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September – December 2026 Program Guide

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Mon – Thurs 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., Fri – Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Sept. 7: Labor Day **Nov. 11:** Veterans' Day
Nov. 25: Closed at 4 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve **Nov. 26:** Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 4: Staff Training **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve
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Some library programs require registration. Register by phone, online or in person.

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(815) 740–2660

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Parking

Free parking is available at both locations.

The Black Road location has a parking lot.

At the Ottawa Street location, parking is validated for 2 hours at the service desk when parking in the garage at 110 N. Ottawa Street.

From 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, street parking near the library is free for 2 hours. Street parking is free on the weekends.

Storytime

Toddler Time
(Ages 18 mos. – 3 years with adult) N
Toddler Time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a simple craft.

BRB Monday, Sept. 14 – Dec. 14
9:30 – 10 a.m., 10:30 – 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Wiggle Worms
(Ages 18 mos. – 4 years with adult) N
Meet new friends in our music and play program! We will shake our wiggles out and use imagination through hands-on play.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Dec. 15
10:30 – 11 a.m.

Family Storytime
(Ages birth – 6 years with adult) N
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, bubbles, songs and a craft.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Dec. 15
6:30 – 7 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Dec. 16 (excluding Nov. 11)
10:30 – 11 a.m.

Bilingual Family Storytime en español y ingles/in Spanish and English
(Ages birth – 6 years with adult) N
This Family Storytime is for Spanish and English speakers and will give exposure to books, songs, and activities in both languages.

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Dec. 16 (excluding Nov. 11)
6 – 6:30 p.m.

Bouncing Babies
(Ages birth – 24 mos. with adult) N
Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles! This is a great first "playgroup" for children.

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Dec. 16 (excluding Nov. 11)
9:30 – 10 a.m., 10:30 – 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Preschool Storytime
(Ages 3 – 5 with adult) N
A chance for children to explore the world of books through stories and songs in a group environment with a craft.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 3 – Dec. 17 (excluding Nov. 26)
9:30 – 10 a.m., 10:30 – 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Family Field Trips

Family Field Trip: Milano Bakery
(Grades K – 5 with adult) R
Get a tour of the bakery, watch a demonstration and get into the action with some hands-on pastry making and decorating!
Milano Bakery
433 S. Chicago St, Joliet
Saturday, Sept. 19
1 – 2:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Library Tour
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
Ever wonder what's on the third floor or behind closed doors? Come and see the library like never before. We will take you behind the scenes and show you spaces you have never seen!
Ottawa Street Branch
150 N. Ottawa St, Joliet
Tuesday, Oct. 27
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Aschinberg Pediatrics
(Ages 4+ with adult) R
Go behind the scenes at the doctor's office with Dr. Paul! Learn about what it takes to help keep us safe and healthy.
Aschinberg Pediatrics
114 Barney Dr, Joliet
Tuesday, Nov. 24
12 – 12:45 p.m.

2 Kids Programs

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

Lego™ Club
(Ages 5+ with adult) N
The library will supply Lego™ bricks for free play and the occasional challenge! Are you up for it?

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Homeschool Hangout
(Ages 5 – 12 with adult) R
Come hang out at the library. Meet other homeschoolers and do an activity!

OSB Thursday, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3
1 – 2 p.m.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 27, Nov. 17
1 – 2 p.m.

Robot Adventures
(Grades 4 – 6) R
Code our robots for special missions and games.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Pokémon Meetup
(Grades 1 – 8) R
Calling all Pokémon fans! 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.

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 9
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Enchanted Autumn Hike
(Grades K – 5) R
We will take a nature walk then use natural materials to create fairy houses.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 10
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

WORMS!
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
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. 10
6 – 7 p.m.

Stay and Play
(Ages birth – 3 with adult) N
Enjoy a little library playdate. Pop in and let the kids play while you catch up on adult conversation and make your own friends.

BRB Friday, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Chess Club
(Grades 1 – 5) N
Whether you are a beginner or already know some chess, join us for a fun chess experience and the chance to make new friends with guidance from instructor Jenn Johnson.

