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LIBRARY HOURS:

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Jan. 1: New Year's Day **Jan. 15:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 19: Presidents' Day **March 31:** Easter

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General Information



Registration

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

BY PHONE

815-740-2660

ONLINE

jolietpubliclibrary.libnet.info/events

IN PERSON

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Free parking is available at both locations. The OSB parking lot is at the corner of Clinton and Chicago Street (2 hours). Deck parking is located at 110 N. Ottawa Street and 11 E. Clinton St. Parking is FREE on Sat/Sun and \$1.00 an hour Mon-Fri 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

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, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Monday, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Junior Book Club

(Grades K-2) **R**

We will read a book together and do activities and a craft based on what we read.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 10
4:30-5:30 p.m.

It's Kid Inventors' Day!

(Grades 3-6) **R**

Celebrate Kid Inventors' Day by learning about and building a Rube Goldberg-style machine.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 17
4-5 p.m.



T-Rex Tea Party

(Ages 3-7 with adult) **R**

Stomp on down to the Library for the fiercest tea party ever with dinosaur stories, songs and surprises. Wear your fanciest or most ferocious attire.

BRB Saturday, Jan. 20
10:30-11:30 a.m.

DIY Upcycled Popsicle Stick Puzzles

(Grades 3-6) **R**

Make your own customized puzzle using recycled materials.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 25
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Crafting with your Kids

(Grades K-5) **R**

Parents/guardians get crafty at the Library with your kids and work together on a fun craft!

OSB Saturday, Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23, April 20
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Weekly Storytime

*Storytimes will not take place Jan. 1-4, Jan. 15 or Feb. 19.

Black Road Branch
Toddler Time
18 months-3 years
with adult
Mondays @ 9:30,
10:30, 11:30 a.m.

Black Road Branch
Family Storytime
Birth-6 years
with adult
Tuesdays @
6:30 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch
Family Storytime
Birth-6 years
with adult
Wednesdays
@ 10:30 a.m.,
6 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch
Toddler Tuesday
18 months-3 years
with adult
Tuesdays @
10:15 a.m.

Black Road Branch
Bouncing Babies
Birth-24 months
with adult
Wednesdays @
9:30, 10:30,
11:30 a.m.

Black Road Branch
Preschool Storytime
3-5 years with adult
Thursdays @ 9:30,
10:30, 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Game Day(Ages 3-5) **R**

Looking for fun? Stop by the Library to play indoor learning games with friends.

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

Family Field Trip: City Hall(Ages 5+ with adult) **R**

We're heading out to explore the heart of our city, City Hall! We'll take a tour of the building and City Council chambers. We will meet at the Information Desk. Ample parking along the river wall on Des Plaines St.

Joliet City Hall

150 W. Jefferson St, Joliet, 60432
Wednesday, Jan. 31
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Take your Child to the Library Day(Children of all ages) **N**

Did you know there was a day for this? Come and check out a variety of activity stations to explore all we have to offer.

BRB OSB Saturday, Feb. 3
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

El Mago: Balloon Twisting Workshop(Ages 5-12) **R**

Learn the art of balloon twisting and twist your own creation at either Library location. This is a bilingual program and will be presented in both English and Spanish.

BRB Saturday, Feb. 3
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

OSB Saturday, Feb. 3
2-3 p.m.

Robot Adventures(Grades 4-7) **R**

Code our robots for special missions and games.

BRB Tuesday, Feb. 6, March 5,
April 2
4:30-6 p.m.

**Snowpalooza**(Grades 1-4) **R**

Snow, snow, snow! We will have crafts, science experiments and other snow-related activities.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.

After-Hours Family Glow Party(Ages 3-12 with adult) **R**

We're having an after hours glow party and you're invited! We will have a variety of glow games, bubbles and fun music for dancing! Library doors (Ottawa Street side) will be open for registrants from 6-6:30 p.m.

OSB Friday, Feb. 9
6-7:30 p.m.

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

Let your preschooler explore the process of painting with brushes, stamps and other tools you might not expect. Be prepared to get messy!

BRB Thursday, Feb. 15
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

OSB Friday, Feb. 16, April 26
10:30-11:30 a.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/index.php/en/youth/1000-books-before-kindergarten.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles!(All ages) **R**

See, touch and learn about reptiles and amphibians from around the world from our friends at Dave DiNaso's! Seating limited.

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 21
5-6 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

DIY Spa Night(Grades 2-6) **R**

School is stressful! Take a break with your friends as we make body scrubs, lip balms and more and learn different ways to relax!

OSB Thursday, Feb. 22
4-5 p.m.

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

Learn basic coding principles working with robots.

BRB Tuesday, Feb. 27, March 19, April 23
4:30-6 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Tony's Fresh Market

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

Join us to learn how the store works, where the food comes from and even get some healthy eating tips! Meet at the entrance, tour starts promptly at 4:30. *Registration required for each person attending.*

Tony's Fresh Market

1801 W Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60435
Monday, Feb. 26
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Make a Robot Hand!

