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Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.

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Nov. 27: Closed at 4 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve **Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving

Dec. 6: Staff Training **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve

Dec. 25: Christmas Day **Dec. 31:** Closed at 4 p.m. New Year's Eve

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General Information

NASA Exoplanet Exhibit

Dec. 8, 2024-Feb 28, 2025
at the Joliet Public Library
Ottawa Street Branch



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BY PHONE

815-740-2660

ONLINE

jolietpubliclibrary.libnet.info/events

IN PERSON

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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 to songs and bubbles.

OSB Tuesdays, Sept. 3-Dec. 17
10:30-11:15 a.m.

Robot Adventures

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

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 3, Oct. 1,
Nov. 5, Dec. 3
4:30-6 p.m.

Lego™ Club

(Ages 5+ with adult) **N**
The library will supply Lego™ bricks for free play and the occasional challenge!

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 4, Oct. 2,
Nov. 6, Dec. 4
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Monday, Sept. 9, Oct. 14,
Dec. 9
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Preschool Game Day

(Ages 3-5) **R**
Looking for fun? Stop by the library to play indoor learning games with friends.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 10
10:30-11:30 a.m.

WORMS!

(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**
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 compost worm bin to take home.

OSB Thursday, Sept. 12
4-5 p.m.

Stay and Play

(Ages 0-3 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. 13, Oct. 11,
Nov. 8, Dec. 13
10:30-11:30 a.m.

OSB Monday, Sept. 16, Oct. 21,
Nov. 18, Dec. 16
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn All About It

(Ages 5-12) **R**
An hour of education stations to learn about different topics.

BRB Tuesday,
Sept. 17: Math Games
Oct. 15: Animals
Nov. 19: Geography
1-2 p.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pokémon Meetup

(Grades 3-8) **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.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 17, Oct. 15,
Nov. 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Wednesday, Nov. 20
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Crafting with Your Kids

(Grades K-5) **R**
Parents and children will work on a craft together.

OSB Saturday, Sept. 21
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

All Storytimes: Weekly through Dec. 20, except when the library is closed.

Toddler Time

(18 months-3 years with adult) **N**
A program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a simple craft.

BRB Mondays, 9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N**
Your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, bubbles, songs, parachute play and a craft.

BRB Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m.

OSB Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

(Birth-6 years old with adult) **N**
Children will enjoy storytime in both English and Spanish.

OSB Wednesdays, 6-6:30 p.m.

Bouncing Babies

(Birth-24 months with adult) **N**
Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles! This is a great first "playgroup" for children.

BRB Wednesdays,
9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.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 with a craft.

BRB Thursdays, 9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Let's get messy at the library!

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

OSB Monday, Sept. 23
4:30-6 p.m.

Robot Rally(Grades 1-3) **R**

Learn basic coding principles while working with robots.

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 24, Oct. 22,
Nov. 26, Dec. 17
4:30-6 p.m.

Science Good Enough To Eat(Grades 3-6) **R**

You've been taught not to play with your food, but now you can...FOR SCIENCE!

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 25
12-1 p.m. or
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Junior Book Club(Grades K-2) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 25
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Outdoor Family Glow Party(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

We're having an outdoor glow party! Join us for glow games, a scavenger hunt and fun music. Weather permitting.

BRB Friday, Sept. 27
7-8 p.m.

Family Field Trip:**Sumbaum Cycle**(Ages 5+ with adult) **R**

Check out a local bike shop and learn some bicycle facts from our friends at Sumbaum Cycle.

Sumbaum Cycle

114 N Larkin Ave, Joliet
Monday, Sept. 30
4-5 p.m.

Weird But True(Grades 3-6) **R**

You've seen the books, let's put some of those claims to the test.

OSB Monday, Oct. 7
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
or 4-5 p.m.

Lotería(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Play the Mexican version of Bingo and win prizes!

BRB Tuesday, Oct. 8
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, Oct. 9
5-6 p.m.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



(Ages 0-5, register on the Beanstack app) **R**

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is a fun way to encourage reading books together with your child!

Register online through the Beanstack app to start earning prizes.

Find out more at the Youth Services Desk or online at jolietlibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten.

Murder Mystery Night: Ghost Edition(Grades 2-5) **R**

Use your detective skills to help find the killer before they strike again in this interactive mystery program.

OSB Thursday, Oct. 10
6-7 p.m.