OSB Mondays, Sept. 14 – Dec. 14 (excluding Oct. 12, Nov. 23)
5 – 7 p.m.

Video Game Club
(Grades 1 – 8) R
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.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Developmental Screening
(Ages birth – 3 with adult) N
Children ages birth to 36 months can get a free developmental screening from Child and Family Connections. Stop by before or after Bouncing Babies to fill out a survey and see for yourself all the great things your child is learning and doing.

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 16
9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

R *Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. Registration opens 4 weeks before the program.* N *No registration required.* *Outdoors, weather permitting.*

Qué Bonita Vecindad: Exploring Latin America
(Families with kids) R
Leave the suitcase at home as we travel throughout Latin America without leaving the library! Join us for games, crafts and songs celebrando la cultura!

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 16
6 – 7 p.m.

Robot Rally
(Grades 1 – 3) R
Learn basic coding principles while working with adorable robots.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 22, Oct. 27, Nov. 24
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Art Explorers
(Grades K – 5) R
Learn about famous artists you may never have heard of. We'll learn about their lives and their art, and then create a project inspired by their style.

OSB Artist: Eric Carle
Thursday, Sept. 24
2 – 3 p.m.

BRB Artist: Vincent Van Gogh
Monday, Nov. 30
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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

BRB Friday, Sept. 25
7 – 8 p.m.

Preschool Games
(Ages 3 – 5) R
Looking for fun? Come play some learning games with friends.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 29
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Potion Lab
(Grades PreK – 2) R
Mix, charm and brew! Calling all alchemists–in–training for some fizzy, frothy fun!

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 29
6 – 7 p.m.

Family Trivia Night
(Grades K+ with adult) R
Team up with your family to answer multi–category questions where kids, teens and adults can each contribute their unique knowledge!

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 30
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Lotería
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
Play Lotería, the Mexican version of Bingo, and win prizes with your family and friends!

BRB Thursday, Oct. 1
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Baby's First… Fall
(Ages birth – 18 mos.) R
A first craft for your littlest artist! Celebrate baby's first Fall with a memorable seasonal craft and sensory play in this come–and–go program.

OSB Saturday, Oct. 3
9:30 – 11 a.m.

Five Nights at Freddy's Mini Golf
(Grades K+ with adult) N
Calling all Five Nights at Freddy's Fans. Enjoy playing mini golf with holes featuring your favorite Five Nights at Freddy's characters, like Freddy Fazbear, Chica, Bonnie and more in this come–and–go program!

OSB Sunday, Oct. 4
2 – 4 p.m.

Stress Management
(Grades 1 – 5) R
Come in and learn basic stress management tools for elementary students.

BRB Thursday, Oct. 8
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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Apples with Keller's Farmstand
(Grades K – 5) R
Learn all about apples from a special visitor from Keller's Farmstand while you enjoy a story and crafts.
OSB Thursday, Oct. 8
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Soft Alpaca Sighting
(All ages) R
Sign up for a time slot with your family to meet and touch alpacas from the Lucky Clover Farm in Yorkville and find out more about these soft and cuddly creatures.
BRB Saturday, Oct. 10
1 – 3 p.m.

JUMPALOOZA
(Grades PreK – 5 with adult) R
Burn off some STEAM in this high energy hour of bouncing, hopping, leaping and JUMPING! We'll explore the world of jumping through interactive stations.
OSB Monday, Oct. 12
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bingo
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Bring the whole family to the library for a few games of Bingo. Lots of prizes will be won!
BRB Monday, Oct. 12
2 – 3 p.m.

Campfire Stories!
(Grades PreK – 3) R
Come hear some not-so-scary stories as you enjoy s'mores on the patio.
BRB Tuesday, Oct. 13
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Junior Book Club
(Grades K – 2) R
We will read a book together, discuss, and do activities and a craft to go along with the title.
BRB Wednesday, Oct. 14
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Operation Rotten Roots: Investigating Death and Decomposition
(Grades 3 – 6) R
When death strikes, the "FBI" is on the case! Join us as we go undercover and break down the decomposition process, leaving no stone unturned!
OSB Wednesday, Oct. 14
6 – 7 p.m.

