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Feb 1-March 31, 2026
Ottawa Street Branch



at Joliet Public Library

This interactive exhibition of LEGO® brick-built figures, an A-Z series spanning history and various disciplines, will inspire guests to think about building in new, innovative ways while providing the opportunity to make their own creations.



Registration

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

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IN PERSON

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Drop-In Storytimes



Toddler Time

(18 months-3 years with adult) **N**
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
Monday, Jan. 12-March 16 (*excluding Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and March 2*)
10-10:30 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m.

BRB Monday, April 6-27
9:30-10 a.m.

Bouncing Babies

(Birth-24 months with adult) **N**
Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles! *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
Wednesday, Jan. 14-March 18
10-10:30 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m.

BRB Wednesday, April 8-29
9:30-10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

(3-5 years with adult) **N**
A chance for children to explore the world of books through stories and songs in a group environment. *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
Thursday, Jan. 15-March 19
10-10:30 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m.

BRB Thursday, April 9-30
9:30-10 a.m.

Wiggle Worms

(18 months-4 years with adult) **N**
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 Tuesday, Jan. 13-April 28
10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime

(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, songs and a craft.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 29
10:30-11 a.m.

Bilingual Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N**
Children will enjoy storytime in English and Spanish through books, songs and activities.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 14-April 29
6-6:30 p.m.

Cozy Winter Village

(Kids of all ages) **N**
Help us create our Cozy Winter Village at the library! Pick up a paper house template to decorate here or at home. Once finished, return it and we'll add it to our community display for everyone to enjoy!

BRB Friday, Jan. 2- Monday, Jan. 26
All day

Homeschool Hangout

(Ages 5-12 with adult) **R**
Meet other homeschoolers and do a new activity each month.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 8, Feb. 5,
March 5, April 2
10:30-11:30 a.m.

BRB Tuesday, April 21
1-2 p.m.

Chess Club

(Grades 1-5) **N**
Whether you're 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 Monday, Jan. 12-April 27
(*excluding Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 23 and April 6*)
5-7 p.m.

Celebrate Wicked

(Families with kids) **N**
Families are invited to drop by the library to enjoy some Oz-some activities that celebrate *Wicked*.

BRB Saturday, Jan. 17
10-11:30 a.m.

Video Game Club

(Grades 1-8) **R**
Play fun, new multi-player video games and try out our virtual reality headsets. Fans of Pokémon can bring their cards.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 20, Feb. 17,
March 17, April 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Snacks and Crafts Around the World

(Grades 1-5) **R**

Join us to explore the world through other countries' snacks and crafts.

Troy Caughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet

Thursday, Jan. 22

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Preschool Explorers: ABC

(Ages 2-5 with adult) **R**

Children will hear stories, enjoy music and explore the topic with hands-on activities.

OSB

Saturday, Jan. 24

1-2 p.m.

Build Your Own Tangram

(Grades K-5) **R**

Come and make your own tangram puzzle and create endless designs!

OSB

Thursday, Jan. 29

6-7 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Crave Cookies

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Check out the inner workings of a retail cookie shop and bakery.

Crave Cookies

2840 Plainfield Rd, Joliet

Monday, Feb. 2

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Heart and Soul

(Grades 3-6) **R**

The heart is both a biological wonder and a symbol of emotion. Let's learn about everything hearts!

OSB

Tuesday, Feb. 3

6-7 p.m.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Suit Up to Read!

(Families with kids) **N**

Bring your child to the library for a day of superhero fun!

OSB

BRB

Saturday, Feb. 7

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Labubu Paint & Sip

(Grades 1-5) **R**

Get ready to paint everyone's favorite little monster, Labubu!

OSB

Thursday, Feb. 12

4:30-6 p.m.

Preschool Explorers:

Winter Olympics

(Ages 2-5 with adult) **R**

Learn which sports make up the 2026 Winter Olympic Games through music, crafts and activities!

OSB

Friday, Feb. 13

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Winter Walk

(Families with kids) **R**

Join us for a scenic winter stroll along Rock Run Trail behind the library. Then, come inside and warm up with hot cocoa and treats.

BRB

Saturday, Feb. 14

10-11 a.m.

Lunar New Year Storytime

(Birth-5 years with adult) **R**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year and introduce your family to Chinese culture through exciting stories, songs, games and activities presented by The Language Labs!