Xipe Totec Aztec Dance Performance(All ages) **N**

Discover the art of Aztec dancing, a way to celebrate and preserve Mesoamerican culture. Members of the local Xipe Totec Aztec Dance will perform.

BRB Monday, Oct. 14
6-7 p.m.

Marbled Leaves(Grades 1-5) **R**

It's fall, y'all! Get creative (and maybe messy) and create some marbled fall leaves to decorate for the season!

OSB Thursday, Oct. 17
5:30-6:30 p.m.

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, Oct. 19
1-2:30 p.m.



3D Printing Pokémon

(Grades 1-5) **R**

Want to learn how a 3D printer works? See first-hand how to make your own 3D Pokémon and take one home!

BRB Wednesday, Oct. 23
5-6 p.m.

Monster Mash with DJ DreLaurin

(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**

Wear your costume and your dancing shoes to this dance party led by DJ DreLaurin! Join us for games, crafts and fun!

OSB Thursday, Oct. 24
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Autumn Art

(Ages 3-5 with adult) **R**

Preschoolers and their parents will make fun, fall-themed art projects.

BRB Friday, Oct. 25
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hello Kitty Paint & Sip

(Grades 1-5 with an adult) **R**

Nov. 1 is Hello Kitty's 48th Birthday. Celebrate this occasion by learning to paint everyone's favorite Sanrio character, Hello Kitty.

OSB Monday, Oct. 28
4:30-6 p.m.

Slime Time

(Grades 1-5) **R**

It's time to make some slime! Stop by the library to mix up your very own ooey gooey concoction.

BRB Tuesday, Oct. 29
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Día de Los Muertos

(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**

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

OSB Saturday, Nov. 2
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Domino's Pizza

(Grades K-5 with adult) **R**

Get a tour of the store, learn about food safety and make your own personal pizzas.

Domino's Pizza

2405 Caton Farm Rd., Crest Hill
Tuesday, Nov. 5
9-10 a.m.



Fairy Tale STEM

(Grades K-4) **R**

Can you build a house strong enough to stand up to the big bad wolf? Find out what the three little pigs SHOULD have made!

OSB Thursday, Nov. 7
1:30-2:30 p.m. or 4-5 p.m.

Di-November Extravaganza

(Ages 3+) **N**

Celebrate dinos with dinosaur-themed stories and activities.

BRB Saturday, Nov. 9
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pizza Mania!

(Grades 3-6) **R**

Pizza crafts! Pizza games! Pizza party!

OSB Tuesday, Nov. 12
4-5 p.m.

Mammals & More

(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Join Flying Fox Conservation Fund for an educational and fun hands-on live animal program. Space may be limited.

BRB Thursday, Nov. 14
4:30-5:30 p.m. or 6-7 p.m.

Toddler Turkey Trot

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

Little gobblers unite for a turkey story, songs and a mini race on the path outside of the library.

BRB Friday, Nov. 22
10:30-11:15 a.m.



Board Games and More!

(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Drop in to play a variety of board games or take part in our scavenger hunt!

BRB **OSB** Nov. 25, 26, 27, 29
During open hours

Light Up the Holidays

(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Get into the holiday spirit and join us for some reindeer games, a craft and other activities before the annual Christmas parade!

OSB Friday, Nov. 29
1-4:30 p.m.



Holiday Sing-a-Long

(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. 29
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gingerbread House Decorating Party

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

Build and decorate your own gingerbread house and take your holiday creation home with you!

OSB Sunday, Dec. 8
2-3 p.m.



Holiday Cheer

(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Stop by the Library for games, a character visit, a craft, a photo op and enjoy some hot chocolate.

BRB Thursday, Dec. 12
6-7:30 p.m.

Sensory Playtime

(Ages 0-3 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. 20
10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration

(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**

Countdown to 2025 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 Tuesday, Dec. 31
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

NASA Exoplanet Exhibit Grand Opening Celebration

(All ages) **N**

Stop by for an adventure that is out of this world! Experience space through the debut of our interactive Exoplanet exhibit, available Dec.-Feb. all hours the library is open.

On this special night, learn more about the wonder beyond our solar system through 30 minute presentations in a digital dome, given by JJC planetarium coordinator Caitlin Lee. Other stations will be available throughout the building, including activities for adults, kids, and teens.

This exhibition was developed by the Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning (NCIL) in partnership with NASA's Universe of Learning.