Cat and Dog Safety
(Grades PreK – 3 with adult) R
Join the Will County Animal Protection Services educator to learn how pets communicate with body language so you can greet animals respectfully and safely.
OSB Thursday, Oct. 15
4 – 4:45 p.m.

Critter Care
(Grades K – 5) R
Do you want to get a pet? Come learn everything you need to know to be a responsible owner from the Will County Animal Protection Services, including feeding, keeping your pet healthy and fun things you can do with your pet!
BRB Monday, Oct. 19
4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Crow Party
(Grades K+ with adult) R
Inspired by crows who love shiny objects, bring small trinkets you are willing to part with to trade with others. Dressing in black is encouraged.
BRB Wednesday, Oct. 21
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Monster Mash
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
Wear your costumes and get ready to shake a leg with D.J. DreLaurin at our dance party! Join us for games, crafts and fun!
OSB Thursday, Oct. 22
6 – 7 p.m.

Election Day: Ducks vs. Chickens
(Kids of all ages) N
Cast your vote on which animal is the best! Voting starts Oct. 27 and runs through Nov. 3. Winners announced Nov. 4.
BRB Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Nov. 3
(BRB & ORB)
OSB

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Not-So-Spooky Storytime
(Ages birth – 6 with adult) N
Celebrate Halloween as we read not-so-spooky stories, do a craft and practice trick–or–treating around the library! Costumes are encouraged, but not required.
OSB Friday, Oct. 30
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Día de los Muertos
(Kids of all ages) R
Come and celebrate the Day of the Dead. Learn about the celebration and enjoy crafts, games and music.
OSB Sunday, Nov. 1
2 – 3 p.m.

Family Craft
(Ages 3+ with adult) N
Craft together as a family! Drop in for a make–and–take craft.
BRB Tuesday, Nov. 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Clay Play
(Ages 2 – 5 with adult) R
Squish, roll, shape and have fun with playdough!
BRB Friday, Nov. 6
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bug Bowl
(Kids of all ages) N
Celebrate all sorts of crawling critters with interactive activities for the whole family. Eat insects, meet some real creepy crawlies from Crosstown Exotics and other experts and develop a new understanding of why insects are important to our world.
BRB Saturday, Nov. 7
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Reading Rangers Book Club
(Grades 2 – 4) R
Join us to discuss a book and do a fun activity. Register, pick up the book at Black Road Branch Youth Services and read it before we meet.
BRB Thursday, Nov. 12
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Dino-vember: TEA-Rex Party
(Grades PreK – 3) R
Stomp, roar and be fancy at our dinosaur tea party! Celebrate Dino–vember with a story, juice and a snack and some dino-themed activities!
OSB Saturday, Nov. 14
1 – 2 p.m.

Paint & Sippy Cups
(Ages 18 mos. – 4 years with adult) R
You bring the sippy cup; we'll supply the juice and craft! Children will hone their fine motor skills while creating a beautiful masterpiece!
OSB Tuesday, Nov. 17
11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mystery Science
(Grades 3 – 6) R
Have you ever wondered…WHY? Explore the mysteries of science through hands–on projects.
OSB Thursday, Nov. 19
6 – 7 p.m.

Dino-vember: Dynamic Dinos
(Grades PreK – 5) R
Have fun learning about dinosaurs through interactive play and hands-on activities.
BRB Monday, Nov. 23
2 – 3 p.m.

