leg with D.J. DreLaurin at our not-so-spooky dance party! Join us for games, crafts and fun!

OSB Thursday, Oct. 23 6-7 p.m.



#### Five Nights at Freddy's Paint & Sip

(Grades 1-5 with adult) "Are you ready for Freddy?" Learn to paint Freddy Fazbear from the Five Nights at Freddy's franchise.

OSB Monday, Oct. 27 4:30-6 p.m.





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**Bubble Bonanza** 

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**Bad Guys Party** (Grades 1-8) R

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#### Día de los Muertos

(Kids of all ages)

Come and celebrate the Day of the Dead. Learn about the celebration with stories, crafts and music. A Spanish

translator will be available.

OSB Saturday, Nov. 1 1-2 p.m.



#### Family Field Trip: JJC MakerLab

(Grades K+ with adult) 🕓 Tour the JJC MakerLab, packed with cool equipment like 3D printers and laser engravers. Registration required for each person attending.

#### **JJC-Main Campus**

1215 Houbolt Rd., Joliet T Building, Room 1034 Tuesday, Nov. 4 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Junior Book Club

(Grades K-2)

We will read a book together and do activities and a craft that go with the title.

#### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Thursday, Nov. 6 5-6 p.m.

#### **Fall Color Match**

(Grades PreK-2)

Match the outdoors to colors in your bucket, play with play doh and work on leaf art. A Spanish translator will be available.



BRB Friday, Nov. 7 (outdoors) 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### B-I-N-G-O

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🔍 Drop by for a few games of Bingo. **Troy Craughwell School** 3333 Black Rd, Joliet Monday, Nov. 10 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### **Trash to Treasure - Piggy Bank** (Grades 1-5) 🕓

Let's turn some trash into treasure and learn how to save your money while making a piggy bank out of recycled materials! A Spanish translator will be available.

OSB Monday, Nov. 10 6-7 p.m.

#### **Messy Masterpiece**

(Ages 2-6 with adult)

Toddlers and preschoolers can get their hands messy in this sensory program as they make art using items lying around the house.

OSB Wednesday, Nov. 12 4:30-6 p.m.

#### Winter Preparedness with WCEMA (Grades K-8)

Get ready for winter fun with the Will County Emergency Management Agency. With tips on navigating winter hazards and staying warm, this program ensures you are ready for any frosty challenge!

Saturday, Nov. 15 OSB 1-2 p.m.

#### **Reading Rangers Book Club** (Grades 2-4) 🕓



Join us to discuss the book and do a fun activity. Register, pick up the book at Black Road Branch Youth Services and read it before we meet.

#### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Wednesday, Nov. 19 5-6 p.m.



#### **Toddler Turkey Trot**

(Ages 1-3 with adult) Little gobblers unite for a turkey story, songs and a mini race on the path outside of the library. Make sure to bundle up in case of cold weather!

BRB Friday, Nov. 21 (outdoors) 10:30-11:15 a.m.

#### Pokémon Family Escape Room

(Grades 1+ with an adult) Enjoy this fun Pokémon themed escape room with the whole family! A mysterious Pokémon has trapped you in the library. It is up to you to escape before it is too late.

OSB Tuesday, Nov. 25 6-7:30 p.m.



## **Light Up the Holidays**

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🔍 Join us for games, a craft and other activities before the Christmas parade!

OSB Friday, Nov. 28 1-4:30 p.m.



#### Holiday Sing-a-Long

(Kids of all ages with adult) 🔍 Bring the whole family and sing along as local musician, John Condron, leads us in our favorite holiday classics!

OSB Friday, Nov. 28 3:30-4:30 p.m.

#### **Pokémon Meetup**

(Grades 3-8) 🕓

Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms, or just hang out and discuss your favorite characters. We will have Pokémon activities and a craft.

### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Wednesday, Dec. 3 5-6 p.m.







#### **Gingerbread House Decorating Party**

(Ages 3-12 with adult) R Build and decorate a gingerbread house with the family and take your holiday creation home with you!

OSB Saturday, Dec. 6 1-2 p.m.



## Hot Cocoa Bar

(All ages) N

We're serving hot cocoa and apple cider! Swing by for a warm drink. Tuesday, Dec. 9 (outdoors)

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B Tuesday, Dec. 9 (out 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **Family Paint 'n Sip: The Grinch** (Grades K+)

Get into the holiday cheer and have the whole family learn how to paint The Grinch!