This project was made possible through support from NASA, under cooperative agreement number NNX16AC65A.

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 11
6-7:30 p.m.



Educate Station: A New 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 and Social-Emotional Learning.

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

Lego™ Robotics

(Grades 6-8) **R**

Use Lego Spike Prime sets to build and code real robots.

Monday, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4,
Dec. 9
4:30-6 p.m.

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) gives teens an opportunity to advise library staff on future teen programming and other things they wish to see in Joliet Library's teen department. One hour of community service will be provided.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Nov. 12
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 21
1-2 p.m.

TAG

Maker Monday

(Grades 5-12) **N**

Hang out with friends or make some new ones while you try out a different project each month. We'll have materials available for you to explore, with larger equipment rotating.

Monday, Sept. 16, Oct. 21,
Nov. 18, Dec. 16
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pokémon Meetup

(Grades 3-8) **R**

Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms or just hang out and discuss your favorite characters.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, Oct. 15,
Nov. 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Taste Testers: Mexican Treats

(Grades 6-8 and 9-12) **R**

Let your taste buds travel as we try popular snacks from Mexico.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
4-5 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
Thursday, Sept. 26
1-2 p.m. (Grades 9-12)

Rainbow Name Art

(Grades 6-8 and 9-12) **R**

Create a rainbow name art piece for your room or locker.

Thursday, Sept. 26
4:30-5:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
6-7 p.m. (Grades 9-12)

Teen Sewing Club: Candy Pillow

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Use hand sewing skills to make an M&M or Skittle Candy Pillow.

Wednesday, Oct. 2
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Beetlejuice! Beetlejuice! Beetle-

(Grades 6-8) **R**

He's the ghost with the most, baby! We're throwing a party to celebrate all that is weird and unusual.

Tuesday, Oct. 8
6-7 p.m.

Roller Derby

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Join some members of the Chicago Knockouts for a fun info session about Roller Derby. Bring a plain t-shirt so you can decorate it with your new roller derby name!

Wednesday, Oct. 9
6-7:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Spice Taste Test

(Grades 6-8 and 9-12) **R**

Try out various items flavored for the season and rate them!

Wednesday, Oct. 16
4:30-5:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
6-7 p.m. (Grades 9-12)



A Quiet Place Nerf Challenge

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Would you survive in the world of A Quiet Place? Play in teams of creatures vs humans.

Tuesday, Oct. 22
6-7 p.m.

Hello Kitty Paint & Sip

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Nov. 1 is Hello Kitty's 48th Birthday. Celebrate this occasion by learning to paint everyone's favorite Sanrio character.

Monday, Oct. 28
6:30-8 p.m.

Book Witch

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Are you a good witch or a book witch? Learn to create your own book witch out of a recycled book.

Monday, Nov. 4
6-7 p.m.



Paint 'n' Sip

(Grades 6-8 and 9-12) **R**

Grab a juice box and follow easy step-by-step instructions to create your own masterpiece.

Wednesday, Nov. 13
4:30-5:30 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
6-7 p.m. (Grades 9-12)

Ceramic Owl

(Grades 6-8 and 9-12) **R**

Have a hoot at the library as you paint your own owl familiar.

Tuesday, Dec. 3
4-5 p.m. (Grades 6-8)
6-7 p.m. (Grades 9-12)

Intro to Cross Stitch

(Grades 6-8) **R**

Learn the basics of cross stitch and make something fun to take home.

Thursday, Dec. 5
5:30-6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

at the Ottawa Street Branch



October 1–31

Celebration of Trains in Joliet

Chicagoland Lionel Railroad Club, one of the premier 3 rail 0 gauge railroad clubs in the midwest, will feature model railroad pieces on display.

Look for information coming soon about other programs and displays throughout the Library in October.

December 8– February 28

Discover Exoplanets:
The Search for Alien Worlds

December 11

Discover Exoplanets
Opening Reception



Tech Learning Academy

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

Intro to Smartphones

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of smartphones.

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 18 (iPhone)
Nov. 6 (Android)
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Tech 101: Microsoft Excel, Part One

(Adults) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, Sept. 25
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Tech 101: Microsoft Excel, Part Two

(Adults) **R**

Learn more advanced techniques such as formulas, pivot tables, etc.

BRB Wednesday, Oct. 2
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Tech 101: Smart TV Products (Roku, Fire Stick, etc.)