Preschool Block Party
(Ages 3 – 5 with adult) N
Join us for some hands-on fun, where we'll stack, sort and build while exploring shapes, colors and different size materials.
BRB Tuesday, Nov. 24
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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Giant Games
(Ages 4+ with adult) N
Drop in to play some fun giant games like Connect 4, axe throwing and more!
OSB Wednesday, Nov. 25
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Light Up the Holidays
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Get into the holiday spirit and join us for reindeer games and other activities before the Christmas parade!
OSB Friday, Nov. 27
1 – 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Sing-along
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Get into the spirit of the season! Bring the whole family and sing along as local musician, John Condron, leads us in our favorite holiday classics!
OSB Friday, Nov. 27
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Family Paint 'n Sip: Snoopy
(Grades 1+ with adult) R
Celebrate the holidays by learning to paint everyone's favorite Peanuts character, Snoopy.
OSB Thursday, Dec. 3
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Holiday Cheer
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Stop by the Library for holiday stories, hot chocolate, a photo-op and a craft.
BRB Thursday, Dec. 10
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Sensory Playtime
(Ages birth – 3 with adult) N
Bring your little ones to explore their senses by feeling, hearing and touching their way through music, art and mess–free play!
BRB Friday, Dec. 11
10:30 a.m. – 12 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. 12
1 – 2 p.m.

Pet a Dog
(Kids and teens of all ages) N
Take a break from the stresses of life and come pet a dog!
BRB Monday, Dec. 14
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
OSB Wednesday, Dec. 16
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
Countdown to 2027 kid-style with some festive family fun! Music and party favors will await your arrival complete with a countdown and grape juice toast at noon!
OSB Thursday, Dec. 31
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

R Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. Registration opens 4 weeks before the program. N No registration required. Outdoors, weather permitting.

The Most Important School Supply: A Library Card!

(Grades PreK – 12)

Did you know that through partnerships with area school districts, we are able to offer student library cards free of charge to residents of the City of Joliet and Joliet Township?

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

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

Winter Reading Program

(Ages 0 – 18, register through Beanstack)

The challenge will run Dec. 20 through Feb. 27. Log your pages read through the Beanstack Tracker app. When you complete the program, stop by the Youth Department at either building by March 6 to pick up your prize pack!

Instructions:
1. Sign in to your Beanstack Tracker app or on jolietlibrary.beanstack.com. Don't have an account? Sign up as a family or individually!
2. After signing up for Beanstack, register individually for the "Winter Read 2026" challenge.
3. Log your reading via the app or website Dec. 20 – Feb. 27.
4. When you have earned a prize pack, stop by the Youth Services Department to pick it up. Packs available until March 6.

Educate Station: An Online Curriculum and Worksheet Resource

(Grades PreK – 5)

Developed by experienced and passionate educators from across the United States, Educate Station provides quality educational content for homeschoolers, families and teachers.

It has a full curriculum for grades PreK – 5 in printable packets. The primary subjects are: English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Social–Emotional Learning.

https://educatestation.com/access/joliet-public-library-il

8 Middle & High School

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Pokémon Meetup
(Grades 1 – 8) R
Calling all Pokémon fans! 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.
BRB Wednesday, Sept. 9
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Lego™ Robotics
(Grades 6 – 8) R
Use Lego™ Spike Prime sets to build and code real robots.
BRB Monday, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 16
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Start a new campaign and learn all about Dungeons & Dragons. This event is for all level players.
BRB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
6 – 8 p.m.

Video Game Club
(Grades 1 – 8) R
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.
OSB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Album Club
(Grades 9 – 12) R
Like a book club, but with music! Listen to a selected album at home, then meet up and share reviews, discuss favorite songs and explore new artists together.
BRB Monday, Sept. 21
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cemetarium
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Embrace your inner eerie, gothic self and design your own terrarium with a cemetery theme aka cemetarium. All supplies will be provided.
OSB Wednesday, Sept. 23
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Paint 'n Sip: Glow Night!
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Grab a juice box and follow easy step–by–step instructions to create your own blacklight masterpiece.
BRB Monday, Sept. 28
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
(Grades 6 – 8)
6 – 7 p.m. (Grades 9 – 12)

Maker Monday
(Grades 6 – 12) N
Hang out with friends or make some new ones as we make our own vinyl record store using cardboard and our imaginations.
BRB Monday, Oct. 5
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Hangout Kit
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Come pick up a kit with supplies to have a hang out with friends. It contains free games, ideas for activities and more!
BRB Monday, Oct. 19
Pickup in YS department