OSB Thursday, Dec. 11 4:30-6 p.m.

#### **Preschool Explorers: Baking Time**

(Ages 3-5 with adult) Sugar, spice and all things nice! Join us for some baking themed stories, activities and sensory play!

OSB

Friday, Dec. 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### **Gift Creation Station**

(Grades PreK-8)

Drop in and join us in making some homemade holiday gifts! A Spanish translator will be available.



Sunday, Dec. 14 2-3:30 p.m.

#### Noon Year's Eve Celebration

(Kids of all ages with adult) Countdown to 2026 kid-style with some festive family fun! Music and party favors will be awaiting your arrival complete with a countdown and grape juice toast at noon!

OSB

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

## The Most Important School Supply: A Library Card

#### (Grades PreK-5)

Did you know that through partnerships with area school districts, the Joliet Public Library is now able to offer student library cards free of charge to residents of the City of Joliet and

Joliet Township?

Sign your child up today either at the library or from home!

Check out all the information at: jolietlibrary.org/student-library.cards/









R Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. Registration opens four weeks before the program date.



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# Middle School & High School

#### OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRBBlack Road Branch

#### **DIY Succulents**

(Grades 6-12) **R** 

Learn about caring for succulents as well as tips for multiplying your succulent garden. We'll make a succulent planter as well!

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 24 (outdoors) 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### **Trinket Thursday**

(Grades 9-12) **R** 

Calling all new and experienced crafters! Join us after school in making a fun DIY trinket to take home. All supplies will be provided by the library.

OSB Thursday, Sept. 25, Nov. 20

1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### **Middle Grade Book Club**

(Grades 5-8) 🕓

Attention Book Lovers! Join our middle grade book club. We will be reading a Caudill-nominated novel. Must read it before we meet.

Troy Craughwell School 3333 Black Rd., Joliet Monday, Oct. 6 5-6 p.m.



#### **Taste Testers: Hot Sauce**

(Grades 7-12) **R** 

Can you handle the heat? Test different types of hot sauce on the Scoville Scale before reaching the infamous Ghost Pepper.

OSB Tuesday, Oct. 7 6-7 p.m.



## **Uno Tournament**

(Grades 9-12) 🕓

Are you an Uno expert? Prove it and enter our Uno Tournament! Winner will receive a \$15 Subway Gift card.

OSB Thursday, Oct. 9

1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### Día de los Muertos Geode Skull (Grades 6-12)

Craft a Geode Skull to prepare for Día de los Muertos. Each attendee will receive their own skull to decorate and keep.

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 15 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Play a Dungeons and Dragons Adventure!

(Grades 6-12) 🕓 Join us for a one-time Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition adventure.

#### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Thursday, Oct. 16 6-8 p.m.

## Five Nights at Freddy's Paint & Sip

(Grades 6-12) **B** "Are you ready for Freddy?" Learn to paint Freddy Fazbear from the Five Nights at Freddy's franchise.

OSB Monday, Oct. 27 6:30-8 p.m.

### **Taste Testers: Brand Challenge**

(Grades 6-12) **B** 

Can you taste the difference between the brand name and generic? Sample different foods and vote on which brands are the best.

#### **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Thursday, Nov. 13 5:30-6:30 p.m.

## Afterhours: Zombie Invasion

(Grades 7-12) Take over the library for a Zombie

Invasion! Transform into a Zombie and play Zombie games in the library after everyone has left!

OSB Friday, Nov. 14 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **Beaded Creations**



Pop into the Youth Department and pick up a fun bead craft to make at home! Pickup begins December 1 and continues while supplies last.

BRB Monday, Dec. 1

#### **Nightmare Before Christmas Character Jars**

#### (Grades 6-12) 🕓

"What's this? I can't believe my eyes!" Believe it as you make a glowing character jar of Jack or Sally from Nightmare Before Christmas.

OSB Thursday, Dec. 4 6-7 p.m.



## **BookTok Ornaments**

(Grades 6-12) **R** 

As seen on TikTok...Come make the perfect DIY ornament for book lovers! You'll have a choice of mini books to personalize your BookTok ornament.

