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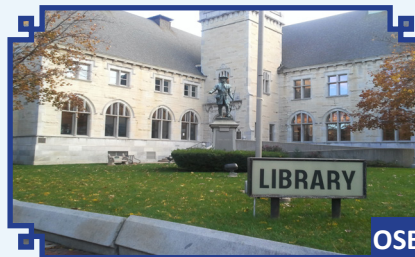
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Bingo

(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**
Join us for a fun hour of BINGO!

BRB Monday, Jan. 6,
Tuesday, March 25
2-3 p.m.

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

Robot Adventures

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

BRB Tuesday, Jan. 7, Feb. 4,
March 4, April 1
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, Jan. 8, Feb. 5,
March 5, April 2
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Monday, Jan. 13, Feb. 10,
March 10, April 14
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Homeschool Hangout

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

OSB Thursday, Jan. 9, Feb. 6,
March 6, April 3
10:30-11:30 a.m.

BRB Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18,
March 18, April 15
1-2 p.m.

Stay and Play

(Ages 0-3 with adult) **N**
Enjoy a library playdate. Pop in and let the kids play while you catch up on adult conversation and make your own friends.

BRB Friday, Jan. 10, Feb. 7,
March 14, April 11
10-11:30 a.m.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 16, Feb. 20,
March 20, April 17
9:30-11 a.m.

Preschool Game Day

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

BRB Tuesday, Jan. 14
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Explorers- Outer Space Edition

(Ages 2-5 with adult) **R**
Children will hear stories, enjoy music and explore the topic with hands-on activities.

OSB Friday, Jan. 17
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pokémon Meetup

(Grades 1-8) **R**
Calling all Pokémon fans! Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms or just hang out and discuss your favorite characters. We will have Pokémon activities and a craft.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18,
March 18, April 15
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Thursday, March 27
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Drop-In Storytimes

Weekly, except Dec. 23-Jan. 3 or when the library is closed.

Toddler Time

(18 months-3 years with adult) **N**
Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a craft.
BRB Mondays, 9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wiggle Worms

(Ages 18-months to 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, 10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N**
Your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, songs, 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 English/Spanish.

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

Bouncing Babies

(Birth-24 months with adult) **N**
Enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles!

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**
Explore stories and songs with a craft.

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

**South American
Carnaval Storytime**(Grades PreK-3) **N**

Celebrate the South American tradition of Carnaval with special stories, activities and a craft!

BRB Tuesday, Jan. 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

We will read a book together, discuss, and do activities and a craft.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 22
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Space Robots(Grades 3-8) **R**

Your mission: help our robots explore space! We'll be engineering solutions and coding with real robots.

OSB Monday, Jan. 27
4-5:30 p.m.

Puzzle Party(Grades K-8) **R**

Come explore different puzzles and maybe even make one to bring home!

BRB Monday, Jan. 27
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Learn basic coding principles while working with adorable robots.

BRB Tuesday, Jan. 28, Feb. 25,
March 25, April 22
4:30-6 p.m.

Dog Man Party(Grades 1-8) **R**

Calling all Supa Buddies to join us to celebrate Dog Man with crafts, games and activities.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 28
6-7 p.m.

**Family Field Trip: Joliet Junior
College Planetarium**(Ages 4+ with adult) **R**

Take a trip through space at the Joliet Junior College Planetarium. Please arrive five minutes early. Registration required for each person attending.

JJC Planetarium, F Building
1215 Houbolt Rd., Joliet
Thursday, Jan. 30
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**National Take Your Child to
the Library Day**(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

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

BRB Saturday, Feb. 1
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSB Saturday, Feb. 1
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Paws to Read(Kids of all ages) **N**

Drop in to read to your new furry friend! Licensed therapy dogs will be on hand to listen to books, enjoy hugs and give lots and lots of love!

BRB Saturday, Feb. 1
10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

**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 7 at the Black Road Branch Youth Services Desk.

Reading Rangers Book Club(Grades 2-4) **R**

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

BRB Thursday, Feb. 6
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Are you ready for some football? Get ready for the big game with games, crafts and fun!