(Grades 4-6) **R**

Create robotic hands using everyday objects and then put them to the test to see how good they are at grabbing things.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 27
4-5 p.m.



K-9 to the Rescue!

(Grades K-5) **R**

Discover how these highly skilled dogs help keep our community safe. A police handler will demonstrate how they work together, with Q&A.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Bluey Party!

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

Come and use your imagination with activities and crafts inspired by Bluey, Bingo and your other favorites!

BRB Saturday, March 2
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

BINGO

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

Join us for a fun hour of BINGO!

BRB Monday, March 4
2-3 p.m.

Whoose Bones?

(Grades 2-6) **R**

Join us as a teacher from the Forest Preserve District of Will County turns the Library into a forensic lab for dissecting and reconstructing the mystery of owl pellets. Kids will get the chance to dissect their own pellet!

OSB Tuesday, March 5
2-3 p.m.

Super MAR10 Party

(Grades K-5) **R**

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

OSB Sunday, March 10
2-4 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Walt's Hobby and Model Shop

(Ages 5+ with adult) **R**

Do you like model trains? We will get a chance to see them in action on this family field trip. The shop also has plastic model kits, model rockets and radio control vehicles!

Walt's Hobby and Model Shop

2207 Plainfield Rd, Joliet, IL 60435
Thursday, March 14
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pot O' Gold Hunt

(Ages 3-8 with adult) **R**

Feeling lucky? Bring the wee lads and lassies to join us as we search the Library for a hidden pot of gold! Irish crafts, green treats and leprechaun jigs to follow!

OSB Saturday, March 16
11-11:45 a.m.



Election Day: Cats vs. Dogs

(Children of all ages) **N**



Let your voice be heard and cast your vote on which pet is the best! Voting begins the morning of Election Day and runs throughout the day.

BRB OSB Tuesday, March 19
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Magic: Simple Tricks to Wow Your Friends

(Grades 4-7) **R**

Do magic tricks with Dr. Angela Antonou, professor at University of St. Francis. You will leave with supplies for more tricks!

OSB Tuesday, March 19
4-5 p.m.

Developmental Screening

(Ages 0-3 with adult) **N**

Children can get a free developmental screening from Child and Family Connections.

BRB Wednesday, March 20
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Eclipse Party

(All ages) **R**



Join us to prepare for the total eclipse of the sun at an after-hours event through space-themed games, learning experiences and crafts. Attendees will also receive free eclipse viewing glasses.

BRB Friday, March 22
6:30-8 p.m.

Mr. Freeze Show

(Grades 1-8) **N**

Come watch Fermilab Physicist Jerry Zimmerman demonstrate Cryogenics with liquid nitrogen! Seating limited.

BRB Tuesday, March 26
2-2:45 p.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover(Children of all ages) **N**

Bring your animal, doll or action figure to explore the Library overnight. Drop them off, make a name tag and read a bedtime story on Tuesday. Come back Wednesday for a reunion with a sleepover slideshow and doughnuts.

OSB Drop off: Tuesday, March 26
2-6 p.m.

Pick up: Wednesday, March 27
9:30-10 a.m.

3D Printer and Its History(Grades 3-6) **R**

Come to the DMS and learn the history of 3D printing and how to use it.

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

**Marshmallow Blastoff**(Grades 1-4) **R**

Make a marshmallow shooter and mini catapult, then test both!

BRB Wednesday, March 27
2-3 p.m.

Game Day: Live Action Candy Land(Grades PreK-12) **N**

We are searching for the lost King Kandy, king of Candy Land in our live-action game of Candy Land.

OSB Thursday, March 28
1-8 p.m.

DIY April Fools' Day Pranks(Grades 3-6) **R**

Make your own (harmless) April Fool's Day pranks to trick your family!

BRB Friday, March 29
2-3 p.m.

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

Kids get their hands messy in this sensory program as they make art using household items.

OSB Thursday, April 4
4:30-6 p.m.

National Library Week**Drop-in Activities**(Children of all ages) **N**

Help us celebrate our favorite week with drop-in activities each day!

Monday-Book Character Guess Who

Tuesday-Create a bookmark

Wednesday-Write book spine poetry

Thursday-Add a heart to our "I Love my Library because..." display

BRB OSB Monday-Thursday,
April 8-11
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Pokémon Meetup(Grades 3-8) **R**

Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms, or hang out and discuss your favorites with a craft!

BRB Wednesday, April 10
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sensory Playtime(Ages 0-3 with adult) **N**

Little ones will explore their senses by feeling, hearing and touching their way through music, art and play! Illinois Star Net will discuss their services.

BRB Friday, April 12
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Taylor Swift Eras Party(All ages) **R**

Are you ready for it? It's been a long time coming, but we finally had a blank space in our schedule and we knew all too well what to fill it with. So grab your favorite Swiftie, dress to the nines and come sing and dance like we're made of starlight. We'll make the friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste TS-inspired snacks, and say, "I had the best day with you."

