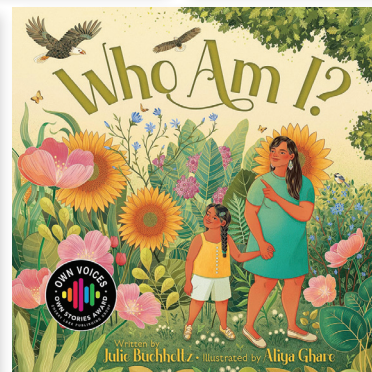
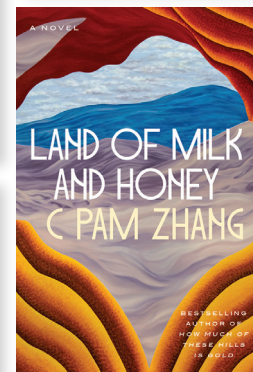
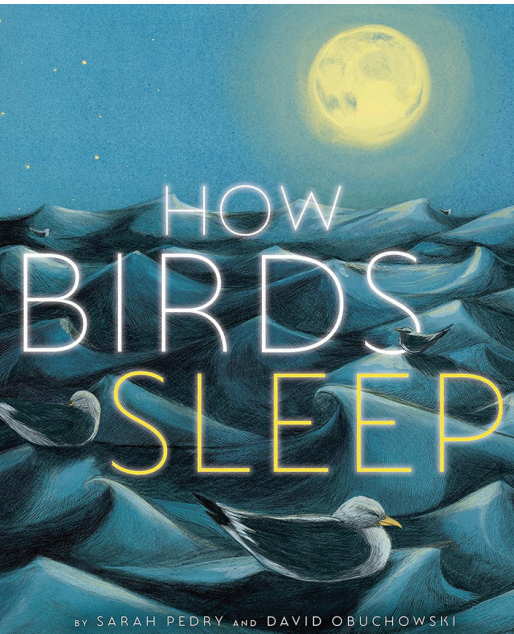
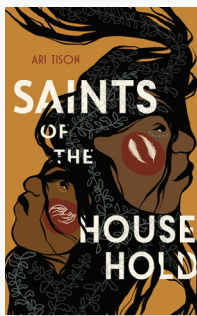
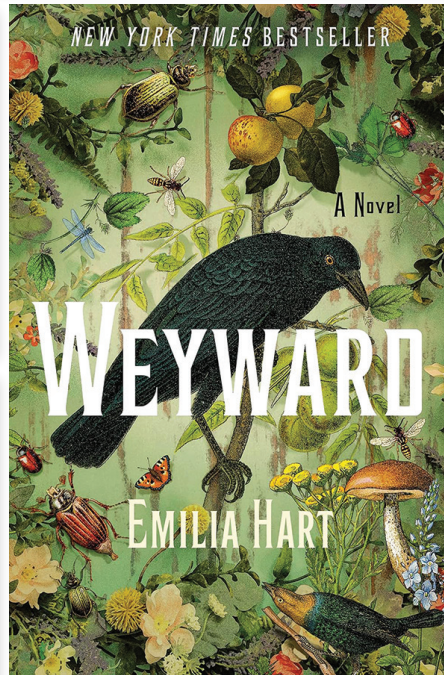
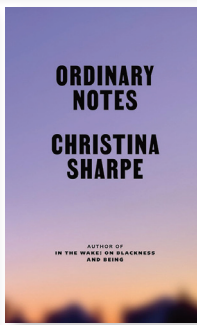
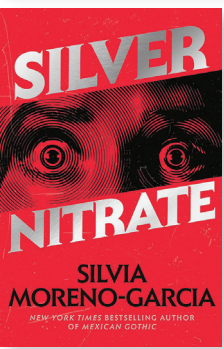
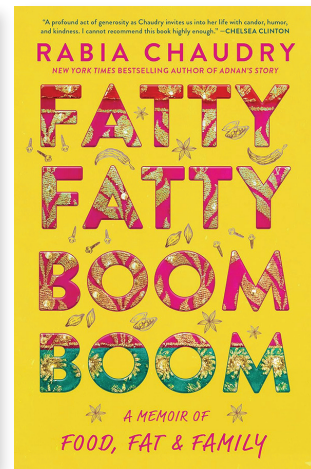
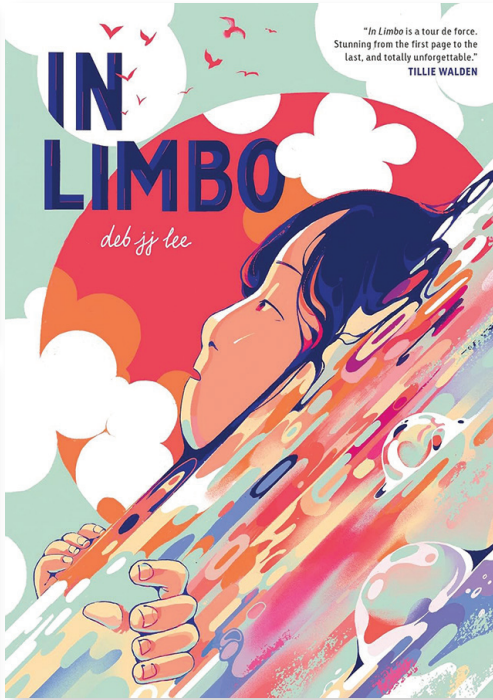