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

Homeschool Hangout:**Exoplanets Edition**(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Meet other homeschoolers and go through our Explore Exoplanets: Discover Alien Worlds exhibit and scavenger hunt together.

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 12
1-2 p.m.

Space Explorers

(Grades K-5) **R**

Find out about some tools of the trade and design your own planets in an event that is out of this world!

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 12
4-5 p.m.

Black History Month Bingo

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

During Black History Month, join us for a few rounds of bingo.

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 12
6:30-7:30 p.m.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 20
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness

(Grades 1-8) **R**

Learn how to make simple emergency kits, create family plans and stay safe during disasters. Will County Emergency Management Agency is going to get us prepared!

OSB Thursday, Feb. 13
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Oregon Trail IRL

(Ages 6+ with adult) **N**

Attempt to survive the Oregon Trail in this 'You Choose the Adventure' style program.

BRB Saturday Feb. 15
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



Perler Bead Creations

(Grades K-5) **R**

Show off your skills as you make Perler bead art.

BRB Tuesday, Feb. 18
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip:

Joliet Central High School

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

Come inside the castle - "a palace of learning since 1901." Whether you're an alumnus, a future JT student or an interested community member, this tour will include history, wide marble halls, and plenty of Steelmen pride. Enter at the main entrance off of Collins and E Van Buren St.

Joliet Central High School

201 E. Jefferson St., Joliet
Saturday, Feb. 22
10-11:30 a.m.

Alien Dance Party

(Kids of all ages) **R**



If life exists elsewhere in the universe, it could look very different from life on Earth. Check out what our pretend planet looks like (dance floor included!) and create your own alien to join the party! Space-themed costumes are encouraged.

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

Mardi Gras Mask Making

(Grades 4-8) **R**

Laissez les bons temps rouler! Using materials provided, create your most colorful and crazy Mardi Gras mask.

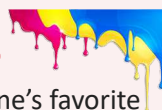
OSB Sunday, March 2
2-3 p.m.

Spider-Man Paint & Sip

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

Learn how to paint everyone's favorite neighborhood friend, Spider-Man!

OSB Monday, March 3
1-2:30 p.m.



Family Field Trip: Inwood Ice Arena

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

Get a behind the scenes look at everything from the Zamboni machine to ice skates as we tour the newly renovated ice arena.

Inwood Ice Arena

3000 W. Jefferson St., Joliet
Saturday, March 8
10-10:45 a.m.



Easy Origami

(Grades 3-8) **R**

Fold pieces of paper into flowers, animals or even your favorite characters.

BRB Tuesday, March 11
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pot O' Gold Hunt

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

Bring the wee lads and lassies to join us as we search the library for a hidden pot of gold! Irish crafts and leprechaun jigs included!

OSB Saturday, March 15
11-11:45 a.m.



Potty Palooza

(Ages 2-4 with adult) **R**

Hop aboard the Potty Train! Little ones will get excited about ditching the diapers and seeing how much fun potty time can be through games, songs and more!

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

Pajama Party

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

Come in your jammies and enjoy some after hours sleepover party fun before heading home to bed!

BRB Friday, March 21
6-8 p.m.

March Madness: Dunking Competition(Grades K-8) **R**

Compete to be the best in this basketball dunking challenge! Winner gets a prize.

OSB Monday, March 24
4-5 p.m.

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

Drop off your animal, doll or action figure to explore the library overnight.

OSB Drop off/craft:
Tuesday, March 25, 3-6 p.m.
Pickup/snack:
Wednesday, March 26,
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**

Join us for this up-close, live, hands-on experience featuring reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

OSB Saturday, March 29
1-2 p.m.

**Whoose Bones?**(Grades 2-6) **R**

A teacher from the Forest Preserve District will transform the library into a forensic lab where kids can dissect their own pellet!

BRB Monday, March 31
2-3 p.m.

Indoor Playground(Grades K-5) **N**

Explore an obstacle course, jump rope, hula hoop and other activities.

BRB Tuesday, April 1
2-3 p.m.

**Structure Superstars**(Grades 1-5) **R**

Join us for a STEM building challenge!

BRB Wednesday, April 2
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 Thursday, April 3
9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Remote Control Cars(Ages 3-10) **N**

Bring your own remote control car or borrow one from us and race around!