Troy Caughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet

Tuesday, Feb. 17

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dresses Needed!



Dresses needed! Joliet Public Library plans to hold a dress giveaway for teens in March. We are in need of formal and casual dresses in all sizes.

Please donate now through March 5 at the Ottawa Street or Black Road Branch Youth Services Desk.

Pretend Play Day

(Ages 3-5) **N**

Let's pretend! Play with our imaginative play sets in the Youth Department.

BRB

Friday, Feb. 20

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Enjoy a tour and get a behind-the-scenes look at how museums operate.

Illinois Rock & Roll Museum on Route 66

9 W. Cass St, Joliet

Saturday, Feb. 21

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Magnet Pets

(Grades 4-8) **R**

Create a small habitat to contain an interactive, fuzzy pet that moves with the power of magnets.

Troy Caughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet

Monday, Feb. 23

5-6 p.m.

African American History...LIVE

(Ages 4-12 with adult) **N**

Join Kidsworks Touring Theatre actors as they travel through 400 years of history from Africa to America in this interactive production where YOU can be part of history! *Sponsored by the National Hook-Up of Black Women.*

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 24
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Family Game Night

(Families with kids) **R**

Come out and play some board games. We will also have a few giant games and Nerf ax throwing.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Wednesday, Feb. 25
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Dress to Impress: IRL

(Grades 3-8) **R**

Calling all fashionistas! Come earn your rank of Fashion Goddess with some DIY Dress to Impress crafts.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 26
6-7 p.m.

K-Pop Demon Hunters Party

(Families with kids and teens) **R**

We're goin' up, up, up, it's our moment to celebrate K-Pop Demon Hunters! Come play games, karaoke, crafts (while supplies last) and more with Huntr/x and the Saja Boys.

OSB Saturday, Feb. 28
1-2 p.m.

Robot Adventures

(Grades 4-6) **R**

Code our robots for special missions and games.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Tuesday, March 3
5-6:30 p.m.

Spool Knitting

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Have you ever tried spool knitting? Come and make your own spool knitting tool and give it a try.

OSB Tuesday, March 3
6-7 p.m.

Junior Book Club

(Grades K-2) **R**

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

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Wednesday, March 4
5-6 p.m.

Super MAR10 Party

(Ages 3+ with adult) **N**

Let's-a-go to the library to celebrate National MAR10 day (Mar 10=Mario). Drop by to enjoy games, a craft and a photo op!

BRB Tuesday, March 10
5:30-7p.m.

How to Catch a Leprechaun

(Ages 3-12 with adult) **R**

Can you catch a mischievous leprechaun? Design and build your own trap to take home and try!

OSB Sunday, March 15
2-3 p.m.



Special Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **R**

Come listen to a few stories and sing songs with your friends and family. Enjoy a craft afterwards.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Tuesday, March 17, April 14
6:30-7:15 p.m.

Anything But a Brush

(Ages 2-6 with adult) **R**

Skip the brush and experiment with texture and design using a variety of natural and household objects.

OSB Wednesday, March 18
4:30-5:30 p.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.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Thursday, March 19
5-6 p.m.

Artist in Training with Shane-Jahi Jackson

(Grades 3-6) **R**

Create your own painting masterpiece with Joliet native Shane-Jahi Jackson and learn more about the artistic process. Please bring a photo of yourself that we can copy to use in your artwork.

OSB Thursday, March 19
6-7:30 p.m.



Winter Reading Challenge

(Birth- Grade 12) **R**

The challenge will run Dec. 15-Feb. 21. Log your pages read through the Beanstack Tracker app. When you complete the program, stop by the Youth Department at either building from Jan. 5-Feb. 28 to pick up your prize pack!

Chunky Yarn Friendship Bracelet Kit
(Grades 3-6) **R**

Looking for Spring Break fun? Make a colorful, chunky yarn bracelet for yourself and share one with a friend.

BRB Pickup March 22-April 5

Family Field Trip: JJC Automotive
(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Participants will tour the 18,000 square foot shop that houses up-to-date automotive technology and equipment, four classrooms and several service bays that help students develop in-demand skills for the workforce.

JJC-Main Campus

1215 Houbolt Rd., Joliet-C Building
Monday, March 23
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Button Making

(Kids of all ages) **N**

Come in to make a few buttons to take home with you. Use your creativity to make your own design or use a pre-cut template.