OSB Saturday, April 13
1-3 p.m.

**Family Field Trip: Will County****Emergency Management Agency (EMA)**(Ages 4+ with adult) **R**

Learn how the EMA responds to emergency situations and hop on the Command Van and other vehicles.

Will County EMA

22456 Cherry Hill Rd, Joliet, 60433
Monday, April 15
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Animal Quest Show**(All ages) **N**

Meet ten different exotic animals during this interactive presentation with Animal Quest.

OSB Thursday, April 25
6:30-7:15 p.m.

Barbie & Ken Dance Party!(Children of all ages with adult) **R**

Dress your best and dance with us at this after hours event. We'll have a photo op and all things Barbie & Ken!

BRB Friday, April 26
6-7:30 p.m.

Día del Niño/Children's Day:**Fun & Games**(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Take time to play board games in the Youth Services Dept. today.

BRB OSB Tuesday, April 30
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Local Author Book Fair(All ages) **N**

Meet real authors from our area to talk about books, publishing and the power of words! Authors will be signing and selling their books for kids, teens and adults. If you are an author that would be interested in attending, please fill out the interest form at: <https://forms.gle/3nqXy1woHtVZBHKq6>

BRB Saturday, April 27
10 a.m.-12 p.m.



*All programs are for grades 5-7 (ages 10-13) or grades 7-12 (ages 13-18) unless otherwise specified.

Maker Monday

(Grades 5-12) **N**

Hang out with friends or make some new ones while you try out a different project each week. We'll have materials, with larger equipment rotating weekly. Parents can join us at pick-up to see our creations.

BRB Monday, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, March 4, 18, April 1, 15
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Soda Taste Test

(Grades 4-7) **R**

Taste test specialty sodas from around the world and learn to make your own Italian soda.

BRB Thursday, Jan. 25
4:30-5:30 p.m.

LEGO® Mindstorm Robotics

(Grades 4-8) **N**

Join us monthly for LEGO™ Mindstorm Robotics. Get a chance to build, program and play with your very own robot and complete challenges to show off your skills! In partnership with the University of Illinois Extension Office.

OSB Monday, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25, April 29
4-5 p.m.

Tween GemCrafters: DIY Jewelry

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Perfect for fans of Valentine's Day, Anti-Valentine's Day, or people who just like crafting. Come to the library and make your own jewelry!

OSB Thursday, Feb. 8
4-5 p.m.



LEGO® Robotics

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Use LEGO™ Spike Prime sets to build and code real robots.

BRB Monday, Feb. 12, March 11, April 8
4:30-6 p.m.

Love is Gross

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Are valentines not your thing? Join us for an evening of our grossest activities from cockroach painting to booger slime! Eww!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Tween Name that Shirt

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Bring in your own t-shirt. The Library will provide vinyl iron ons, markers and fabric paint for decorating.

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 28
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Tween What's That Cereal?

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Are you a cereal pro? Take our blind taste test and see how many different types of cereal you can identify!

OSB Monday, March 4
2-3 p.m.

Tween Paint 'n' Sip

(Grades 5-7) **R**

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

BRB Thursday, March 28
2-3 p.m.

A Trick of the Eye

(Grades 5-12) **N**

Did you know you can create an optical illusion with only a piece of paper and some markers? Come learn how!

OSB Friday, March 29
9 a.m.-5 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. We will have Pokémon activities and a craft.

BRB Wednesday, April 10
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Bad Art Night

(Grades 5-12) **R**

No art skills needed when the name of the game is to see who can make the worst piece of art.

OSB Tuesday, April 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Teens, let your voices be heard! 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 the teen department. One hour of community service will be provided for teen participants.

BRB Thursday, Jan. 11, March 7
5-6 p.m.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 25
1-2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Magic the Gathering Night

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Join us to play Magic the Gathering. Bring your decks or play one of our starter decks. We will have cards available so you can build your own courtesy of Magikids.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 17
6-7:30 p.m.

College Financial Aid Workshop

(Grades 9-12 with adult) **R**

Join a member of Illinois Student Assistance Corp (ISAC) to get a look on how to get financial aid for college.

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6-7 p.m.



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OSB Thursday, Feb. 8
1-2 p.m.

Teen DIY Spa Night

(Grades 7-12) **R**

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OSB Thursday, February 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen Name that Shirt

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Bring in your own t-shirt. The library will provide vinyl iron ons, markers and fabric paint for decorating.

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 28
6-7 p.m.

Teen What's That Cereal?

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Are you a cereal pro? Take our blind taste test and see how many different types of cereal you can identify!

OSB Monday, March 4
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dress Drive

(Grades 9-12) **N**

Clean out your closet and shop ours! Donate dresses, shoes and accessories before March 8 and get a VIP pass for early access. Nothing to donate? No worries, come and take a look to see if you can find something for yourself.