OSB Sunday, April 6
2-3 p.m.

Blooming Spring Plastic Bag Painting(Grades 2-6) **R**

Paint using a plastic grocery bag.

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

Developmental Screening(Ages 0-3) **N**

Get a free developmental screening from Child and Family Connections. Stop by before or after Stay and Play.

BRB Friday, April 11
9:15-11:30 a.m.

Costume Dance Party(Kids of all ages with adult) **R**

Halfway to Halloween! Dress up, dance, and join us for a costume contest and photo op.

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

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

Celebrate National Poetry Month with activities and crafts.

BRB Tuesday, April 15
4:30- 5:30 p.m.

Sprouting Stories(Grades PreK-2) **R**

Read stories, learn plant care and pot up a plant of your own to take home.

OSB Thursday, April 17
6-7 p.m.

Earth Art(Grades 2-5) **R**

We'll provide natural objects (or bring your own) to create sun prints, suncatchers, wind chimes, and more!

OSB Monday, April 21
2-3 p.m.

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

Little ones will explore their senses through music, art and play!

BRB Friday, April 25
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family Field Trip:**Northern Illinois Food Bank**(Grades K-5) **R**

Tour the South Suburban distribution center and work on a project to help feed Northern Illinois neighborhoods.

Northern Illinois Food Bank

171 S. Larkin Ave., Joliet
Saturday, April 26
12:30-1:30 p.m.

Mexican Folk Art: Alebrijes(Grades 3-5) **R**

Learn more about this Mexican folk art and create your own magical creature.

OSB Monday, April 28
4-5 p.m.

BRB Monday, April 28
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

Celebrate Día del Niño with these rescued wild animals from Big Run Wolf Ranch. Bring a chair or blanket; event moves indoors for rain/weather.

BRB Tuesday, April 29
6-7:30 p.m.

Día De Los Niños Storytime(Ages 2-8 with adult) **N**

Join us for a special storytime celebrating children and reading.

OSB Wednesday, April 30
6-7pm

Lego™ Robotics

(Grades 6-8) **R**

Build and code robots with Lego Spike Prime sets.

BRB Monday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3,
March 10, April 7
4:30-6 p.m.

Maker Monday

(Grades 5-12) **N**

Hang out with friends or meet new ones while exploring a different project each month. Materials will be provided, equipment rotating.

BRB Monday, Jan. 13, Feb. 10,
March 17, April 21
4:30-5:30 p.m.



Mug Decorating

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

Decorate a mug to keep and fill with drinks that'll keep you warm and cozy.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 15
(Grades 6-8) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
(Grades 9-12) 6-7 p.m.

Knitting 101

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn the basics and make your own knitting project.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 16
5:30-6:30 p.m.



Pokémon Meetup

(Grades 1-8) **R**

Bring your cards, battle in Pokémon Go gyms, or discuss favorite characters.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18,
March 18, April 15
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Thursday, March 27
4:30-5:30 p.m.



Puzzle Party

(Grades K-8) **R**

Explore different puzzles and make one to bring home!

BRB Monday, Jan. 27
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Books and Brunch

(Grades 9-12) **R**

Get recommendations on your next reads and eat some goodies! Attendees are entered to win a prize.

BRB Saturday, Jan. 25
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Dog Man Party

(Grades 1-8) **R**

Celebrate Dog Man with crafts, games and activities.

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 28
6-7 p.m.



Perler Bead Exoplanets

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Make an Exoplanet out of Perler beads.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 30
1-2 p.m.

Crocheting 101

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn to crochet at the library. All skill levels welcome.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 4
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Love is Gross

(Grades 6-8) **R**

An evening of our grossest activities from cockroach painting to booger slime! Eww!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 11
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Book Club

(Grades 5-8) **R**

Join our new book club! Register, pick up a Caudill-nominated novel at Youth Services and read it before we meet.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 13
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Paint & Sip

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

Paint and enjoy a juice box!

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 26
(Grades 6-8) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
(Grades 9-12) 6-7 p.m.

Spider-Man Paint & Sip

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Paint everyone's favorite neighborhood friend, Spider-Man!