BRB Tuesday, March 24, 31
9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

(Grades PreK-5) **N**

What happens when the library lights go out? Bring your animal, doll or action figure to explore the night world of the library. Make sure to tell them to be on their best behavior!

OSB Tuesday, March 24
9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Drop off your special friend, make them a nametag and read them a bedtime story.

OSB Wednesday, March 25
9:30-10 a.m.

Reunion! Sleepover slideshow and snacks!

Which Nest is Best?

(Grades K-2) **R**

Explore and test your knowledge of nests, beaks and all things fowl.

OSB Tuesday, March 24
2-3 p.m.

Pop-Up Tattoo Parlor

(Kids of all ages) **N**

Stop by the Youth Desk and get "tatted up" with temporary tattoos!

BRB Wednesday, March 25, April 1
9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Giant Battleship

(Grades 1-12) **N**

Drop in and play a giant version of the classic game Battleship!

OSB Wednesday, March 25
2-8 p.m.

Foil Embossing

(Grades 4-6) **R**

Try your skills at foil embossing. We'll bring the supplies, you bring the inspiration.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Thursday, March 26
1-2 p.m.

I Survived: Escape Room

(Grades 3-8) **R**

"When disaster strikes, heroes are made." Come test your resilience and see if you have what it takes to escape catastrophe!

OSB Thursday, March 26
6-7 p.m.

Toddler Bunny Hop

(Ages 1-3 with adult) **R**

Little bunnies unite for a bunny 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, March 27 (outdoors)
10:30-11:15 a.m.

Bingo

(Families with kids) **N**

Drop by the library for a few games of Bingo. Lots of prizes will be won!

OSB Friday, March 27
2-3 p.m.

Miss Jamie's Farm

(Ages 2+ with adult) **N**

Sing, dance, laugh and learn about life down on the farm with Miss Jamie and her puppet animal friends! Kids will use the power of their imagination in this interactive musical show.

OSB Saturday, March 28
11-11:45 a.m.

**Pokémon Meetup**

(Grades 1-8) **R**

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

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet
Thursday, April 2
5-6 p.m.

Birds of a Feather

(Grades K-5) **R**

An expert from Wild Birds Unlimited will join us to teach students some basics of observing and identifying backyard birds. We will walk the nature trail and make a craft.

BRB Saturday, April 4
10-11 a.m.

Preschool Outdoor Art

(Ages 2-5 with adult) **R**

Come have fun making art outside! We'll paint, color and create using fun materials and things from nature.

BRB Friday, April 17 (outdoors)
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Children's Programs

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Robot Rally

(Grades 1-3) **R**

Learn basic coding principles while working with adorable robots.

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Tuesday, April 7

5-6:30 p.m.

Sensory Playtime

(Ages 0-4 with adult) **R**

Bring your little ones to explore their senses by feeling, hearing and touching their way through music, art and mess-free play!

OSB Friday, April 10
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Cute & Cuddly Indoor Petting Zoo

(Families with kids) **N**

Join us in welcoming Little Starr Farm! Their mobile petting zoo will include small animals such as bunnies, chickens and a hedgehog! (Animal feed optional, \$.50 per cup.)

OSB Sunday, April 12
2-3:30 p.m.

Spy Kit

(Grades 1-5) **R**

Pick up a take home kit to learn about secret codes, spy gadgets, fingerprints, puzzles and more.

BRB Pickup April 13-18

Family Field Trip:

Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Learn all about what it takes to run and manage an animal rescue organization as we explore Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue.

Hopeful Tails

2303 Oak Leaf St, Joliet

Tuesday, April 14

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Art Explorers

(Grades K-4) **R**

Learn about famous artists you may never have heard of. We'll learn about their lives and their art. Then we'll create a project inspired by their style.

OSB Thursday, April 16
6-7 p.m.

Renaissance Faire

(Families with kids) **R**

Get ready to party like it is the Middle Ages! Enjoy fun crafts, games and activities. Optional: Dress up as knights, royalty, magical creatures or more for an extra fun time.

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

DIY Beeswax Wrap

(Grades 5-12) **R**

Thinking Bee! Explore the world of bees and create your own reusable beeswax paper.