## **Troy Craughwell School**

3333 Black Rd., Joliet Monday, Dec. 8 5:30-6:30 p.m.

#### **Exam Cram**

(Grades 9-12) 🚺

Stress less over finals at the library! You provide the study materials and we'll provide space to study. Snacks and de-stressing activities will be available to keep you going.

Tuesday, Dec. 16; Wednesday, OSB Dec. 17; Thursday, Dec. 18 3-8:30 p.m.

#### Pet a Dog

(Grades 7-12) 🚺

Take a break from studying and come hang out with a dog!

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 17 5:30-6:30 p.m.





# **Adults**

## **Tech Learning**

In the Tech Learning Academy program, you learn the basics of computers and software.

#### Microsoft Excel, Part One

(Adults)

Learn the basics of Excel: the ribbon, moving between cells, copy/paste cells and columns.



OSB Wednesday, Sept. 24 6-7:30 pm (English)

#### Microsoft Excel, Part Two (Adults)

Learn more techniques such as sort and filter, using formulas, adding and formatting graphs, tables and more.

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 1 6-7:30 pm (English)

### **Basics of Google Drive**



Get to know the first Google products you need to manage email and documents. Learn about setting up a Gmail account and navigate Google Drive.



OSB Wednesday, Oct. 29 6-7:30 pm (English)

## One on One Tech Help

(Adults)

Learn more about your computer, smartphone or tablet with our 30 minute personal tech help sessions.



**Mondays,** 12-1 p.m. (English & Spanish)

BRB

Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. (English only)



Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. (English & Spanish)



OSB Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (English & Spanish)

(No sessions Sept. 1 & Nov. 11) Final Session Nov. 20 Sept.-Nov.

## **Book Discussions**

Morning Book Discussion Group (Adults) N

Share your love of reading with this lively book group! Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk.

#### **Crossroads Christian Church**

2312 Essington Rd., Joliet Sept. 16: Where the Lost Wander by Amy Harmon Oct. 21: The Choice by Edith Eger Nov. 18: The Making of a Miracle by Mike Eruzione Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

## NextGen Lit Book Club

(Adults) **R** 

Join other adults in their 20s/30s to talk about books each month! We will read books from YA and adult collections covering a variety of genres. Pick up a copy of this month's book at BRB! **Critical Grind Board Game Cafe** 852 Sharp Dr. # L, Shorewood

Sept. 8: Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch massacre by Max Brooks

Oct. 13: Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark fiction Anthology

edited by Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. Nov. 10: Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Poetry Workshops (Adults)

Join Poet Laureate of Joliet, Uxmar Torres, for workshops to spark creativity. Open to English and Spanish speakers; fresh content only, no prior work reviewed.

Wednesdays, OSB Sept. 3: Rhyming Oct. 1: Fear Nov. 19: Gratitude Dec. 10: Snow 5-7 p.m.

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#### **English for Beginners-High Beginners** (Adults) **R**

English class that will focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing practice. All participants are required to take a placement exam. A one week rest period every six weeks will be in place.



Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m OSB (No classes Sept 13 & Nov 1)

Class Ends Nov. 15

Sept.-Nov.

#### **English for Intermediate-Advanced** (Adults) **R**

English class that will focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing practice. All participants are required to take a placement exam. A one week rest period every six weeks will be in place.

Saturdays, 11 a.m-12 p.m.

OSB (No classes Sept. 13 & Nov. 1) Class Ends Nov. 15 Sept.-Nov.

#### **English Conversation Group** (Adults) **R**

Practice your English in a small group setting. Build your vocabulary, learn common phrases and build your confidence in expressing yourself by talking to others.



# Adults

Brew and Brush: Mug Painting Party!

No matter what you're brewing, this

cauldron-shaped mug is perfect for

Halloween! Paint your own Witch's

**Ceramic Creations of Joliet.** 

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 22

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Brew mug with guided instruction from

The Borden Murders: The Original CSI

acquitted of the charges. The murders

remain unsolved to this day. Learn the

Lizzie Borden was charged with the

double murder of her father and

stepmother but was eventually

details of the unsolved double

(Adults) **R** 

(Adults)

#### Can I Pet that Dog?!

(Adults) 🔍

Do you just want to drop in and pet some dogs? Stop by between 4-5:30 p.m.! The Alliance of Therapy Dogs Team will be here with some of

their specially trained furry friends for you to meet and pet!