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark at the Library
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Oh the Horror!!! (At the Library) Embrace the scare through some scary stories, horror crafts and surprise jump scares. Come if you dare! Babies can stay home.
OSB Wednesday, Oct. 28
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Zine Creations
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Celebrate your favorite things and create your very own zines to pass out to your friends.
BRB Wednesday, Nov. 4
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Terrible Teddy Bear Workshop
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Come and build your own Terrible Teddy Bear. No experience needed, just bring your imagination and see who can make the worst teddy bear.
OSB Monday, Nov. 9
6 – 7 p.m.

R *Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. Registration opens 4 weeks before the program.* N *No registration required.* *Outdoors, weather permitting.*

Paint 'n Sip: Hunger Games
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Celebrate the release of *Sunrise on the Reaping* by painting the Mockingjay symbol.
BRB Monday, Nov. 23
6:30 – 8 p.m.

Hunger Games Escape Room
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Ever wonder if you could survive the Hunger Games? Prove it in this fun Hunger Games themed escape room. May the odds be ever in your favor!
OSB Tuesday, Nov. 24
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Kawaii Creations!
(Grades 7 – 12) R
Calling all new and experienced crafters! Join us in creating kawaii crafts! All materials will be provided by the library.
OSB Tuesday, Dec. 1
6 – 7 p.m.

Slide Night
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Create a 5 – 10 minute Powerpoint presentation on a niche topic you've been DYING to rant about at length. There will be time to work on your presentation, but feel free to prepare in advance!
BRB Wednesday, Dec. 2
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

UV Resin Trinkets
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Use UV resin to make unique charms, keychains and more.
BRB Monday, Dec. 7
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Holiday Smash Canvas
(Grades 6 – 12) R
Make a fun craft that is the perfect gift. Smash through the canvas to showcase yourself in this Holiday Smash Canvas. All supplies will be provided.
OSB Wednesday, Dec. 9
6:30–7:30 p.m

Exam Cram
(Grades 9 – 12) N
Stress less over finals at the library! You provide the study materials and we'll provide space to study and have snacks and de–stressing activities available to keep you going.
OSB Monday, Dec. 14 –
BRB Thursday, Dec. 17
3 – 8:30 p.m.

Pet a Dog
(Kids and teens of all ages) N
Take a break from the stresses of life and come pet a dog!
BRB Monday, Dec. 14
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
OSB Wednesday, Dec. 16
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Corps

(Grades 8 – 12)

We are seeking students going into grades 8 – 12 to help us prepare and run our programs.

Are you looking for community service hours or a way to get volunteer work experience?

Do you enjoy working with kids? You may be a perfect fit!

Sign up now at https://jolietlibrary.org/teen- volunteer-corps/

10 Adult Programs

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

ESL

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.

OSB Wednesdays, Sept. 2 – Nov. 18 (excluding Nov. 11)
6 – 7 p.m

BRB Fridays, Sept. 4 – Nov. 20
2 – 3 p.m.

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.

OSB Wednesdays, Sept. 2 – Nov. 18 (excluding Nov. 11)
7:30 – 8:30 p.m

BRB Fridays, Sept. 4 – Nov. 20
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

ESL Tutoring
(Adults) R
Improve your English with our weekly tutoring sessions. We offer personalized support across all levels, beginner to advanced.

OSB Mondays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 16.
10 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

OSB Beginner – High Beginner
Fridays, Sept. 4 – Nov. 20
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Tech Learning Academy

Computer Essentials
(Adults) R
Learn the absolute basics of computer hardware and software and build a foundation of knowledge for future reference, including identifying different computers, how computers work, basic terminology, and more. No previous experience required.

BRB Monday, Oct. 5
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

File Management Essentials
(Adults) R
Learn how to organize your files and folders on your PC, troubleshoot storage issues, and backup your media safely. Attendance at the Computer Essentials class recommended beforehand.