OSB Monday, April 20
6-7 p.m.

Touch Grass Craft

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Tired of hearing "go outside" or "touch grass"? No worries, let's bring the grass to you! We'll provide the planter and seeds. Soon you'll be touching grass between levels, no outdoors required.

BRB Tuesday, April 21 (outdoors)
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party

(Grades 2-8) **R**

Don't be a Partypooper! Take the Big Shot as we come out of Cabin Fever and celebrate all things Diary of a Wimpy Kid with a craft, games and activities.

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

El Día del Niño Family Drum Circle

(Families with kids) **R**

Come feel the beat of the drum while listening and participating in the rhythm on the lawn.

BRB Tuesday, April 28 (outdoors)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip:

BrightDogs Dog Park and Daycare

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Learn about dog behaviors, how to properly approach a dog and some training tricks!

BrightDogs Dog Park and Daycare

3105 Theodore St #3105, Joliet

Thursday, April 30

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children's Day/Book Day:

Pajama Family Reading Night

(Families with kids) **N**

Join us in your PJs and let's celebrate Children's Day/Book Day.

OSB Thursday, April 30
6-7 p.m.

Awesome Black Creativity Exhibit-Activity Challenge!

(Birth to Grade 12)

Earn prizes by reading and learning and doing creative activities that tie into our Awesome Black Creativity Exhibit at the Ottawa Street Branch February 1-March 28. Learn more about Black History and Black contributions to American culture and use your own creativity. Pick up your prizes by April 4.

Kids vs. Librarians Reading Challenge

(Birth to Grade 12)

Can you read more than the librarians? In honor of National Library Week, we are challenging youth and librarians to a reading contest from April 19-25. If the kids read the most pages, the librarians will wear silly outfits to work on April 27!

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

N No registration required.

6 Middle School and High School

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

Video Game Club

(Grades 1-8) **R**

Join us for Video Game Club. Play fun, new multi-player video games and try out our virtual reality headsets.

Fans of Pokémon can bring their cards.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 20, Feb. 17,
March 17, April 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Name That Tune: K-Pop Edition

(Grades 6-12) **R**

How well do you know K-Pop songs?

Test out your K-Pop knowledge and name that tune before time runs out!

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen and Tween Puzzle Challenge

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Join us for a puzzle race! Each team of 2-4 will work on the same puzzle competing against a 60 minute clock to be the quickest to finish it. Prizes and bragging rights for the winners!

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Thursday, Jan. 29

5-6 p.m.

Play a Dungeons and Dragons Adventure!

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Join us for a one-time Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition adventure.

Troy Craughwell School

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Thursday, Feb. 5

6-8 p.m.

Ceramic Creations

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Come to paint and glaze a keepsake ceramic item and take it home to decorate your space.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet

Monday, Feb. 9

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Labubu Paint & Sip

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Get ready to paint everyone's favorite little monster, Labubu!

OSB Thursday, Feb. 12
6:30-8 p.m.

DIY Rice Heating Pads

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Join us and make your very own rice heating pad to help you stay warm on a cold day.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 19
6-7 p.m.

Middle School Book Club

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Join our middle grade book club. We will be reading the Caudill-nominated novel, *The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn*. Book will be available for pick up after registration.

Must read it before we meet.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 26
5-6 p.m.

Dress to Impress: IRL

(Grades 3-8) **R**

Calling all fashionistas! Come earn your rank of Fashion Goddess with some DIY Dress to Impress crafts.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 26
6-7 p.m.

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Come play games, karaoke, crafts and more with Huntr/x and the Saja Boys.

OSB Saturday, Feb. 28
1-2 p.m.

Spool Knitting

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Come and make your own spool knitting tool and give it a try.

OSB Tuesday, March 3
6-7 p.m.

Prom Dress Drive

(Grades 9-12) **N**

Donate your gently used dresses, shoes and accessories by March 5 and receive a VIP Pass for early access.

Nothing to donate? No problem, the collection is open to the public at 10:30 a.m.

OSB Saturday, March 7
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Teen Craft Kit

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Come by the Youth Department and pick up your kit while supplies last.

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Giant Battleship

(Grades 1-12) **N**

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Thursday, April 2

5-6 p.m.

Teen Rage Room

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Learn healthy ways to release anger and alleviate stress.