BRB Saturday, March 9
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



Teen Paint 'n' Sip

(Grades 7-12) **R**

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

BRB Thursday, March 28
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Earth Day Volunteering

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Earn community service hours by helping us spruce up the Library and community for spring!

OSB Monday, April 22
6-7 p.m.

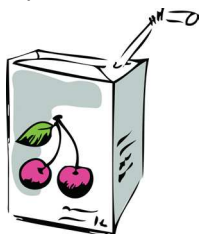


Teen Taste Test

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Can you tell the difference between almost identical drinks and treats? Kool-Aid Jammers and Capri Suns? Oreos and the store brand cookies? Come put your taste buds to the test and battle against your friends!

BRB Thursday, April 25
6-7 p.m.



TEEN

VOLUNTEER CORPS

We are seeking students in 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://www.jolietlibrary.org/index.php/en/teen-volunteer-corp>



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5-6 p.m.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 25
1-2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tech Learning Academy *Learn the basics of both computers and smartphones.*

Intro to Computers

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of computers and organizing files.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 10
6:30-8 p.m.

Intro to Smartphones

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of smartphones.

BRB Wednesdays, Jan. 17, March 13
(Android), Feb. 14 (iPhone)
6:30-8 p.m.

Tech 101: Google Suite

(Adults) **R**

Google has a full suite of products that are easy to use: Docs, Sheets, Drive. These products will allow you to be productive and share with other users.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 24
6:30-8 p.m.

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, Feb. 21
6:30-8 p.m.

Tech 101: Microsoft Excel, Part Two

(Adults) **R**

Learn techniques like sort and filter, formulas, pivot tables and graphs.

BRB Wednesday, March 6
6:30-8 p.m.

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

(Adults) **R**

We will go through the applications through your Smart TV, Roku and Fire Stick. We will cover initial settings and how to use and add apps.

BRB Wednesday, March 27
6:30-8 p.m.

Internet Basics/Cyber Security

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of using your Internet browser to safely browse the web. Internet safety tips and cyber security will be presented.

BRB Wednesday, April 3
6:30-8 p.m.

Beyond Email Basics/Cyber Security

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to send emails to multiple contacts, organize/find/sort through your Inbox/Sent/Drafts/Trash. We will cover spam and how to manage it.

BRB Wednesday, April 24
6:30-8 p.m.

One-on-One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

Register for 30 minute sessions in person with one of our associates.

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

OSB Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.
(English & Spanish)

OSB Thursdays, 10-11:30 am
(English & Spanish)

Joliet Local History

(Adults) **N**

Tina Beaird, historian, and owner of Tamarack Genealogy, will share information researching family history.

OSB Family Search History: Beyond the Basics
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m.

OSB Courthouse Finds
Saturday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m.

OSB Irish Resources for the Casual Searcher
Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.

OSB Play Ball
Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m.

Book Groups

Morning/Evening Book Discussion

(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.

Jan. 16, 17: *West with Giraffes*
by Lynda Rutledge

Feb. 20, 21: *The Forever Witness*
by Edward Humes

March 19, 20: *The Violin Conspiracy*
by Brendan Slocumb

April 16, 17: *Inside Comedy*
by David Steinberg

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

NextGen Lit Book Club

(Adults, Ages 20-30) **R**

Join other adults in their 20s/30s! 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. 8: *The It Girl* by Ruth Ware

Feb. 12: *The Night Circus: A Novel*
by Erin Morgenstern

March 11: *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires: A Novel*
by Grady Hendrix

April 8: *Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune

BRB Mondays,
6:30-8 p.m.



Can You Answer these Questions about Joliet? **N**

Be on the lookout for fun information sheets that will provide the opportunity for thought and research about the history of Joliet. Each set of questions will include at least ten questions per month. Each month there will be a new set/topic. Answers will be posted at the end of each month.

ELL, Language Learning & Bilingual Events

**Registration is required for all ELL, language learning and bilingual events below. Visit jolietlibrary.org for updated start time.*

Sun	Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m.
Mon	Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m.
Tues	Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Intermediate-Advanced English Conversation Group (Adults) 6 p.m.
Wed	Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m.
Thurs	Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m.
Fri	Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. Virtual Citizenship Class (Adults) a.m./p.m. English Conversation Group Ottawa Street Branch (Adults) 10 a.m.
Sat	ESL Program Black Road Branch (Adults) 9-11 a.m. Virtual ESL Class (Adults) a.m./p.m.

ESL and citizenship classes are offered in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Illinois.

NEW Stitch Circle Club

(Ages 16+) **N**
Join like minded crafters to work on your crochet, knitting or cross-stitch projects. Share ideas and techniques. This will be an informal get together to stitch and relax. Bring your own snacks, drinks and stitch project.

BRB Saturdays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 16, April 13
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Crochet 101

(Adults) **R**
Make your own cozy ear warmer in this beginner crochet class! All materials will be provided.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 3
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Financial Literacy - BMO Bank

(Adults) **R**
Join us as a representative from our local BMO Bank shares information on a variety of topics including budgeting, saving, investing and protecting yourself from financial scams/fraud.