BRB Monday, Oct. 12
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cloud Basics
(Adults) R
Learn the very basics of how cloud storage works, how to use it, maximize digital storage efficiency, know all of the storage options, and more! During the course, we will touch on icloud, Google Drive, Onedrive, Amazon Drive, and Dropbox. Basic computer knowledge recommended. Limit 10 attendees.

BRB Monday, Oct. 19
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

One on One Tech Help
(Adults) R
Learn more about your computer, smartphone or tablet with our 30 minute personal tech help sessions.

BRB Mondays, 12 – 1 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Tuesdays, 2 – 3:30 p.m. (English only)

OSB Tuesdays, 6 – 7 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m. (English & Spanish)
All sessions end Nov. 20

R *Registration required at jolietlibrary.org.* N *No registration required.*

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 Black Road Branch Circulation Desk.

BRB
Sept. 15: *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede
Oct. 20: *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë
Nov. 17: *The Situation Room* by George Stephanopoulos
10 – 11 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!
OFFSITE: Critical Grind Board Game Cafe, 852 Sharp Dr # L, Shorewood, IL 60404
Sept. 14: *Home is Where the Bodies Are* by Jeneva Rose
Oct. 12: *Of Monsters and Mainframes* by Barbara TrueLove
Nov. 9: *Rouge* by Mona Awad
Dec. 14: *A Well–Trained Wife: My Escape from Christian Patriarchy* by Tia Levings
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Great American Road Trip: Route 66 Adventures
(Adults) R
Join WJOL radio host and author Scott Slocum as he shares stories from his new book, *The Great American Road Trip: Route 66 Adventures*. Discover must-see attractions, history and travel tips for planning your own Route 66 road trip!

OSB Thursday, Sept. 10
7 – 8 p.m.

Can I Pet that Dog?!
(Adults) N
Do you just want to drop in and pet some dogs? Stop by between 4:30 – 6 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. 17, Nov. 19
4:30 – 6 p.m.

BRB Thursday, Oct. 22, Dec. 17
4:30 – 6 p.m.

Lawyers in the Library with Prairie State Legal Services
(Adults) R
Meet with attorneys from Prairie State Legal Services for guidance on civil legal issues such as housing, family matters, benefits and consumer concerns. Registration through PSLS is required.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
1 – 5 p.m.

Crafting with Anabel
(Adults) R
It's Friday! Come get crafty! Try a new craft and meet new people. Will we paint, mold, glue or bedazzle? Find out every first–ish Friday of the month with moi, your hostess with the mostest!

OSB Friday, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 11
1 – 2:30 p.m.

Seated Tai Chi
(Adults 60+) R
Adults 60 or older, join us for a gentle exercise class designed for all fitness levels! You are guaranteed to feel energized without even breaking a sweat! To register, call Amber: (815) 221–6013. Sponsored by Catholic Charities.

BRB Tuesdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13
10 – 11:30 a.m.

12 Adult Programs

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

Make Cute Flowers from Chenille Stems
(Adults) R
Unleash your inner florist! Join the viral TikTok flower trend! Ever seen those stunning flower arrangements on TikTok and thought "I could never!"? Think again! Our “easy–peasy workshop” breaks it down into simple steps – no experience needed! You’ll craft your own gorgeous bouquet to take home and gain the confidence to keep creating.

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 23, Oct. 21
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Creativity Connections
(Adults 60+) R
Learn new skills and make friends through the joy of creating! Sponsored by Catholic Charities.

OSB Friday, Oct. 23, Nov. 20
1 – 3 p.m.

Bingo!
(Adults) R
Wait for your numbers to be called and try to win prizes!

OSB Tuesday, Oct. 27
7 – 8 p.m.

Oreo Taste Test
(Adults) R
Taste a variety of Oreo flavors and rank them by most delicious!

OSB Thursday, Nov. 12
6 – 7 p.m.

When Nature Meets Technology – Apps to Explore the Outdoors
(Adults) R
Discover how technology can enhance your outdoor adventures. An interpretive naturalist from the Forest Preserve District of Will County will introduce apps for identifying birds, plants, and more, locating hiking trails, and exploring the natural world, helping you reconnect with nature.