(Adults) **R**

Having trouble with your Smart TV? Don't even know what that means? We will go through the applications that are available through your Smart TV, Roku, Fire Stick. This will cover initial settings, how to add apps and how to use them.

BRB Wednesday, Dec. 4
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

One on One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

Register for a 30 minute tech help session with a staff member.
(No sessions Nov. 24-Dec. 31)

OSB Mondays, 12-1 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.
Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
(English & Spanish)

Book Discussions

Morning/Evening Book Discussion Group

(Adults) **N**

Share your love of reading with this lively book group! There is a morning and evening session each month.

Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk.

Sept. 17, 18: *Big Little Lies*
by Liane Moriarty
Oct. 15, 16: *The Wager*
by David Grann
Nov. 19, 20: *As You Wish*
by Cary Elwes

BRB Morning: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Evening: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

NextGen Lit Book Club

(Adults 20s-30s) **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!

Sept. 9: *All Boys Aren't Blue*
by George M. Johnson
Oct. 14: *Anatomy: A Love Story*
by Dana Schwartz
Nov. 4: *The Silent Patient*
by Alex Michaelides
Dec. 9: *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin
BRB 6:30-8 p.m.

The Loop Lounge

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(Adults) **N**

Calling all needle-workers 18 and up. Bring a work in progress or start a new one in the company of other stitchers. Ideas, encouragement, support, and general conversation will be shared in a safe and welcoming space.

Note: This is not a class format.
OSB Saturday, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2,
Dec. 14
2-4 p.m.



ESL & Citizenship

No Class Sept. 2, Nov. 11, Nov. 28, Dec. 24-25

Virtual Citizenship Class

(Adults) **R**

Sept-Dec am/pm daily

Prepare for the U.S citizenship test with virtual classes in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Illinois. After completing the Intake Form participants will be given a class date and time.
Class is available every day of the week.

Virtual ESL Classes

(Adults) **R**

Learn and improve your English by enrolling in multilevel ESL classes offered in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Illinois. Participants will be placed in the appropriate class level after completing the Intake Form. All class levels will be completed online and are scheduled throughout the week.
CLASS LEVELS: Beginner, High-Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced

ESL Program

(Adults) **R**

To begin, or continue your English learning journey, register today!

BRB Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Virtual English Conversation Group

(Adults, Intermediate-Advanced) **R**

Practice your English in a small group setting. Build your vocabulary, learn common phrases and build your confidence.
Sept.-Nov.

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

No class Nov. 19-Dec 31

English Conversation Group

(Adults, Beginner- High Beginner) **R**

Practice your English in a small group setting. Build your vocabulary, learn common phrases and build your confidence.

OSB Sept.-Nov.
Fridays, 10 a.m.

No class Nov. 22-Dec. 31



Illinois Library Presents **R**
Programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, 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). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility.

Neil Gaiman-Virtual
Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

Erika Sánchez-Virtual
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

Jason Reynolds-Virtual
Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

Chef Art Smith-Virtual
Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Raina Telgemeier-Virtual
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Theatre Screening: Little Women The Musical
(2022 Recording)-Virtual
Dec. 20-22

Traditional Mexican Street Tacos

(Adults) **R**
Submerge yourself in the authentic Mexican street food culture with Chef Violeta Trujeque, originally from Veracruz, Mexico as she demonstrates how to prepare traditional street tacos from scratch. Samples provided.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 5
6-7 p.m.

Medicare 101: Your Guide to Understanding Medicare

(Adults) **R**
Don't continue to be confused, overwhelmed, or stressed about Medicare! Join our presenter April Braggs to have all your questions answered!

BRB Tuesday, Sept. 10
6-7:30 p.m.

Sit, Stretch, & Sip Yoga

(Adults 18+) **R**
Enjoy gentle movements and peaceful postures while seated in a chair. After yoga, we'll focus on the present moment by engaging all of our senses during a mindfulness tea meditation.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 12
6:30-7:30 p.m.

OSB Thursday, Nov. 7
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Paint Your Partner Challenge

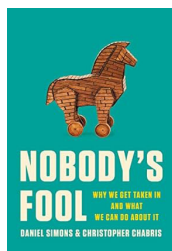
(Adults 18+) **R**
Have you seen this challenge on TikTok? Bring a partner to try it out! All supplies will be provided!