BRB Monday, Jan. 8
6-7 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Ages 16+) **R**
Come and meet with fellow creatives every other month at the JPL Comic Book Creation Club! We're looking for both writers and illustrators to work together to build a comic book from the ground up. When it's all said and done, you'll have your own physical comic book in your hands, with copies distributed throughout the Library. All skill levels welcome, and now open to ages 16 and up. Be sure to register today!

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 10, March 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

The History of Motown Records

(Adults) **R**
Take an audiovisual tour of the history of Motown! Music historian Gary Wenstrup tells the exciting story of Detroit in the 1960s, when Motown Records produced hits sung by performers like The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder.

BRB Monday, Jan. 22
7-8 p.m.



Illinois Library Presents

(Adults) **R**
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Virtual

**Check jolietlibrary.org for more information:*

Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.: *Speculating about Our AI Future with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells*

Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.: *A Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond*

Feb. 20: *#1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn*

March 20: *Academy Award winning costume designer Ruth E. Carter*

April 3: *Dr. Temple Grandin*

NEW Craft Library

(Adults) **N**

Come with craft supplies you no longer need and swap them out for something new!

BRB January



NEW Community Vote

(Adults) **N**

Come by the desk and cast your vote for a monthly question. Results will be posted each month!

BRB February

High Tea and the Low Down

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to avoid a Britspeak disaster on your next trip from American Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans.

Virtual

Wednesday, Jan. 24
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Juliette Gordon Low

(Adults) **R**

An evening with the founder of the Girl Scouts, portrayed by Chicago theater actress Betsey Means.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 1
7-8 p.m.

Sew a Book Weight and Bookmark

(Adults) **R**

Make a weight to hold your book open while reading or cooking and matching bookmark. Supplies are included.

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 7
6-8 p.m.

JPL Trivia Night: Friends

(Adults) **R**

We're no Central Perk, but you will still have fun and maybe even make some FRIENDS while you're at it!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 13
6-8 p.m.



Bingo!

(Adults 18+) **R**

Play Bingo with us and win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 21
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. Reduce stress, increase happiness and help a furry friend in need!

BRB Thursday, Feb. 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Creativity Connections

(Adults 60+) **R**

Join us as we learn new skills and make new friends through the joy of creating! *Sponsored by Catholic Charities.*

OSB Friday, Feb. 23, April 12
1-3 p.m.

An Evening of Irish Music with the Kilgubbin Brothers

(Adults) **R**

Enjoy a performance of traditional Irish music with Jeff Lindblade and Seán Cleland, director of the Irish Music School of Chicago.

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

Luck of the Chicagoland Irish

(Adults) **R**

Learn how Irish history and heritage were established in Chicago and in the surrounding areas.

OSB Wednesday, March 13
6:30-8 p.m.

Sew A Pie Carrier

(Adults) **R**

Make a Pie Carrier using fabric and straps. Supplies included.

BRB Wednesday, March 20
6-8p.m.

Watercolor Painting 101

(Adults) **R**

Learn to paint floral elements in watercolor with Audrey Ra of Audrey Ra Design. Create a spring wreath.

BRB Wednesday, April 3
7-8:30 p.m.

Reading Deeply: BYOB Yin Yoga

(Adults) **R**

This class allows students to hold carefully sequenced poses for several minutes while being able to read.

OSB Wednesday, April 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Chicago Architecture: Burnham, Mies, Gang, and Their Legacies

(Adults) **R**

Join historian Clarence Goodman for a look back at some of our most influential architects.

BRB Thursday, April 11
7-8 p.m.



The British Re-Invasion with Dave Rudolf

(Adults) **R**

Join award winning artist Dave Rudolf for music from the British Invasion that influenced new music, fashion and style. Featuring music from The Beatles, The Kinks, The Who, and more, with stories from Dave himself.

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

Intro to Cross-Stitch

(Adults) **R**

Make a simple sampler with optional lettering. Supplies included.

BRB Wednesday, April 17
6-8 p.m.

Get Organized and Stress Less

(Adults) **R**

We will learn time management strategies, clutter clearing skills and easy stress relief tools.

OSB Thursday, April 25
7-8 p.m.

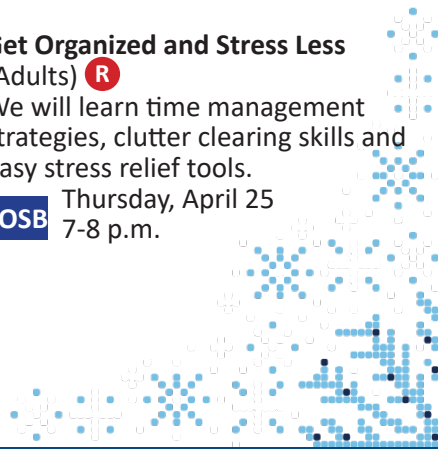


Photo Club Meeting(Adults) **R**

Join other photographers every month to share, learn and network. We will do outings as a group around the area, have meetups and shoot in the DMS green screen room.