BRB Monday, Nov. 16
6 – 7 p.m.

Make Your Own Holiday Wreath
(Adults) R
Get into the holiday spirit and join Ashley Searing from RejuveNate Plants and Wellness to create your own festive wreath!

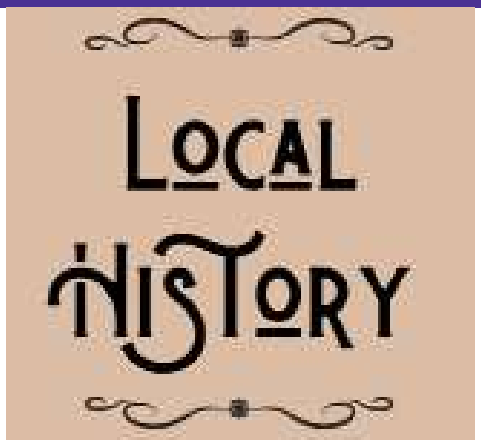
OSB Wednesday, Dec. 2
6 – 8 p.m.

WRITEON JOLIET

WriteOn Joliet

Joliet Public Library is thrilled to partner with WriteOn Joliet, a welcoming, diverse group of writers of varied skills, interests and experience. The group includes professional journalists, fiction novelists, bloggers, screenwriters, musicians and poets. WriteOn meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays at the Ottawa Street Branch or virtually. For more information, visit writeonjoliet.com.

R Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. N No registration required.



Quantum Paranormal Investigators
(Adults) R
Carl Crooks brings his knowledge of paranormal investigation to the library.
OSB Saturday, Sept. 26
2 – 4 p.m.

Emigration and Immigration
(Adults) R
Renowned Genealogist Jacquie Schattner will present on emigration and immigration, similarities, differences and a great way to proceed with research.
OSB Saturday, Oct. 24
2 – 3 p.m.

A Look at Some of Joliet's Veterans
(Adults) R
Joliet Public Library's Historian will tell us some interesting information about a few historical Joliet figures who served their country in various wars and battles.
OSB Saturday, Nov. 7
2 – 3 p.m.

Winter Holidays in Joliet (as documented in the Joliet Herald News)
(Adults) R
There will be a presentation using historic pages of the Joliet newspaper that refer to the winter holidays in Joliet.
OSB Saturday, Dec. 19
2 – 3 p.m.

Joliet History Discussion Group
(Adults) R
We will meet in the Local History Room.
OSB Saturday, Sept. 12, Oct. 17
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

***Stay tuned for the monthly podcast "History Today" available on YouTube.**

****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.**

ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Inside the Empire of AI with Karen Hao
Virtual R
Thursday, Sept. 17
7 – 8 p.m.

Preserving History with Geoffrey Baer
Virtual R
Tuesday, Oct. 20
7 – 8 p.m.

Words, Power, and Community: Dr. Eve L. Ewing
Virtual R
Thursday, Nov. 12
7 – 8 p.m.

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14 Digital Media Studio

OSB Ottawa Street Branch
BRB Black Road Branch

Intro to 3D Printing
(Ages 16+) R
Learn the basics of 3D printing with DMS staff.

OSB Thursday, Sept. 3
5 – 6 p.m.

OSB Tuesday, Oct. 20
2 – 3 p.m.

OSB Friday, Nov. 27
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 23
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Movie Club
(Adults) R
Every month we will choose movies to watch and discuss at the next meeting. Think of it like a book club but with movies. We will discuss what we liked or didn't like about each film.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
5:30 – 7 p.m.

Fandom, Art and Music Expo (FAME)
(All ages) N
Support local artists, hear live performances, meet people with similar interests, view and buy amazing art, and build community.
If you are interested in being a vendor, performer, or panelist, email dms@jolietlibrary.org.

OSB Saturday, Sept. 12
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Talent Showcase
(Ages 12+) N
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, real-time drawing and painting. *Performances must be family friendly and comply with library rules. If interested in performing, please call the DMS.*

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 15, Dec. 15
6 – 8 p.m.