OSB Saturday, Sept. 14
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Southern Illinois Travel and Lore

(Adults) **R**
Illinois traveler John Kokoris will share secrets to a successful visit to the Shawnee National Forest, including landmarks, trails, lodging and food. From waterfalls to BBQ to the Big Muddy Monster, Southern Illinois has something for everyone.

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 18
7-8 p.m.



Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In & What We Can Do About It

(Adults) **R**
We can learn how deception works, recognize the signs, and empower

ourselves. Join us for a talk with Professor Dan Simons, co-author of *Nobody's Fool: Why We Get Taken In and What We Can Do About It*, brought to you in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Illinois Mis/Disinformation Task Force.

Virtual
Thursday, Sept. 19
7-8 p.m.

Creativity Connections

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

OSB Friday, Sept. 20, Nov. 15
1-3 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Ages 16+) **R**
Meet with fellow creatives every other month! We're looking for both writers and illustrators to build a comic book from the ground up. All skill levels welcome.

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 25, Nov. 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Amazing Castles Around the World

(Adults) **R**
Explore the intriguing histories of some of the world's most

extraordinary castles, and learn about their must-see treasures with presenter Barbara Barrett.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 26
7-8 p.m.

Puppy Yoga

(Adults 18+) **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, Oct. 3
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Thursday, Oct. 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Frankenstein Author Mary Shelley

(Adults) **R**
Chicago theater actress Debra Miller brings to life author Mary Shelley, creator of Frankenstein and his monster.

BRB Wednesday, Oct. 9
7-8 p.m.

Chicago Lighthouse Low Vision Roadshow

(Adults) **N**

Join the Chicago Lighthouse, a non-profit serving the blind and visually impaired community to experience state-of-the-art low vision technology. Purchase devices such as CCTVs, portable electronic magnifiers, devices that can read aloud, writing aids, kitchen items, lighting and sunwear. Receive training from expert staff.

BRB Tuesday, Oct. 22
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Resurrection Mary: Chicago's Most Beloved Spirit

(Adults) **R**

Who is or was "Resurrection Mary" and what makes the Chicago version of this "vanishing hitchhiker" legend so special? Where did the story start? Are people still seeing Mary's ghost today?

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

True Crime and Wrongful Convictions with Dr. Amanda Vicary

(Adults) **R**

Join Dr. Amanda Vicary, Chair of the Psychology Department at Illinois Wesleyan University, for a deep dive into America's obsession with true crime and a look at two wrongful conviction cases that Dr. Vicary is currently involved with.

Virtual

Tuesday, Oct. 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.

One Brief, Shining Moment: The Kennedys in Chicago

(Adults) **R**

Join historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman for a trip through the Chicago connection to America's "Camelot" and beyond.

BRB Thursday, Nov. 7
7-8 p.m.

I-Cash: Discover What's Yours

(Adults) **N**

A representative from the state treasurer's office will help you search the I-Cash database, which is updated several times a year, to see if you have any unclaimed funds.

BRB Tuesday, Nov. 12
10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Crochet 101

(Adults) **R**

Make your own mug cozy in this beginner crochet class! Supplies included.

BRB Wednesday, Nov. 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.

My Father's War: History, Stories and Music of WWII

(Adults) **R**

Join Ron Eckberg as he explores WWII using his personal research, his father's firsthand account, and the meaning of wartime songs.

OSB Saturday, Nov. 16
2-3:30 p.m.

Jingle Bell Door Hanger Craft

(Adults) **R**

Create a lovely DIY Christmas decoration. Supplies included.

BRB Wednesday, Nov. 20
6:30-8 p.m.



Bingo!

(Adults 18+) **R**

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

OSB Wednesday, Dec. 4
7-8 p.m.

Holiday Concert with Vocalist Petra Van Nuis and Guitarist Andy Brown

(Adults) **R**

Join us for an evening of holiday cheer and Jazz standards with vocalist Petra Van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown, regulars at Chicago's Jazz Showcase and the Green Mill.

BRB Saturday, Dec. 7
2-3 p.m.

Make Your Own Puzzle

(Adults) **R**

Create your own puzzle and swap with other puzzle enthusiasts.

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

Exploring the Cosmic Frontier: Significance of Space Beyond our Solar Neighborhood

(Adults) **R**

Join John Cilio on an exciting 50-minute journey as he sets out to explore the wonders of the universe.

Virtual

Thursday, Dec. 19
6-7 p.m.