OSB Thursday, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 Nov. 20, Dec. 18 4-5:30 p.m.

#### Sustainable Landscape Choices (Adults) 🕓

Beautify your yard while conserving water and creating a habitat for birds and butterflies. Beth Peluse of The **Conservation Foundation** will suggest impactful choices for sustainable home landscapes such as planting trees, using native plants, installing rain barrels, and reducing chemical use. You will learn actionable tips on how to create a beautiful, easy-to-maintain garden while reducing your

carbon footprint! OSB Tuesday, Sept. 9 6-7 p.m.



### **Putting Your Garden to Bed** (Adults) 🕓

Now is the time to learn what to do about putting your garden to bed in the fall. Join University of Illinois Horticulture Educator Nancy Kuhajda to learn what gardening tasks are best done in the fall.



#### Paint and Plant Wellness Class (Adults) 🕓

Join Ashley Searing from RejuveNate Plant and Wellness to paint your own planter in this hands-on class!

- OSB Wednesday, Sept. 17 6:30-8 p.m.

**R** Registration required at jolietlibrary.org.

#### **Charles and Company Band** (Adults) 🕓

Enjoy the smooth sounds of Chicagoland favorite, the Charles and **Company Band**, as they perform a mix of Motown, rock, and blues music. OSB Wednesday, Sept. 24 7-8 p.m.

#### **Bird Outing with Wild Birds Unlimited** (Adults) 🕓

Enjoy a bird watching outing on the Rock Run trails led by staff from Wild Birds Unlimited. Watchers of all experience levels can meet on the patio behind the Black Road Branch.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 30 5:30-7 p.m.

**Creativity Connections** 

1-3 p.m.

Make a Fridge Magnet

(Adults 18+) 🕓

OSB Friday, Oct. 10, Nov. 14

Make a really cool beach themed

magnet using 'diamond' painting.

We're looking for both writers and

a comic book from the ground up,

illustrators to work together to build

and when it's all said and done, you'll

in your hands, with copies distributed

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 22, Dec. 17

have your own physical comic book

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 15

6-7:30 p.m.

**Comic Book Creation Club** 

(Adults and teens 16+)

(Adults 60+)



OSB Wednesday, Oct. 22 6:30-8 p.m.

murder mystery.

#### Incredible Bats: Live Bats and Other **Misunderstood Creatures** (Adults) 🕓

Come experience the exotic presence of these often misunderstood animals - including fruit bats, a python, boa, and tarantulas with trained handlers from Incredible Bats. Earn a new appreciation for these creepy creatures in this interactive animal event.

OSB Thursday, Oct. 23 7-8 p.m.



#### Puppy Yoga (18+) (Adults) **R**

Learn gentle yoga poses focused on staying on the floor to optimize roaming puppy cuddle sessions. A great way to reduce stress, increase happiness, and help a furry friend in need! Please bring a yoga mat or towel to the session.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 OSB 6:30-7:30 p.m.





throughout the library.

All skill levels welcome.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

# **Adults**

## Soundtracks of War

(Adults) 🕓

Music has always been playing in the background of our nation's history, even during times of war. Hear songs of encouragement, protest and humor during wartime.

OSB Wednesday, Nov. 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### **Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered** (Adults) 🕓

Take a sweet trip down memory lane with historian Cheryl Brown. Explore Chicago's historic bakeries and top baking companies, and discover the best places you can still buy madefrom-scratch baked goods. Samples of bakery treats available.

OSB Wednesday, Nov. 12 7-8 p.m.

#### Meet Your New Best Friend: **Dog Adoption Day with Hopeful Tails** (Adults) 🕓

The library is going to the dogs—in the best way! Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue is bringing adorable, adoptable pups to the library. Stop by, say hi, and maybe meet your future furry family member!

OSB Saturday, Nov. 15 11-2 p.m.

5-7:30 p.m

## **Airdry Clay Magnets**

(Adults) 🕓

Let's paint some air dry clay and make it into fridge magnets! This month's theme will be mushrooms and all things forest vibes! We will paint, glue a magnet, and use some resin and UV light to seal these small magnets!

OSB Monday, Nov. 17

**Create Your Own 'Zine** (Adults) 🕓

Zines, magazines' DIY cousins, have made their way to the library. Whether you've got something to say or you're just looking for an artistic outlet to express yourself, we'll have all the materials you need to create your own 'zine, and the ability to distribute them right here at the JPL!