Scrolls
(Ages 14+) R
Make your very own scroll!

OSB Monday, Sept. 21
6 – 8 p.m.

Junk Journaling & Stationary Swap
(Ages 13+) R
Share in the joys of journaling, memory keeping, and stationary with other creatives, no experience necessary! Just bring your own journal. Participants are encouraged to bring stationery items they wish to swap or share with others during this program.

OSB Thursday, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19
6 – 8 p.m.

Photography Club
(Ages 14+) R
This group meets every month to share, learn, and network with other creatives. This group will do outings, meetups, shoot in the green screen room, and share techniques.

OSB Monday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7
6 – 8 p.m.

Free Headshot Day
(Adults) R
Come get a free, high-quality headshot with the DMS!

OSB Tuesday, Oct. 6
5 – 6:30 p.m.

Podcasting 101
(Ages 13+) R
Learn the basics of recording podcasts in a group setting! Participants will learn basic microphone techniques, practice their podcasting skills, and meet others interested in podcasting. Any experience level is welcome.

OSB Thursday, Oct. 8
7 – 8 p.m.

R Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. N No registration required.

Rave Kandi Klub
(Ages 16+) R
Make some EDM spirit! Singles, Cuffs, Perler bead pendants. It's a rave!
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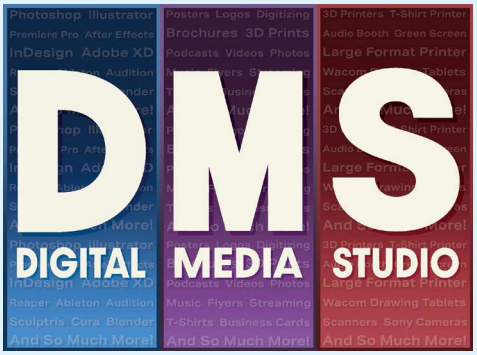
OSB Tuesday, Oct. 20
6 – 8 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club
(Adults) R
All hands on deck! We're looking for talented illustrators to help us with a long awaited project. We're creating a comic book from scratch, which will eventually be distributed at the JPL. The best part is, it's not too late to join! Pull from the designated script and bring the characters to life using your own personal style, or color in some already finished pages. Sign up today and mark your place in comic book history!
OSB Wednesday, Oct. 21, Dec. 16
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bob Ross Paint-along
(Ages 14+) R
Follow Bob using acrylics on canvas! Please arrive at least 5 minutes early. Due to the popularity of the event, please cancel your registration if you can no longer attend.
OSB Tuesday, Nov. 3
6 – 8 p.m.

Paper Mosaic
(Ages 14+) R
Make your very own paper mosaic!
OSB Monday, Nov. 16
6 – 8 p.m.



Digital Media Studio

Visit the Digital Media Studio, located on the lower level of the Ottawa Street Branch.

At the DMS, you can:
- Print large format posters, laminate items, 3D printing and t-shirt printing!
- Record music, voice, instrumental, podcasts and sound design!
- Produce videos for commercials, social media, music videos or YouTube!
- Restore old photos, digitize VHS, 8mm, vinyl or cassettes
- Get help designing logos, posters, business cards, etc!
- Shoot product photography or portraits!
- Update your website or social media!
- And more!

All for free! Just pay for your printing or when purchasing flash drives.
All you need is a Joliet Library card in good standing, and a USB flashdrive or external storage device to save your work.

Joliet Public Library cardholders 9 years or older are eligible to use the DMS without a parent or guardian.

Staff members highly recommend that caregivers accompany all children under the age of 14, and reserve the right to request assistance from a caregiver.

Patrons from other libraries within area guidelines may drop-in for the use of editing stations and access to the poster printer. DMS Staff will not be able to assist.

Have a question about what we can do? Give us a call or send us an email. The DMS and staff are available for sessions by reservation, though walk-ins are welcome.

Call (815) 846-3127 or email us at dms@jolietlibrary.org.