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

Dress Giveaway

(Grades 9-12) **N**

Clean out your closet and shop ours! Donate dresses, shoes or accessories for VIP access. No donation? Dresses will be available to all after VIP access.

BRB Saturday, March 8
10-10:30 a.m. (VIP early access)
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

March Madness: Dunking Competition

(Grades 9-12) **R**

Compete to be the best in this basketball dunking challenge! Winner gets a \$15 gift card.

OSB Thursday, March 13
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Clue Escape Room

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Solve a murder and escape the room inspired by the Clue board game.

OSB Tuesday, March 25
6:30-7 p.m. or 7:30-8 p.m.



Dungeons and Dragons Adventure!

(Grades 6-12) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, March 26
6-8 p.m.

Squishy Stress Balls

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Personalize your own Jumbo Squishy Stress Ball.

OSB Tuesday, April 1
6-7 p.m.

After Hours Team Games

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Play hide-and-seek after hours!

BRB Friday, April 4
6-7:30 p.m.

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Tortured Poet Packs

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Inspiration strikes, and you need to write a poem! No worries. You will be prepared for any poetry emergency once you assemble your own Tortured Poet Pack. This Program in a Bag will provide the supplies.

BRB OSB Pickup in Youth Services
April 7-11

Teen Earth Day Volunteering

(Grades 8-12) **R**

Help celebrate Earth Day by helping the library make seed bomb kits. Attendees earn one hour of community service.

OSB Tuesday, April 8
6-7 p.m.

Papel Picado Craft

(Grades 7-12) **N**

Join us to learn more about this traditional Mexican craft and design your very own banner to take home.

OSB Thursday, April 24
1-2 p.m.

Mexican Art Kit

(Grades 6-12) **R**

Take home a kit to try your hand at making a decorative Mexican border for your space and create your own mythical animal called an Alebrijes.

BRB Pickup in Youth Services
April 28- May 2



Winter Reading Program

(All ages, register through Beanstack) **R**

The challenge will run Dec. 11-Feb. 28. Log your pages read through the Beanstack Tracker app. When you complete the program, stop by the Youth or Adult Services Departments at either building by March 8 to pick up your prize pack!

Instructions:

1. Sign in to your Beanstack Tracker app or jolietlibrary.beanstack.com. Don't have an account? Sign up as a family or individually!
2. After signing up for Beanstack, register individually for the "Winter Read 2025" challenge for your age group.
3. Log your reading via the app or website Dec. 11-Feb. 28.
4. When you have earned a prize pack, stop by the Youth Services Department to pick it up. Packs available until March 8.



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, Social-Emotional Learning.

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



ESL

Class begins Jan. 18

No classes March 1 & April 19

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.

BRB Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
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.

BRB Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
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
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
Jan.-April



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 your Smartphone (Android only).

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 15
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Microsoft Excel, Part One

(Adults) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 29
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Microsoft Excel, Part Two

(Adults) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 5
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

Intro to Computers

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of Windows based personal computers.

BRB Wednesday, April 23
6:30-8 p.m. (English)

One on One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

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

No sessions Jan. 20, Feb. 17 & April 20
Sessions begin Jan. 6 (OSB) and Jan. 7 (BRB)

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

BRB Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
(English only)

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(English & Spanish)

OSB Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(English & Spanish)

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

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 8, Feb. 19,
March 5, April 23: 6:30-8 p.m.
(English only)

Loop Lounge Can I Pet that Dog?!

The Loop Lounge

(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, Feb. 8, March 8,
April 5
2-4 p.m.

Can I Pet that Dog?!

(Adults) **R**

Do you just want to drop in and pet some dogs? Stop by between 4-5:30pm! The Alliance of Therapy Dogs Team will be here with some of their specially trained furry friends for you to meet and pet!



OSB Thursday, Feb. 13,
March 13, April 10
4-5:30 p.m.

Book Discussions

Morning/Evening Book Discussion Groups

(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. 21, 22: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Feb. 18, 19: *Dolly Parton, Songteller* by Dolly Parton

March 18, 19: *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

April 15, 16: *Notes from a Small Island* by Bill Bryson

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

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!