OSB Wednesday, April 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

N No registration required.

Middle School & High School

Adults

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Nerds Night Out

(Grades 6-12) **R**

We will have stations with different nerdy activities. Then make a take-home kit.

Troy Craughwell School

3333 Black Rd, Joliet

Thursday, April 9

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteer Day

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Volunteer with friends and earn one hour of community service while helping the library.

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

UV Resin Trinkets

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Use UV resin to make unique jewelry, keychains and more.

BRB Thursday, April 23
5-6 p.m.

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. A one week rest period every six weeks will be in place.

OSB Sat., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
(No class Feb. 28 & April 18)
Start Date: Jan. 17
Jan.-April

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.

OSB Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
(No class Feb. 28, April 18)
Start date: Jan. 17
Jan.-April

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
(No class April 3)
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Start Date: Jan. 16th
Jan.-April



Tech Learning Academy

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

One on One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

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

OSB Mondays, 12-1 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (English & Spanish)
Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m. (English & Spanish)

BRB Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. (English only)
(No sessions Jan 19th & Feb 16th)

Start date: Jan. 12th
Jan.-April

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

N No registration required.

Book Discussions

Morning Book Discussion Groups

(Adults) **N**

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

Jan. 20: *Florence Adler Swims Forever*
by Rachel Beanland

Feb. 17: *Revenge of the Tipping Point*
by Malcom Gladwell

March 17: *Time of the Child*
by Niall Williams

April 21: *A Fever in the Heartland*
by Timothy Egan

Morning: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Crossroads Christian Church

2312 Essington Rd, Joliet

NextGen Lit Book Club

(20s-30s 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.

Jan. 12: *What Moves the Dead*
by T. Kingfisher

Feb. 9: *Past Crimes* by Jason Pinter

March 9: *Margo's Got Money Troubles*
by Rufi Thrope

April 13: *Vampires of El Norte*
by Isabel Cañas

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

Critical Grind Board Game Cafe

852 Sharp Dr # L, Shorewood



Local History

Native Americans of Illinois

(Adults) **R**

Local Historian Anneta Drilling will share some information about the Native American Tribes in Illinois that once called this land home.

OSB Monday, Jan. 26
7-8 p.m.

Bridges of Joliet

(Adults) **R**

Local Historian Anneta Drilling will share some information about the drawbridges in Joliet over the DesPlaines River.

OSB Monday Feb. 23
7-8 p.m.

FamilySearch Basics

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to create a FamilySearch account, recover a username or password, start building a Family Tree and understand privacy rules.

OSB Wednesday, March 18
6-7:30 p.m.

Theaters of Historic Joliet

(Adults) **R**

Local Historian Anneta Drilling will share some information about the historic theaters in Joliet.

OSB Monday, March 23
7-8 p.m.

Hotels of Historic Joliet

(Adults) **R**

Local Historian Anneta Drilling will share some information about the historic hotels of Joliet.

OSB Monday, April 27
7-8 pm

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

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ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com

Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig (Virtual)

Tuesday, Jan. 13
7-8 p.m.

Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine (Virtual)

Tuesday, February 24
7-8 p.m.

Beyond the Page with Percival Everett (Virtual)

Thursday, March 19
7-8 p.m.

Cristina Henríquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection (Virtual)

Thursday, April 16
7-8 p.m.

WriteOn Joliet

Joliet Public Library is thrilled to partner with WriteOn Joliet, a welcoming, diverse group of writers. 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.

Seniorcare and Bingo with Healthcare Plus

(Adults 60+) **R**

Join Trisha Alvis from Healthcare Plus for an informative session and questionnaire about Healthcare Plus and their services available to senior citizens. Then join us for Bingo!

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 14
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Paint and Plant Wellness Class

(Adults) **R**

Join Ashley Searing from RejuveNate Plant and Wellness to paint your own planter in this class that blends art and nature to support self care!

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 21
6:30-8 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.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 22, March 26
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Art Uncorked: Paint Night with the Library

(Adults) **R**

Sip on a delightful beverage while following the artistic guidance of Joliet Public Library's talented staff members, Kora and Anabel. Under their instruction, you'll create your own unique artwork in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Participants will receive one glass of wine to sip while they paint. This program is for adults 21 and over; IDs will be checked before beverages are served.