OSB Wednesday, Nov. 19 6-8 p.m.

#### **Jingle Bell Wreath Ornament** (Adults) 🖪

Create a lovely DIY Christmas decoration. Supplies are included.

OSB Wednesday, Nov. 19 6-7:30 p.m.

### Bingo!

(Adults 18+) 🕓



Wait for your numbers to be called and try to win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 3 7-8 p.m.

#### Crochet 101 : Make a Mug Cozy (Adults) 🕓

Make your own mug cozy in this beginner crochet class! All materials will be provided.

OSB Thursday, Dec. 4 6:30-8:30 p.m.



#### Paint a Ceramic Planter

(Adults)

Paint a cute planter for a real or faux plant. Supplies are included.

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 17 6-7:30 pm



#### History of the Circus (Adults) 🕓

Presenter William Pack will take us on a journey of the circus from Barnum to the modern circus.

OSB Saturday, Sept. 20

## 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Pet DNA (Adults) 🖪

DNA genealogy expert Kate Penney Howard will tell us about DNA tests for pets. She will talk about the evolution of various dog breeds including rescue dogs.

OSB Saturday, Oct. 18 1-2 p.m.

\*Stayed tuned for the monthly podcast "History Today".

\*\*Watch for the "Genealogy Tip" of the Month on Facebook.

\*\*\*Are you looking for someone to discuss your genealogy strategy with? Make a one-hour appointment to talk to a genealogist about your plan.

#### Call 815-846-3130 or email adrilling@jolietlibrary.org







## 10 **Digital Media Studio**



#### **DIY Bookish Buttons**

(Adults) **R** 

Make your own buttons in the DMS! Participants will choose from a selection of designs or draw their own.



Tuesday, Sept. 9 6-8 p.m.



#### **Musician's Club** (Ages 16+) **R**

Local musicians of all levels Local musicians of all levels are welcomed to join in, share and create. The Joliet Library's Musician's Club is a place for anyone who writes or plays music of any kind.

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### **Maple Seed Dragonflies**

(Adults) **R** 

Create stunning mini sculptures out of natural materials!



Monday, Sept. 15 6-8 p.m.

## **Intro to 3D Printing**

(Adults) 🖪

Learn about the basics of 3D printing and entry points into the craft. We will discuss basic maintenance and troubleshooting.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, Nov. 18 **OSB** 7-8 p.m.

## **Makers Guild** (Adults) 🖪



This is an open-format club that encourages crafters and entrepreneurs to bring in their projects and plans.

Thursday, Sept. 18, Nov. 20 OSB 7-8 p.m.

#### **Networking Night** (Adults) R

Show off what you're working on, see what others in the area are creating, and hopefully find people to collaborate with! We are welcoming artists, musicians, writers, graphic designers, photographers, 3D modelers, videographers, entrepreneurs and more!

Wednesday, Sept. 24 **ОЅВ** 6:30-8:30 р.т.

#### FAME-Fandom, Arts, and Music Expo (Adults) **R**

Support local artists, hear live performances, meet people with similar interests, view and buy amazing art and build community.

OSB Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

## **Photography Club**

## (Ages 16+) R

Meets every month to share, learn and network with other creatives.

Monday, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 OSB 6-8 p.m.

#### **DIY Bookmarks**

(Adults) R Make your very own custom bookmark! Friday, Oct. 17 OSB 2-4 p.m

### **Voice Over Club**

#### (Ages 16+) R

Learn and practice recording voice over projects in a group setting!

Tuesday, Oct. 21, Nov. 25, OSB Dec. 30 6-8 p.m.

## **Bob Ross Paint Along**

### (Ages 16+) R

Follow Bob at half speed using acrylics on canvas! Please be on time for setup, we start 15 minutes past the hour!



OSB Tuesday, Nov. 4 6-8 p.m

#### **Vintage Silhouettes**

(Adults) **R** Make a fabulous vintage style silhouette of yourself!

Monday, Nov. 17 OSB 6-8 p.m.



#### **Pinecone Christmas Trees**

(Adults) **R** Create miniature Christmas trees with pinecones!

Monday, Dec. 15 OSB 6-8 p.m.