BRB Jan. 13: *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke
Feb. 10: *Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan
March 10: *Wilder Girls* by Rory Power
April 14: *Choke* by Chuck Palahniuk
6:30-8 p.m.

Wits Workouts for Seniors

(Adults 60+) **R**

If you are age 60 or older, join us for this brain health program using a "workout" themed approach. Join us for various-themed sessions which range from sports, US History, flowers, cars, women in history and more. Brought to you by Catholic Charities. Please call Catholic Charities at 815-933-7791 ext: 9910 to register!

BRB Friday, Feb. 21, 28, March 14, 21, 28,
April 18, 25
2-3 p.m.

Joliet History

How the MLK Assassination Rocked Joliet

(Adults) **R**

OSB Saturday, Jan. 18
2-3 p.m.

Lincoln's Funeral Train through Joliet

(Adults) **R**

OSB Saturday, Feb. 8
2-3 p.m.

From River to Canal

(Adults) **R**

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

That used to be a Farm?

(Adults) **R**

OSB Saturday, April 26
2-3 p.m.

*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



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Chicago Pizza - Past, Present & Future with Steve Dolinsky

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m.

An Evening with James McBride

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m.

Slowing Down with Amy Tan

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

Documentary Screening: 9to5: The Story of a Movement

(Adults) *Virtual* **R**

March 21-23

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

(Adults)

Virtual **R**

Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Chicago Auto Show History

(Adults) **R**

Join historian Mitch Frumkin to explore the rich history of the Chicago Auto Show, and enter to win tickets to the 2025 show.

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 8
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Art Uncorked: Paint Night with the Library

(Adults) **R**

Enjoy a glass of wine as JPL staff members Kora and Anabel guide you in creating your own artwork in a relaxed setting. For adults 21+; IDs required for beverage service.

Bishops Hill Winery

310 Bridge St., Joliet
Thursday, Jan. 9
6-8 p.m.



Artemis: Getting Ready for Artemis II and Beyond

(Adults) **R**

Join storyteller John Cilio for intriguing insights on NASA equipment and Connecticut companies driving 21st-century space exploration.

Virtual

Thursday, Jan. 16
6-7 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

Join fellow creatives every other month at the JPL Comic Book Creation Club! Writers and illustrators will collaborate to create a comic book, with copies distributed at the library. All skill levels welcome.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 22, April 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Money Matters

(Adults) **R**

Learn about budgeting, fraud prevention and credit in this class by Heartland Bank of Plainfield.

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

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 5
6:30-8 p.m.



Artemis Program-Exoplanet Exhibit

(Adults) **R**

Dayna Ise, Director of the Mars Campaign Office and native of Joliet presents on the Artemis Program, sending the first woman and person of color to the moon and continued exploration of Mars.

OSB Thursday, Jan. 23
6:30-8 p.m.

Crochet 101

(Adults) **R**

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

BRB Wednesday, Jan. 29
6-8 p.m.

Puppy Yoga (18+)

(Adults) **R**

Enjoy gentle floor yoga while cuddling roaming puppies—reduce stress, boost happiness and help a furry friend! Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

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

BRB Thursday, Feb. 13
6:30-7:30 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. 7, April 25
1-3 p.m.

Poetry Writing Workshop

(Adults) **R**

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

OSB **Self Love:** Thursday, Feb. 5
Love Languages:
Wednesday, Feb. 19

BRB **Home:** Wednesday, March 5
Food: Wednesday, March 19
5-7 p.m.



Love Is In the Air

(Adults) **R**

Participants will enjoy painting the Double Heart Dish for a Valentine's Day keepsake. Receive instructions on painting your project from Ceramic Creations of Joliet.

OSB Thursday, Feb. 13
5:30-7 p.m.



How Does the Space Industry Impact Millions Every Day?

(Adults) **R**

The space race began decades ago as a competition between two superpowers, but there are now 90 nations in space. Join John Cilio as he highlights the global space race.

Virtual

Thursday, Feb. 13
6-7 p.m.



Valentine Craft

(Adults) **R**

Make a cute heart shaped craft for your Valentine!