Bishops Hill Winery

310 Bridge St. in Joliet
Friday, Jan. 23
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Crochet 101: Make a Bookmark

(Adults) **R**

Make a cute bookmark in this beginner crochet class! All materials provided.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 28
6:30-8:30 p.m.

SmartTV

(Adults) **R**

Having trouble with your Smart TV? We will go through the applications that are available through your Smart TV, Roku or Fire Stick.

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 18
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, Feb. 13, April 24
1-3 p.m.

DIY Friendship Bracelets

(Ages 16+) **R**

Make custom friendship bracelets for yourself or to share with friends or strangers!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 17
6-7:30 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Adults) **R**

Comic Book Creation Club is looking for talented illustrators to help us put the finishing touches on a long awaited project. We've been meeting every other month to create a comic book from scratch, which will eventually be distributed right here at JPL. Pull from the designated script and bring the characters to life using your own personal style, or color in some already finished pages using our state of the art Digital Media Studio.

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 18, April 15
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Audrey Hepburn

(Adults) **R**

Join us for an evening with the beloved actress Audrey Hepburn, portrayed by award-winning actress and historian Leslie Goddard. Hepburn shares everything from her work as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador, her childhood during World War II, her remarkable success in films such as Roman Holiday, and her lifelong efforts to find real love.

OSB Thursday, March 12
7-8 p.m.

"When time Belongs to Us"

Shane-Jahi Jackson

Art Exhibition

February 6-March 30

Ottawa Street Branch



10 Adults

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

History of the Bagpipes

(Adults) **R**

Bagpiper Kevin Chapman introduces us to one of the oldest instruments still played in the world today. This will also include a demonstration of the pipes and display of the regalia.

OSB Wednesday, March 25
7-8 p.m.

LIVE Costa Rica Virtual Tour

(Adults) **R**

Join Alejandro Cano from Enjoy Virtual Tours Costa Rica for a LIVE, virtual tour of San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city. Witness the beauty of a tropical environment while also getting a peek into city life and the daily routines of everyday citizens thousands of miles away, while learning about the history, culture, traditions and architecture of this great city.

Virtual

Saturday, March 28
12-1 p.m.

Soapmaking 101

(Adults) **R**

Join us for a soapmaking class and make your own luxurious soap! The owner of Soapy Roads of Lombard will present this eco-friendly class. Natural materials will be provided.

OSB Wednesday, April 8
6:30-8 p.m.

Open Mic Night with Uxmar Torres

(Adults and teens) **R**

Join Uxmar Torres, Poet Laureate of Joliet, for an inspiring evening celebrating creativity and community during National Poetry Month. This Open Mic Night welcomes poets, singers and rappers to share their original work in an encouraging, inclusive space.

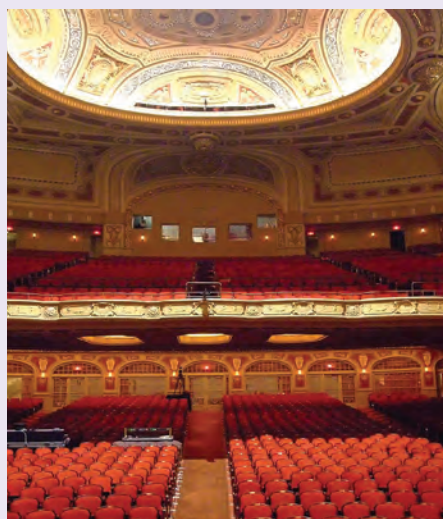
OSB Wednesday, April 15
5-8 p.m.

Bird Outing with Wild Birds Unlimited

(Adults) **R**

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. We will be on the look out for year-round bird residents and spring migrating visitors.

BRB Tuesday, April 21
5:30-7 p.m.



Tour of the Rialto

(Adults) **R**

This will be a great opportunity to see the Rialto when it is closed to the public.

The tour includes getting up onto the stage and down to the Green Room where you'll see their autograph walls and Artist's Lounge.

Plan on arriving 10 minutes early. Register each person attending.

Rialto Square Theatre

102 N. Chicago St, Joliet
Wednesday, April 22
2-4 p.m.



Little Free Book Swap

(Adults) **R**

Bring a book, take a book! Get something new to read by swapping one of your books for someone else's.

OSB Tuesday, April 28
6-8 p.m.