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# Staff Picks '23



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**BHM** Black History Month

**MAHM** Muslim American Heritage Month

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm  
 Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm  
 Sunday, noon to 6 pm  
 Closed January 1 and 12

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From among the many new titles of 2023, we chose some of our favorites to suggest for you—many more than we can feature in this newsletter! Browse the full lists, read what our staff have to say about the titles that interest you, and place holds on the ones you'd like to check out:

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## Mysteries and Thrillers



## Biography and Memoir



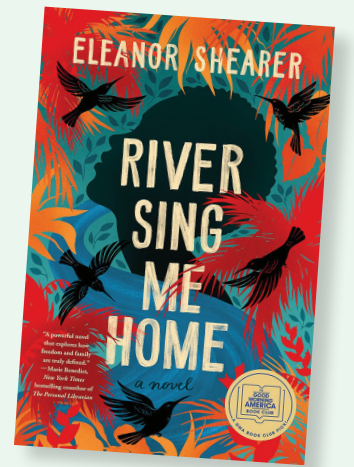
## Sci-Fi and Fantasy



## Romance



## Historical Fiction



*Shearer's writing is beautifully detailed as she tells this poignant story of a mother's love and freedom.*

*-Michelle*

See complete lists



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Fill out a short form to let us know something about your reading likes, and our experts will send you a custom list of titles we think you'll love.

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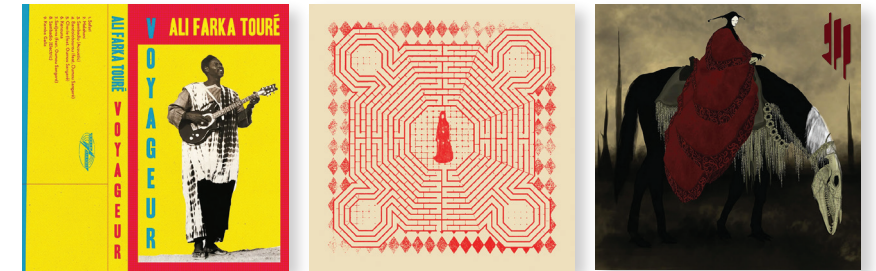




**Nonfiction**



**Incorporating real stories of people in places that are often overlooked, it's one of the most thoughtful and genuine road-trip movies I've ever seen.**