OSB Monday, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1
6-8:30 p.m.

JPL Musician's Club Meeting(Ages 16+) **R**

Musician's Club is a place for anyone who writes or plays music of any kind. We meet once a month to collaborate with other musicians, get feedback on your works in progress and get to know like-minded people.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 10
6-8 p.m.

Musical Bingo Night(Adults) **R**

Jam out to snippets of your favorite songs while playing against other music lovers! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 9
6:30-8:30 p.m.

How to Edit Your Home Movie(Ages 16+) **R**

You will learn the basics of video editing, including how to import assets, setup a project file, filters and more.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 16
6-8 p.m.

How to Edit Photos Using AI(Adults) **R**

Learn how to do skin retouching, change backgrounds and more using AI.

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

Pie Painting Class(Adults) **R**

We will paint on a mini canvas utilizing acrylic paint in honor of Pie Day.

OSB Monday, Jan. 22
6-8 p.m.

National Handwriting Day(Adults) **R**

Create your own font or creative message and add to our board. We will also talk about the history of fonts and typography.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 23
4-5 p.m.

**3D Print National Pie Day**(Ages 14+) **R**

Make a 3D Pie Print for National Pie Day! Learn to model simple shapes in Tinkercad Application.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 23
6-8 p.m.

Create a Custom T-shirt(Ages 16+) **R** *Students must bring in a NEW 100% COTTON WHITE T-SHIRT*

Create a custom t-shirt design by drawing out the design, then editing in Photoshop and finally printing out your custom t-shirt.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 30
6-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month through Music(Adults) **R**

The presentation will highlight the influence of black musicians in Rock 'n Roll history. Followed by Q & A.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 6
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Painting Class(Adults) **R**

Create a masterpiece for yourself or your sweetie on Valentine's Day. We will paint a Valentine painting on on mini canvas using acrylic paint.

BRB Friday, Feb. 9
2-4:30 p.m.

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

**Valentine's Day 3D Print**(Adults) **R**

Make a beautiful 3D bracelet print for yourself or your sweetheart!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 13
6-8 p.m.

Basic Photo Editing Class(Ages 16+) **R**

Learn to enhance your digital graphics, designs and photographs like a pro. In this class you will learn how to set up a project file, choose the correct tools, menus, exporting files and so much more.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 20
6-8 p.m.

**Instagram Class**(Ages 16+) **R**

Confused with social media? Come to the DMS to learn the ins and outs to Instagram.

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 28
6-8 p.m.

Portrait Class(Adults) **R**

Learn how to take stunning portraits of anyone at the DMS studio. You will learn what lens to use, how to light your subject and more.

OSB Monday, March 6
6-8:30 p.m.

Decorative Flower Pot Wrap(Adults) **R**

Decorate a flower pot with custom stickers you create. Digitally paint or draw the image and we will print it on sticker paper.

OSB Thursday, March 7
6-8 p.m.

Voice Over Class(Ages 16+) **R**

Record your own voice overs in the DMS Audio Booths using professional microphones and Ableton Live 11! Participants will team up in pairs to record voice overs of their choosing and get the chance to learn voice over production and direction. Sample scripts will be provided, but feel free to bring in your own! Participants are encouraged to bring in external storage devices and headphones.

OSB Tuesday, March 12
6-8 p.m.



Lucky Charms Bracelet 3D Print Class

(Ages 14+) **R**

Make a beautiful lucky charm 3D bracelet print for yourself or your sweetheart!

OSB Thursday, March 14
6-8 p.m.



Paper Clover Crown Class

(Adults) **R**

In this hands-on class you will cut, roll and assemble all pieces to create a beautiful clover crown.

OSB Thursday, March 14
6-8 p.m.

Video Editing Class

(Ages 16+) **R**

Adobe Premiere for beginners! You will learn how to import assets, setup a project file, filters and so much more. Please bring a flash drive to save your work.

OSB Wednesday, March 20
6-8 p.m.

Manual Mode Photography Class

(Adults) **R**

Do you want to take photos like a Pro? We will teach you how to use the manual mode on your camera as well as how to photograph in different lighting situations.

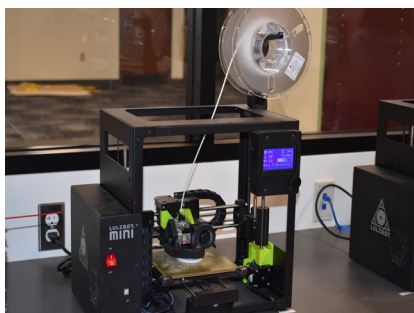
OSB Thursday, March 28, April 25
6-8 p.m.

Easter Egg Pastel Painting Class

(Adults) **R**

Come and paint an Easter themed painting with pastels.

BRB Friday, March 29
2-4:30 p.m.