Bingo!

(Adults 18+) **R**

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

OSB Wednesday, April 29
7-8 p.m.

Chicago's Sweet Bakeries Remembered

(Adults) **R**

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 made-from-scratch baked goods. Samples of bakery treats available.

OSB Thursday, April 30
6-7 p.m.



Photo Club

(Adults) **N**

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

OSB Monday, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6
6-8 p.m.

Intro to 3D Printing

(Adults) **N**

Bring questions about 3D printing, learn the process of turning ideas into prints and explore possibilities.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 8, April 9
7-8 p.m.

DIY Dreamcatcher

(Adults) **R**

Join us while we make our very own dreamcatchers!

OSB Monday, Jan. 12
6-8 p.m.

Movie Club

(Adults) **N**

Watch and discuss a monthly movie.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14
5:30-7 p.m.

Makers Guild

(Adults) **R**

Open-format club for crafters and entrepreneurs to bring projects, share ideas and get feedback.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 15, March 19
7-8 p.m.



Free Headshots

(Adults) **R**

Get a professional headshot for free! Perfect for resumes, LinkedIn or personal branding.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 20, April 21
5-6:30 p.m.

Voice Over Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

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

OSB **Podcast Edition Part 1**
Tuesday, Jan. 27
6-7 p.m.

OSB **Podcast Edition Part 2**
Tuesday, Feb. 24
6-7 p.m.

OSB **Audiobook Edition Part 3**
Tuesday, April 28
6-7 p.m.

Bob Ross Paint-Along

(Adults) **R**

Acrylic painting on canvas. Follow along at half-speed, get messy and have fun!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 10
6-8 p.m.

Portrait Photography Basics

(Adults) **R**

Learn the fundamentals of portrait photography! Experiment with lighting, composition and camera settings.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 17
5-6:30 p.m.

Origami

(Adults) **R**

Learn the art of paper folding and make some cool items.

OSB Monday, Feb. 23
6-8 p.m.

Videography Basics

(Adults) **R**

Learn the essentials of shooting video! Explore frame rates, shutter speed, slow motion and more in this hands-on session for all skill levels.

OSB Thursday, March 12
5-6:30 p.m.

The Talent Showcase

(Adults) **R**

Perform or watch music, dance, acting, poetry, drawing and more. Performances must be family-friendly.

OSB Tuesday, March 17
6-8 p.m.

String Art

(Adults) **R**

Create your own colorful string art masterpiece! Learn techniques and bring your design to life in this hands-on workshop.

OSB Friday, March 20
2-4 p.m.

Bookmaking 101: Pop-Up Books

(Adults) **R**

Learn the art of pop-up books! Create your own interactive pages and bring stories to life.

OSB Monday, April 20
6-8 p.m.

January

Winter Reading
Program: Dec. 15-Feb. 2

Cozy Winter Village
Jan 2-26

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 + Library Closed- New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Photo Club 6p	6	7	8 Homeschool Hang 10:30a 3D Printing 7p	9	10
11	12 Chess Club 5p Dreamcatchers 6p NextGen Lit 6:30 (OS)	13 Movie Club 5:30p	14 Seniorcare Bingo 11a	15 Makers Guild 7p	16	17 Celebrate Wicked 10a
18	19 +Library Closed- MLK JR. Day	20 AM Book Group 10a (OS) Free Headshots 5p Video Game Club 6:30p	21 K-Pop Name that Tune 6:30p Paint&Plant Wellness 6:30p	22 Snacks&Crafts 5:30p (OS) Puppy Yoga 6:30p	23 Art Uncorked 2:30p (OS)	24 PreK Explorers ABC 1p
25	26 Chess Club 5p Native Americans of IL 7p	27 VO: Podcast 1 6p	28 Crochet 101 6:30p	29 Puzzle Chall. 5p (OS) Tangram 6p	30	31

- Children's Program
- Middle/High School Program
- Adult Program
- Digital Media Studio

(OS) Off Site (V) Virtual
[Ottawa Street Branch](#)
Black Road Branch
+Both Locations
■ Exhibits

February

[ABC Brick Display-Feb 1-March 31](#)

[When time Belongs to Us Exhibition-
February 6-March 30](#)