BRB Wednesday, Feb. 12
6:30-8 p.m.

Harry Potter Trivia

(Adults) **R**

Trivia night is back with a Hogwarts theme! Test your knowledge, represent your house and compete for prizes.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 18
6-8 p.m.

Looking for Earth Elsewhere: The Search for Distant Planets

(Adults) **R**
Join Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium for a fascinating talk on exoplanets! Discover what we've learned from over 5,000 planets found around other stars—some like Earth, and some truly strange.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 20
7-8:30 p.m.



Movie Music Romance

(Adults) **R**
Join John LeGear for an uplifting mix of classic love songs and dances from memorable film scenes.

OSB Wednesday, Feb. 26
6:30-8 p.m.

Seasonal French Desserts

(Adults) **R**
Join Chef Susan Maddox for a culinary tour of France and learn to make three delicious French desserts. Recipes and samples provided.

BRB Thursday, Feb. 27
7-8 p.m.

Nippersink Rogues Irish Band

(Adults) **R**
Get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit with the rousing music of the Nippersink Rogues Irish Band!

BRB Wednesday, March 12
7-8 p.m.



Bingo!

(Adults 18+) **R**
Wait for your numbers to be called and try to win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, March 19
7-8 p.m.

Rock Painting

(Adults) **R**
Make a pet rock to take home!

BRB Wednesday, March 19
6:30-8 p.m.

The History of the Blues Brothers

(Adults) **R**
Join Gregory Alexander - aka Professor Moptop of Chicago's 93XRT - as he delves into the duo's Saturday Night Live appearances, the film and albums.

BRB Wednesday, March 26
6:30-7:45 p.m.



Taylor Swift's Literary Lyrics

(Adults) **R**
Join presenter Jez Layman as she explores Taylor Swift's literary references through her discography, featuring works like *The Great Gatsby*, Pablo Neruda, Sylvia Plath, and more. (Reading list included!)

OSB Thursday, March 27
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga Mat Carrier

(Adults) **R**
Make a fun Yoga mat carrier for your next Puppy Yoga class.

BRB Wednesday, April 2
6:30-8 p.m.



Wings and Talons: Live Raptors

(Adults) **R**
Experience two majestic birds of prey with trained handlers from Wings and Talons. Learn about the hawk and owl's characteristics and adaptations.

BRB Thursday, April 3
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Your Best Garden Yet

(Adults) **R**
Learn planting and maintenance techniques to create your best garden, whether you're a beginner or experienced gardener!

OSB Wednesday, April 9
6-7 p.m.

Traditional Mexican Street Tacos

(Adults) **R**
Join Chef Violeta Trujeque from Veracruz, Mexico, as she demonstrates how to make traditional street tacos from scratch. Samples provided.

BRB Wednesday, April 9
6-7 p.m.

Bird Outing with Wild Birds Unlimited

(Adults) **R**
Join Wild Birds Unlimited for a birdwatching outing on the Rock Run trails. All experience levels welcome as we look for resident and migrating birds. Meet on the patio behind the Black Road Branch.

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



Lucille Ball

(Adults) **R**
In the 1950s, Lucille Ball captured the hearts of TV audiences with her wacky hijinks and fearless enthusiasm. Offscreen, she and her real-life husband Desi Arnaz launched their own TV studio. Join us for this lively portrayal of the beloved comedienne by award-winning actress and historian Leslie Goddard.

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



Photography Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

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

OSB Monday, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 7
6-8 p.m.



Worm on a String Craft

(Adults) **R**

Wiggle your way into 2025 with a new best friend! Create a custom "worm on a string" using a rainbow of yarn colors.

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 7
6-7 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, Jan 8., Feb. 12, March 12
6:30-8:30 p.m.



Intro to 3D Printing

(Adults) **R**

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

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15
4-5 p.m.

Bookmaking 101-Japanese Stab Binding

(Adults) **R**

Make your very own little booklet using the stab binding method!

OSB Monday, Jan. 27
6-8 p.m.

Voice Over: Learn and Practice!

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of recording voice over projects in a group setting! Participants will learn basic microphone techniques for mock radio dramas, advertisements, and podcasts!