National Pet Day T-shirt **R**

(Ages 16+) *Students must bring in a NEW 100% COTTON WHITE T-SHIRT* Paint or draw your pet to be scanned, edited and printed on your t-shirt to create your own custom design. Size Adult small is the smallest printable size t-shirt that can be printed for this program.

OSB Thursday, April 11
6-8 p.m.

Create a Pet Portrait

(Adults) **R**

Bring a photo of your pet to paint a multimedia pet portrait.

BRB Friday, April 12
2-4:30 p.m.



Digital Coloring Class

(Ages 16+) **R**

Digital coloring class using Adobe Photoshop.

OSB Monday, April 22
6-8 p.m.

Promote Your Business on Facebook

(Adults) **R**

Not sure how Facebook works when promoting your business? The DMS will teach you how.

OSB Tuesday, April 30
6-8 p.m.



The DMS also takes appointments!

The Digital Media Studio (or DMS) is located in Lower Level at the Ottawa Street Branch of the Joliet Public Library.

FOR APPOINTMENTS:

Email: dms@jolietlibrary.org

Phone: (815) 846-3116

Hours:

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

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Services are FREE of charge for library patrons! Just pay for your printing or when purchasing flash drives.

January

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Winter Reading Program+ Jan 1.-Feb 29	1 +LIBRARY CLOSED New Year's Day	2	3 1on1 Tech Help 4p LEGO®Club 4:30p Crochet 101 6:30p	4 1on1 Tech Help 10a	5	6
7	8 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO®Club 5:30p Financial Lit BMO 6p Photo Club 6p NextGen Club 6:30p	9 Musical Bingo 6:30p	10 1on1 Tech Help 4p Junior Book Club 4:30p Muscian's Club 6p Intro to Comp 6:30p Comic Book Creation 6:30p	11 1on1 Tech Help 10a TAG 5p ILP (V) 7p	12	13 Stitch Circle Club 10a
14	15 +LIBRARY CLOSED Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 AM Book Group 10a Edit Your Movie 6p	17 1on1 Tech Help 4p Kids Inventors' Day 4p Magic the Gathering 6p Intro to Smartphones 6:30p AI Photo Edit 6:30p PM Book Group 7p	18 1on1 Tech Help 10a	19	20 T-Rex Tea Party 10:30a Family Search History 2p
21	22 1on1 Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p Pie Painting 6p History of Motown 7p	23 Handwriting Day 4p 3D Print Pie Day 6p	24 1on1 Tech Help 4p Tech 101: Google Suite 6:30p High Tea (V) 6:30p	25 1on1 Tech Help 10a TAG 1p Soda Taste Test 4:30p Upcycled Puzzles 6:30p	26	27 Crafting with your Kids 10:30a
28	29 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO® Robotics 4p College Financials 6p	30 Preschool Game Day 10:30a Custom T-shirt 6p	31 1on1 Tech Help 4p FFT: City Hall (OS) 3:30p			

- Children's Program
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- Adult Program
- Digital Media Studio





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February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Juliette Gordon Low 7p	2	3 +Take your Child to the Library Day 10a Balloon Workshop 11a, 2p
4	5 1on1 Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p Photo Club 6p	6 Robot Adv. 4:30p ILP (V) 7p Celebrate Black History Month through Music 6:30p	7 1on1 Tech Help 4p LEGO®Club 4:30p Sew a Book Weight 6p	8 1on1 Tech Help 10a Teen Gemcrafters 1p Tween Gemcrafters 4p Snowpalooza 6:30p	9 VDay Painting Class 2p Family Glow Party 6p	10 Stitch Circle Club 10a
11	12 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO®Robotics 4:30p LEGO®Club 5:30p VDay Print 6p NextGen Club 6:30p	13 JPL Trivia Night 6p Love is Gross 6:30p	14 1on1 Tech Help 4p Muscian's Club 6p Intro to Smartphones 6:30p	15 1on1 Tech Help 10a PreK Painting 6:30p	16 PreKExplorers 10:30a	17
18	19 +LIBRARY CLOSED Presidents' Day	20 AM Book Group 10a Photo Editing 6p	21 1on1 Tech Help 4p Traveling World of Reptiles 5p, 7p Tech 101:Excel I 6:30p PM Book Group 7p Bingo! 7p	22 1on1 Tech Help 10a DIY Spa Night 4p Teen Spa Night 6:30p Puppy Yoga 6:30p	23 Creativity Connections 1p	24 Crafting with your Kids 10:30a Courthouse Finds 2p
25	26 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO® Robotics 4p FFT: Tony's (OS) 4:30p	27 Robot Hand 4p Robot Rally 4:30p	28 1on1 Tech Help 4p Tween Name that Shirt 4:30p, Teen 6p Insta Class 6p	29 1on1 Tech Help 10a K-9 to the Rescue 6:30p		