**Awesome Black Creativity Exhibit-
Activity Challenge! Feb 1-March 28**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Crave Cookies 4:30p (OS) Chess Club 5p Photo Club 6p	3 Heart and Soul 6p	4	5 Homeschool Hang 10:30a Dungeons & Dragons 6p (OS)	6	7 +Take your child to the Library Day 10a
8	9 Chess Club 5p Ceramic Creations 5:30 (OS) NextGen Lit 6:30 (OS)	10 Movie Club 5:30p Bob Ross 6p	11	12 Labubu Paint& Sip 4:30p/6:30p	13 PreK Explorers Winter Olympics 10:30a Creativity Connections 1p	14 Winter Walk 10a
15	16 +Library Closed- Presidents' Day	17 AM BookGroup 10a (OS) Portrait Photo 5p Video Game Club 6:30p Lunar New Year ST 6:30p (OS) Friendship Bracelets 6p	18 SmartTV 6p Comic Book Club 6:30p	19 Rice Heating Pads 6p	20 Pretend Play Day 10:30a	21 IL Rock & Roll Museum 11a (OS)
22	23 Chess Club 5p Magnet Pets 5p (OS) Origami 6p Bridges of Joliet 7p	24 VO: Podcast 2 6p African American History 6:30p	25 Family Game Night 6:30p (OS)	26 Middle School Book Club 5p Dress to Impress 6p	27	28 K-Pop Demon Hunters Party 1p

March

Teen Craft Kit Pickup
March 22-April 5

Chunky Yarn Friendship Bracelet Kit
Pickup March 22-April 5

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2 Chess Club 5p Photo Club 6p	3 Robot Adv. 5p (OS) Spool Knitting 6p	4 Jr Book Club 5p (OS)	5 Homeschool Hang 10:30a	6	7 Prom Dress Drive 10:30a
8	9 Chess Club 5p NextGen 6:30 (OS)	10 Super MAR10 Party 5:30p Movie Club 5:30p	11	12 Videography Basics 5p Aubrey Hepburn 7p	13	14
15 How to Catch a Leprechaun 2p	16 Chess Club 5p	17 AM Book Group 10a (OS) Talent Show 6p Video Game Club 6:30p Special Storytime 6:30 (OS)	18 Anything but a Brush 4:30p FamilySearch 6p	19 Reading Rangers 5p (OS) Artist in Training with Shane-Jahi Jackson 6p Makers Guild 7p	20 String Art 2p	21
22	23 JJC Automotive 10:30a (OS) Theatres of Joliet 7p	24 Button Making 9a Stuffed Animal Drop off 9a Which Nest 2p	25 Pop-up Tattoo 9a Stuffed Animal Pickup 9:30a Giant Battleship 2p History of Bagpipes 7p	26 Foil Embossing 1p(OS) I Survived Escape Room 6p Puppy Yoga 6:30p	27 Toddler Bunny Hop 10:30a Bingo 2p	28 Miss Jamie's Farm 11a LIVE Costa Rica Tour 12p V
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April

Spy Kit
Pickup April 13-18

Kids vs. Librarians Challenge
April 19-25

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Pop-up Tattoo 9a	2 Homeschool 10:30a Pokemon Meet 5p (OS)	3 +Library Open at Noon-All Staff Day	4 Birds of a Feather 10a
5 +Library Closed-Easter	6 Photo Club 6p	7 Robot Rally 5p (OS)	8 Teen Rage Room 6:30p Soapmaking101 6:30p	9 Nerds Night Out 6:30 (OS) 3D Printing 7p	10 Sensory Play 10:30a	11
12 Indoor Petting Zoo 2p	13 Chess Club 5p NextGen Lit 6:30 (OS)	14 Hopeful Tails 5:30p (OS) Movie Club 5:30p Teen Volunteer 6p Special ST 6:30 (OS) 3D Printing 7p	15 Open Mic w. Uxmar Torres 5p Comic Book Club 6:30p	16 Art Explorers 6p	17 PreK Outdoor Art 10:30a	18 Renaissance Faire 1p
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26	27 Chess Club 5p Hotels of Joliet 7p	28 Little Free Book Swap 6p VO: Audiobook 6p El Día del Niño Family Drum Circle 6:30p	29 Bingo! 7p	30 BrightDogs Dog Park 4:30p (OS) Pajama Reading Night 6p Bakeries Remembered 6p		