#### **The Talent Showcase** (Adults) **R**

Choose to perform or watch at this multi-talent event, open to all sorts of performing arts! We welcome musicians, dancing, freestyle lyricists, acting, poetry reading, realtime drawing and painting. Performances must be family friendly and comply with library rules. *If interested in performing, please call* the DMS.









# ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns Virtual Tuesday, Sept. 16 TBD

Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode Virtual Tuesday, Oct. 21 TBD These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

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#### Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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# **September**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	<sup>1</sup> Library Closed: Labor Day	2 <u>Tech Help 2/6p</u>	3 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> Poetry Workshop 5p	<b>4</b> <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>WORMSI 10:30a</u> Hammel Woods 7p (OS)	5 English Convo Grp 10a	6 ESL 9:30a/11a
7	8 <u>Tech Help 12p</u> <u>Chess Club 5p</u> NextGen Lit 6:30p (OS)	9 PreK Gams 10:30a Robot Adv 5:30p (OS) <u>Tech Help 2/6p</u> <u>Sustainable Land 6p</u> <u>Buttons 6p</u>	10 Tech Help 3:30p Garden to Bed 6p Musician's Club 6:30p	11 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> WORMS! 4:30p	12 English Convo Grp 10a	<sup>13</sup> Window Art 10a
14	15 Tech Help 12p Lotería 6p (OS) Dragonflies 6p	16 AM Book Grp 10a (OS) Watercolors in Nature 4:30p Tech Help 2/6p Video Game Club 6:30p Intro to 3D Printing 7p	17 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> Paint & Plant 6:30p	18 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Can I pet that Dog? 4p</u> Inwood Golf 4:30p (OS) <u>Makers Guild 7p</u>	19 English Convo Grp 10a Preschool Explorers Pirates 10:30a	20 ESL 9:30a/11a History of the Circus 1 Lucha Libre ST 1p
21	22 Tech Help 12p Chess Club 5p	23 Homeschool Hang 1p Tech Help 2/6p Special ST 6:30p (OS)	24 DIY Succulents 4:30p Tech Help 3:30p Excel Part 1 6p Networking Night 6:30p Motown Concert 7p	25 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> Trinket Thursday 1:30p <u>Potato-paloozal 6p</u>	26 <u>English Convo Grp 10a</u> Toddler Dance Party 10:30a	27 ESL 9:30a/11a Great Outdoors 10a
28	29 <u>Tech Help 12p</u>	30 Joliet West Theatre 4:30p (OS) Tech Help 2/6p Bird Outing 5:30p		Children's Pro Middle/High Program	School Ottawa Str Black Road	l Branch

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		Pumpkin Disguise Contest Oct. 1-20	1 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> <u>Poetry Workshop 5p</u> <u>Excel Part 2 6p</u>	2 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Homeschool Hang 10:30a</u> <u>Piñata 6p</u>	3 English Convo Grp 10a Family Glow Party 7p	4 ESL 9:30a/11a FAME Expo 10a
5 Piñata Kit Oct. 5-11	6 <u>Tech Help 12p</u> <u>Chess Club 5p</u> Middle Grade BC 5p (OS) <u>Photography Club 6p</u>	7 Robot Rally 5:30p (OS) Taste Test: Hot Sauce 6p Tech Help 2/6p	8 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> <u>Musician's Club 6:30p</u>	9 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Uno Tournament 1:30p</u> <u>Printmaking 6p</u>	10 English Convo Grp 10a Creativity Connect 1p	11 ESL 9:30a/11a Bubble Bonanza 10a Bad Guys Party 1p
12	13 Tech Help 12p Rancho Los Guzman 1p (OS) Tic Tac Toe 4:30p NextGen Lit 6:30p (OS)	14 <u>Developmental</u> <u>Screening 10a</u> <u>Tech Help 2/6p</u>	15 Tech Help 3:30p Fridge Magnet 6p Geode Skull 6:30p	16 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Can I pet that Dog? 4p</u> Dungeons and Dragons 6p (OS)	17 English Convo Grp 10a DIY Bookmarks 2p	18 ESL 9:30a/11a Pet DNA 1p
19	20 <u>Tech Help 12p</u> <u>Chess Club 5p</u>	21 AM Book Grp 10a (OS) Homeschool Hang 1p Tech Help 2/6p Voice over Club 6p Special ST 6:30p (OS) Video Game Club 6:30p	22 Tech Help 3:30p Mug Painting 5:30p Comic Book Creation 6:30p The Borden Murders 6:30p	23 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Monster Mash 6p</u> Incredible Bats 7p	24 English Convo Grp 10a	25 ESL 9:30a/11a
26	27 <u>Tech Help 12p</u> 5 Nights @ Freddy's Paint & Sip 4:30p/6:30p	28 <u>Tech Help 2/6p</u>	29 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> Basics of Google Dr 6p	30 <u>Tech Help 10a</u>	31	