Local History

Back to School: Making the Most of School Records in Your Family Tree

(Adults) **R**

Historian and genealogist Tina Beaird will instruct us on how to use educational records to find family history information.

OSB Saturday, Sept. 21
2-3 p.m.

Hear that Whistle Blowing: The Life of Joliet Legend William Van Horne

(Adults) **R**

Historian Anneta Drilling will share some worthwhile information about Joliet legend and railroad pioneer William Van Horne.

OSB Saturday, Oct. 12
2-3 p.m.

Boots on the Ground: Tracing Your Veteran Ancestors

(Adults) **R**

Historian and genealogist Tina Beaird will share her knowledge of tracing your veteran ancestors.

OSB Saturday, Nov. 23
2-3 p.m.



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"It's Lit Candles by Tanesha," Candle Making Class

(Adults) **R**

Join Tanesha from "It's Lit Candles by Tanesha" to enter the world of candle making! Guests will take home their own candle for an unforgettable experience.

BRB Thursday, Sept. 5
3-5 p.m.

Musician's Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

This group meets every month to share, learn and network with other musicians. If you are looking to jam and try different techniques and avenues in music this club is for you!

OSB Wednesday, Sept. 11, Oct. 9,
Nov. 13, Dec. 11
6-8 p.m.

D&DMS-D&D Club

(All ages) **R**

Join others to learn, play and create props for Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition led by experienced DMS staff. Open to players of all experience levels. Sessions will be drop in/drop out "one shots" or "monster of the week" style.

OSB Tuesday, Sept. 17, Oct. 15,
Nov. 19, Dec. 17
6-8 p.m.

Tabletop Tuesday: Scary Soundscapes

(Adults) **R**

Create a haunting ambient soundtrack using samples and synthesizers to elevate your projects.

OSB Tuesday, Oct. 1
6-8 p.m.

Photography Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

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

OSB Monday, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
6-8 p.m.

Pumpkin Painting

(All ages) **R**

Paint your very own pumpkin!

OSB Friday, Oct. 18
2-4 p.m.

Portrait Photography Lighting

(Adults) **R**

Learn and experiment with both flash and constant lights for portrait photography.

OSB Monday, Oct. 21
5-7 p.m.

Costume Photoshoot

(All ages) **R**

Come in your Halloween costume to partake in a spooky photoshoot on our greenscreen and place yourself anywhere!

OSB Monday, Oct. 28
6-8 p.m.

Tabletop Tuesday: DIY Cartography

(Adults) **R**

Immerse your players and readers! Learn how to create fantasy maps for the ultimate immersion experience.

OSB Tuesday, Nov. 5
6-8 p.m.

Upcycled Mod Podge Planters

(Ages 16+) **R**

Bring in your old cans and make them into something beautiful! Use Mod Podge to decorate the cans and make decorated planters.

OSB Friday, Nov. 8
2-4 p.m.

Basic Bookmaking

(All ages) **R**

Learn how to make your own miniature book or journal! We will sew together a small book using saddle stitch.

OSB Monday, Nov. 18
6-8 p.m.

Using AI in photoshop

(Adults 16+) **R**

Learn how to make fun art or practical editing techniques with AI in Adobe Photoshop.

OSB Monday, Nov. 18
5-7 p.m.

Tabletop Tuesday: D&DMS Stickers

(All ages) **R**

Make funny stickers for you and your TTRPG crew! Inside jokes, adventure party member emblems, memes, you name it! Great as a holiday gift.

OSB Tuesday, Dec. 3
6-8 p.m.

Paper Ornaments

(All ages) **R**

Make beautiful ornaments out of paper! Learn and use techniques such as paper cutting, folding, and quilling.

OSB Friday, Dec. 13
2-4 p.m.

Intro to Premiere

(Adults 16+) **R**

Learn how to create videos for YouTube, TikTok and Instagram in Adobe Premiere Pro.

OSB Thursday, Dec. 19
5-7 p.m.

Christmas Painting at BRB

(All ages) **R**

Paint your own holiday scene!

BRB Friday, Dec. 20
3-5 p.m.

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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.

Can you answer these questions about Joliet? Be on the lookout for fun facts about Joliet. The questions can be picked up in the Local History room at the Ottawa Street Branch. Answers will be posted at the end of each month.

Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 Library Closed: Labor Day  | 3 Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Adv 4:30p | 4 LEGO® Club 4:30p | 5 Tech Help 10a Candle Making 3p Traditional Tacos 6p | 6 English Convo Grp 10a | 7 ESL 9:30a Loop Lounge 2p |
| 8 | 9 Tech Help 12p Lego® Robots 4:30p LEGO® Club 5:30p NextGen Lit 6:30p | 10 Wiggle Worms 10:30a PreK Game Day 10:30a TAG 4:30p Medicare 101 6p | 11 Musician's Club 6p | 12 Tech Help 10a WORMS! 4p Stretch & Sip 6:30p | 13 English Convo Grp 10a Stay & Play 10:30a | 14 ESL 9:30a |
| 15 | 16 Stay & Play 10:30a Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p Paint Your Partner 11a | 17 AM Book Group 10a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Learn Math 1/4:30p D&D Club 6p Pokémon 6:30p ILP (V) 7p | 18 iPhone Class 6:30p PM Book Group 7p Southern IL Lore 7p | 19 Tech Help 10a Nobody's Fool (V) 7p | 20 English Convo Grp 10a Creativity Connections 1p | 21 ESL 9:30a Crafting w/ Kids 1:30p School Records 2p |
| 22 | 23 Tech Help 12p Messy Masters 4:30p TAG 6:30p | 24 Wiggle Worms 10:30a Taste Testers 4p Robot Rally 4:30p | 25 Science to Eat 12/5:30p Creativity Connect 1p Junior Book Club 4:30p Excel Part 1 6:30p Comic Book Club 6:30p | 26 Tech Help 10a Taste Testers 1p Rainbow Art 4:30/6p Amazing Castles 7p | 27 English Convo Grp 10a Glow Party 7p | 28 ESL 9:30a |
| 29 | 30 Tech Help 12p Sunbaum Cycle (OS) 4p | | | | | |

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October





| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 TRAINS Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Adv 4:30p Scary Soundscapes 6p | 2 TRAINS LEGO® Club 4:30p Teen Sewing 6:30p Excel Part 2 6:30p | 3 TRAINS Puppy Yoga 6:30p | 4 TRAINS English Convo Grp 10a | 5 TRAINS ESL 9:30a Loop Lounge 2p |
| 6 TRAINS | 7 TRAINS Weird But True 11:30/4p Lego® Robots 4:30p Photo Club 6p | 8 TRAINS Wiggle Worms 10:30a Loteria 4:30p Beetlejuice 6p | 9 TRAINS Loteria 5p Roller Derby 6p Musician's Club 6p ILP (V) 7p Frankenstein Author 7p | 10 TRAINS Ghost Murder Mystery 6p Puppy Yoga 6:30p | 11 TRAINS English Convo Grp 10a Stay & Play 10:30a | 12 TRAINS ESL 9:30a William Van Horne 2p |
| 13 TRAINS | 14 TRAINS LEGO Club 5:30p Aztec Dance 6p NextGen Lit 6:30p | 15 TRAINS AM Book Group 10a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Learn Animals 1/4:30p D&D Club 6p Pokémon 6:30p | 16 TRAINS Pumpkin Spice 4:30/6p PM Book Group 7p | 17 TRAINS Marbled Leaves 5:30p | 18 TRAINS English Convo Grp 10a Pumpkin Painting 2p | 19 TRAINS ESL 9:30a Milano Bakery (OS) 1p |
| 20 TRAINS | 21 TRAINS Stay & Play 10:30a Maker Monday 4:30p Portrait Lighting 5p | 22 TRAINS Low Vision Rdshow 10a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Rally 4:30p A Quiet Place Nerf 6p ILP (V) 7p | 23 TRAINS 3D Print Pokémon 5p Resurrection Mary 7p | 24 TRAINS Monster Mash DJ DreLaurin 6:30p | 25 TRAINS English Convo Grp 10a Autumn Art 10:30a | 26 TRAINS ESL 9:30a |
| 27 TRAINS | 28 TRAINS Hello Kitty Paint 4:30/6:30p Costume Photoshoot 6p | 29 TRAINS Wiggle Worms 10:30a Slime Time 4:30p True Crime (V) 6:30p | 30 TRAINS | 31 TRAINS  | | |