OSB Tuesday, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25
6-8 p.m.

Networking night

(Adults) **R**

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

OSB Wednesday, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 30
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Bob Ross Painting

(Adults) **R**

Follow Bob in real time using acrylics on canvas.

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 4
6-7 p.m.

Valentine's Day Card Making

(Adults) **R**

Make beautiful Valentine's Day cards for the upcoming holiday!

OSB Friday, Feb. 7
2-4 p.m.



Sci-Fi Sound 101

(Adults) **R**

Learn how the Hollywood greats create the iconic sounds of your favorite spaceships, laser swords and more!

OSB Tuesday, Feb. 11
6-7 p.m.

Wire Trees

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to twist and bend wire into a stunning tree sculpture!

OSB Thursday, Feb. 27
6-8 p.m.

It's "Almost" Spring Digital

Flower Painting

(Adults) **R**

Celebrate the (almost) start of spring by painting your favorite flowers on our drawing tablets.

OSB Tuesday, March 11
6-7 p.m.

Bookmaking 101-Open Edge Journals

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to make your very own personal journal. Go through the process of sewing multiple signatures together and attaching hard covers with an open spine.

OSB Monday, March 10
6-8 p.m.

The Art of Illuminated Letters

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to make an illuminated letter!

BRB Monday, March 24
6-8 p.m.

Easter Photoshoot

(Adults) **R**

Make a beautiful paper bouquet!

OSB Monday, April 14
6-8 p.m.

January

Winter Reading
Program: Dec.11-Feb.28

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Library Closed- New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6 Bingo 2p LegoRobotix 4:30p Photo Club 6p	7 Robot Adv. 4:30p Worm Craft 6p	8 Lego Club 4:30p Chi Auto History 6:30p Music Club 6:30p	9 Homeschool Hangout 10:30a Uncorked 6 (OS)	10 Stay & Play 10a	11
12	13 Maker Mon. 4:30p LEGO Club 5:30p NG Book Club 6:30p	14 PreK Game Day 10:30p	15 Mug Decorating 4:30/6p Smartphones 6:30p	16 Stay & Play 9:30a Knitting 101 5:30p Artemis 6p (V)	17 PreK Explorers Space 10:30a	18 MLK & Joliet 2p
19	20 Library Closed- MLK Jr. Day	21 AM Book Grp 10a Hmesch Hang 1p 3D Print 4p Pokémon 6:30p Carnaval ST 6:30p	22 Jr. Book Club 4:30p Comic Creation 6:30p \$ Matters 6:30p AM Book Grp 7p	23 Artemis Pg 6:30p	24	25 Books and Brunch 11a
26	27 Space Robots 4p Puzzle Party 4:30p Puzzle Party 4:30p	28 Robot Rally 4:30p Dog Man Party 6p Voice Over 6p	29 Crochet 101 6p Networking 6:30p Excel Part 1 6:30p	30 Perler Bead Exoplanets 1p Planetarium 4:30p (OS) Puppy Yoga 6:30p	31	

February

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March

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2 Mardi Gras Masks 2p	3 Spiderman Pnt 1p/3p Photo Club 6p	4 Robot Adv 4:30p	5 Lego Club 4:30p Poetry Workshp 5p	6 Homeschool Hangout 10:30a	7	8 Inwood Ice Arena 10a (OS) Dress Giveaway 10:30a Loop Lounge 2p
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April

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Indoor Playgnd 2p Robot Adv 4:30p Stress Balls 6p	2 Structure Stars 2p Lego Club 4:30p Yoga Mat Carrier 6:30p	3 Tattoo 9a Homeschool Hangout 10:30a Wings&Talons 6:30p	4 Library Open at Noon-Staff Training After Hours Team Games 6p	5 Loop Lounge 2p
6 Remote Control Cars 2p	7 *Tortured Poet Packs-All Week Long LegoRobotix 4:30p Photo Club 6p	8 Teen Earth Day Volunteering 6p	9 Street Tacos 6p Best Garden 6p	10 Pet that Dog 4p Plastic Bag Painting 6p	11 Stay & Play 10a Developmental Screening 9:15a	12 Costume Dance Party 10:30a
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