# **November**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 <u>Día de Los Muertos 1p</u>
2	3 Tech Help 12p Chess Club 5p Photography Club 6p	4 JJC MakerLab 4:30p (OS) Tech Help 2/6p Bob Ross Painting 6p Puppy Yoga 6:30p	5 Tech Help 3:30p Soundtracks of War 6:30p	6 Tech Help 10a Homeschool Hang 10:30a Junior Book Club 5p (OS)	7 English Convo Grp 10a Fall Color Match 10:30a	8 ESL 9:30a/11a
9	<b>10</b> <u>Tech Help 12p</u> B-I-N-G-0 5:30p (OS) <u>Piggy Bank 6p</u> NextGen Lit 6:30p (OS)	11 Library Closed: Veterans Day	12 <u>Tech Help 3:30p</u> <u>Messy Masterpiece 4:30p</u> <u>Musician's Club 6:30p</u> <u>Bakeries Remembered 7p</u>	13 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> Taste Test: Brand Challenge 5:30p (OS)	14 English Convo Grp 10a Creativity Connect 1p Zombie Invasion 6p	15 ESL 9:30a/11a Dog Adoption Event 11a Winter Preparedness 1p
16	17 <u>Tech Help 12p</u> <u>Chess Club 5p</u> <u>Clay Magnets 5p</u> <u>Vintage Silhouettes 6p</u>	18 AM Book Grp 10a (OS) Tech Help 2/6p Special ST 6:30p (OS) Video Game Club 6:30p Intro to 3D Printing 7p	19 Tech Help 3:30p Poetry Workshop 5p Reading Rangers 5p (OS) Create a <sup>1</sup> Zine 6p Jingle Bell Wreath 6p	20 <u>Tech Help 10a</u> <u>Trinket Thursday 1:30p</u> <u>Can I pet that Dog? 4p</u> <u>Makers Guild 7p</u>	21 Toddler Turkey Trot 10:30p	22
23/30	24	25 <u>Pokémon Family</u> <u>Escape Room 6p</u> <u>Voice over Club 6p</u>	<sup>26</sup> Library Closed at 4 pm for Thanksgiving	27 Library Closed: Thanksgiving	28 Light Up the Holidays 1p Holiday Sing-a-Long 3:30p	29
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	1 <u>Chess Club Sp</u> <u>Photography Club 6p</u> Beaded Creations Pickup Begins	2	3 Pokémon Meetup 5p (OS) Bingo! 7p	4 Homeschool Hang 10:30a Nightmare Before Christmas Jars 6p Crochet 101 6:30p	5 Library Closed Staff Training	6 <u>Gingerbread House</u> <u>Decorating Party 1p</u>	
7	8 BookTok Ornaments 5:30p (OS)	9 Hot Cocoa Bar 6p	10 Poetry Workshop 5p Musician's Club 6:30p	11 Paint 'n Sip: The Grinch 4:30p	12 Preschool Explorers 10:30a	13	
14 Gift Creation 2p	15 <u>Pinecone Christmas</u> <u>Trees 6p</u>	<sup>16</sup> Exam Cram <u>3p</u> <u>The Talent Showcase 6p</u> Special ST 6:30p (OS)	17 Exam Cram 3p Pet a Dog 5:30p Comic Book Creation 6:30p Ceramic Planter 6p	18 <u>Exam Cram 3p</u> Can I pet that Dog? 4p	19	20	
21	22	23	24 Library Closed Christmas Eve	25 Library Closed Christmas Day	26	27	
28	29	30 <u>Voice over Club 6p</u>	<sup>31</sup> <u>Noon Year's Eve 11:30a</u> Library Closed at 4 pm for NYE	A Happy A New Year			