November

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| | | | | | 1 English Convo Grp 10a | 2 ESL 9:30a Día de Los Muertos 1:30p Loop Lounge 2p |
| 3 | 4 Tech Help 12p Lego® Robots 4:30p Photo Club 6p Book Witch 6:30p NextGen Lit 6:30p | 5 Domino's Pizza (OS) 9a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Adv 4:30p DIY Cartography 6p | 6 Tech Help 4p LEGO® Club 4:30p | 7 Tech Help 10a Fairy Tale STEM 1:30/4p Stretch & Sip 6:30p The Kennedys 7p | 8 English Convo Grp 10a Stay & Play 10:30a ModPodge Planters 2p | 9 ESL 9:30a Di-November 10:30a |
| 10 | 11 Library Closed: Veterans Day  | 12 I-Cash 10a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Pizza Mania! 4p TAG 4:30p | 13 Tech Help 4p Paint 'n' Sip 4:30/6p Musician's Club 6p Crochet 101 6:30p | 14 Tech Help 10a Mammals 4:30/6p | 15 English Convo Grp 10a Creativity Connect 1p | 16 ESL 9:30a My Father's War 2p |
| 17 | 18 Stay & Play 10:30a Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p AI in Photoshop 5p Basic Bookmaking 6p | 19 AM Book Group 10a Wiggle Worms 10:30a Learn Geography 1/4:30p D&D Club 6p Pokémon 6:30p | 20 Tech Help 4p Pokémon 4:30 Jingle Bell Craft 6:30p Comic Book Club 6:30p PM Book Group 7p ILP (V) 7p | 21 Tech Help 10a TAG 6:30p | 22 Toddler Turkey Trot 10:30a | 23 ESL 9:30a Boots on the Ground 2p |
| 24 | 25 Board Games & More+ | 26 Board Games & More+ Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Rally 4:30p | 27 Board Games & More+ Library Closed at 4 pm for Thanksgiving | 28 Library Closed: Thanksgiving  | 29 Board Games & More+ Light Up the Holidays 1p Holiday SingaLong 3:30p | 30 ESL 9:30a |

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December

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| 1 | 2 Photo Club 6p | 3 Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Adv 4:30p Ceramic Owl 4/6p D&DMS Stickers 6p | 4 LEGO® Club 4:30p Smart TV Class 6:30p Bingo! 7p | 5 Intro to Cross Stitch 5:30p | 6 Library Closed Staff Training  | 7 ESL 9:30a Holiday Concert 2p |
| 8 EXOPLANETS Gingerbread House Decorating 2p | 9 EXOPLANETS Lego® Robots 4:30p LEGO® Club 5:30p NextGen Lit 6:30p | 10 EXOPLANETS Wiggle Worms 10:30a ILP (V) 7p | 11 EXOPLANETS NASA Exoplanet Exhibit Grand Opening Celebration 6p Musician's Club 6p | 12 EXOPLANETS Holiday Cheer 6p | 13 EXOPLANETS Stay & Play 10:30a Paper Ornaments 2p | 14 EXOPLANETS ESL 9:30a Loop Lounge 2p |
| 15 EXOPLANETS | 16 EXOPLANETS Stay & Play 10:30a Maker Monday 4:30p | 17 EXOPLANETS Wiggle Worms 10:30a Robot Rally 4:30p Make Your Puzzle 6p D&D Club 6p | 18 EXOPLANETS | 19 EXOPLANETS Intro to Premiere 5p Exploring the Cosmic Frontier (V) 6p | 20 EXOPLANETS Sensory Playtime 10:30a ILP (V) Christmas Painting 3p | 21 EXOPLANETS ESL 9:30a ILP (V) |
| 22 EXOPLANETS ILP (V) | 23 EXOPLANETS | 24 Library Closed Christmas Eve  | 25 Library Closed Christmas Day  | 26 EXOPLANETS | 27 EXOPLANETS | 28 EXOPLANETS ESL 9:30a |
| 29 EXOPLANETS | 30 EXOPLANETS | 31 EXOPLANETS Noon Year's Eve 11:30a Library Closed at 4 pm for NYE  | | | | |

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¿Está buscando a alguien con quien discutir su estrategia de búsqueda genealógica? Haga una cita de una hora para hablar con un genealogista sobre su plan. Los horarios de las citas varían. Llame al 815-846-3130 o adrilling@jolietlibrary.org.

¿Puedes responder a estas preguntas sobre Joliet? Esté atento a las divertidas hojas informativas que le brindarán la oportunidad de reflexionar e investigar sobre la historia de Joliet. Las respuestas se publicarán al final de cada mes.

Horas:

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