March

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Bluey Party! 10:30a
3	4 1on1 Tech Help 12p Bingo 2p <u>Tween What Cereal</u> 2p, Teen 3:30p Maker Monday 4:30p <u>Photo Club 6p</u>	5 <u>Whoose Bones? 2p</u> Robot Adv. 4:30p <u>Portrait Class 6p</u>	6 1on1 Tech Help 4p LEGO®Club 4:30p Tech 101: Excel II 6:30p	7 1on1 Tech Help 10a TAG 5p <u>Flower Pot Wrap 6p</u> Irish Music 7p	8	9 Dress Drive 10:30a
10 <u>Super MAR10</u> <u>Party 2p</u>	11 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO®Robotics 4:30p LEGO®Club 5:30p NextGen Club 6:30p	12 <u>Voiceover Class 6p</u>	13 1on1 Tech Help 4p <u>Muscian's Club 6p</u> Intro to Smartphones 6:30p <u>Comic Book</u> <u>Creation 6:30p</u> <u>Chicago Irish 6:30p</u> <u>TAG 6:30p</u>	14 1on1 Tech Help 10a FFT: Walt's Hobby Shop (OS) 4:30p <u>Lucky Charms</u> <u>Bracelet 6p</u> <u>Paper Clover Crown</u> <u>Class 6p</u>	15	16 Stitch Circle Club 10a <u>Pot O' Gold Hunt 11a</u> <u>Irish Resources for the</u> <u>Casual Searcher 2p</u>
17	18 1on1 Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p Sew a Pie Carrier 6p	19 +Cats vs. Dogs 10a AM Book Group 10a <u>Magic Tricks 4p</u> Robot Rally 4:30p	20 Developmental Screening 9:30a 1on1 Tech Help 4p <u>Video Editing 6p</u> PM Book Group 7p	21 1on1 Tech Help 10a	22 Eclipse Party 6:30p	23 <u>Crafting with your Kids</u> <u>10:30a</u>
24 31 +LIBRARY CLOSED Easter	25 1on1 Tech Help 12p <u>LEGO® Robotics 4p</u>	26 Mr. Freeze 2p <u>Stuffed Animal</u> <u>Sleepover DO 2p</u> <u>3D Printer, History 6p</u>	27 <u>Stuffed Animal</u> <u>Sleepover PU 9:30p</u> Marshmallow Blastoff 2p 1on1 Tech Help 4p Tech 101: Smart TV 6:30p	28 1on1 Tech Help 10a <u>Live Candy Land 1p</u> <u>Tween Paint n Sip</u> 2p, Teen 6:30p <u>Manual Mode</u> <u>Photography 6p</u>	29 <u>Trick of the Eye 9a</u> April Fools' Day Pranks 2p Easter Egg Pastel Painting 2p	30

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April

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 1on1 Tech Help 12p Maker Monday 4:30p <u>Photo Club 6p</u>	2 Robot Adv. 4:30p	3 1on1 Tech Help 4p LEGO®Club 4:30p Internet Basics/ Cyber Security 6:30p Watercolor 101 7p	4 1on1 Tech Help 10a <u>Messy Masterpiece</u> 4:30p	5	6
7	8 +National Library Week Drop-In Activites 10a 1on1 Tech Help 12p LEGO®Robotics 4:30p LEGO®Club 5:30p NextGen Club 6:30p	9	10 1on1 Tech Help 4p Pokémon Meetup 4:30p, Tween 4:30p <u>Muscian's Club 6p</u> <u>Reading Deeply 6:30p</u>	11 <u>Pet T-Shirt 6p</u> 1on1 Tech Help 10a Chicago Architecture 7p	12 Sensory Playtime 10:30a <u>Creativity Connections</u> 1p <u>Pet Portrait 2p</u>	13 Stitch Circle Club 10a <u>Taylor Swift Eras Party</u> 1p
14	15 1on1 Tech Help 12p FFT: EMA 4:30p (OS) Maker Monday 4:30p	16 AM Book Group 10a <u>Dave Rudolf 6p</u> <u>Bad Art Night 6:30p</u>	17 1on1 Tech Help 4p Cross-Stitch 6p PM Book Group 7p	18 1on1 Tech Help 10a	19 +LIBRARY OPEN AT NOON All Staff Day	20 <u>Crafting with</u> <u>your Kids 10:30a</u> <u>Play Ball 2p</u>
21	22 1on1 Tech Help 12p <u>Earth Day</u> <u>Volunteering 6p</u> <u>Digital Coloring 6p</u>	23 Robot Rally 4:30p	24 1on1 Tech Help 4p Beyond Email Basics/ Cyber Security 6:30p	25 1on1 Tech Help 10a <u>Teen Test 6p</u> <u>Animal Quest 6:30p</u> <u>Get Organized 7p</u>	26 <u>PreK Explorers 10:30a</u> Barbie & Ken Dance Party 6p	27 Local Author Fair 10a
28	29 1on1 Tech Help 12p <u>LEGO® Robotics 4p</u>	30 +Día del Niño/ Children's Day: Fun & Games 10a <u>Promote on FB 6p</u>				