**Music**

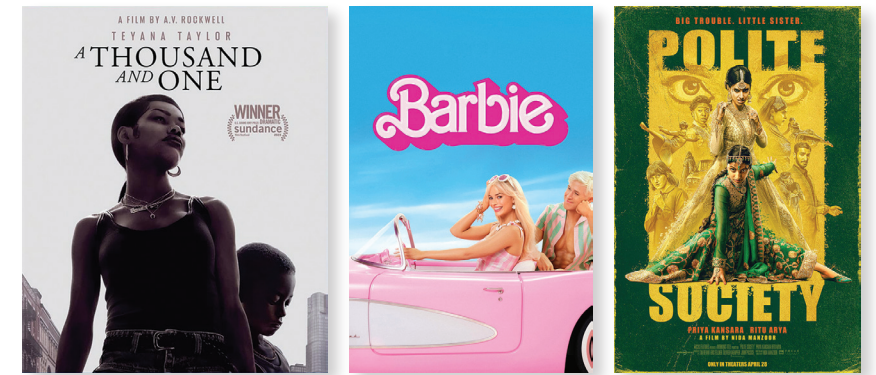
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**Horror**



**-Sharon**



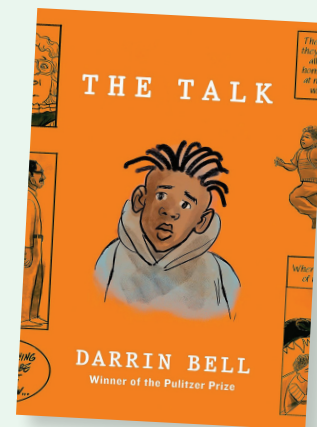
**Film**



**Literary Fiction**

**A poignant exploration of life as a Black man and parent, The Talk explores racism with gravity, vulnerability, and humor.**

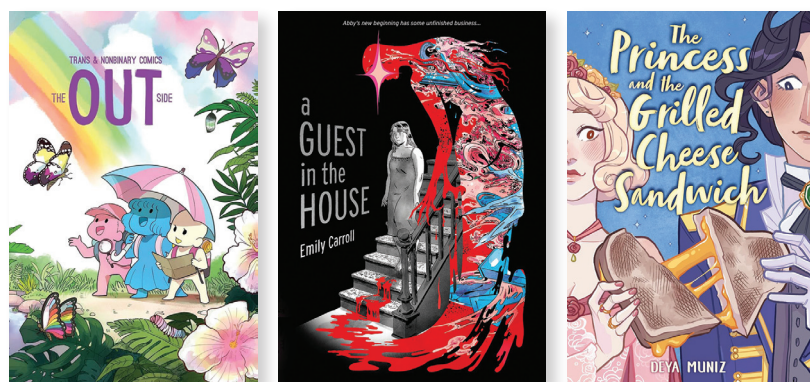
**-Chris**



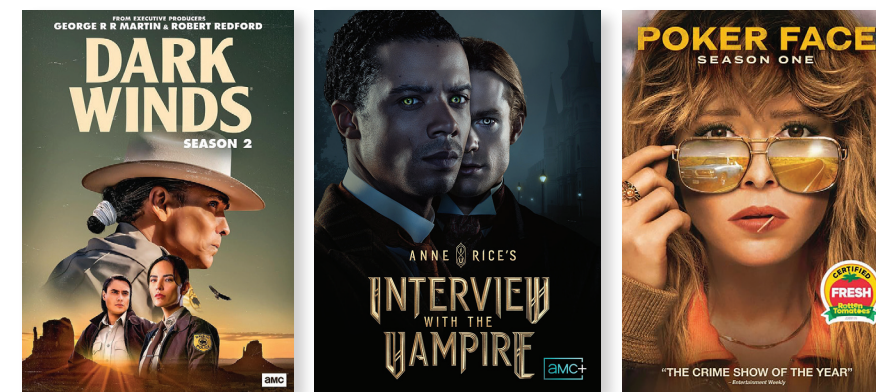
We'll connect you with films and TV shows in your favorite formats, from Blu-ray to DVD to streaming.



[skokielibrary.info/screenmatch](http://skokielibrary.info/screenmatch)

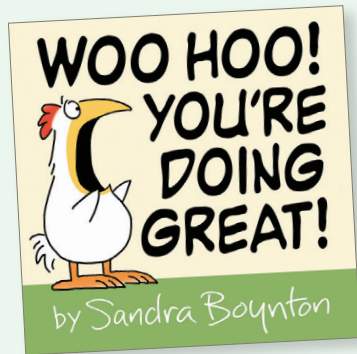


**Graphic Novels**



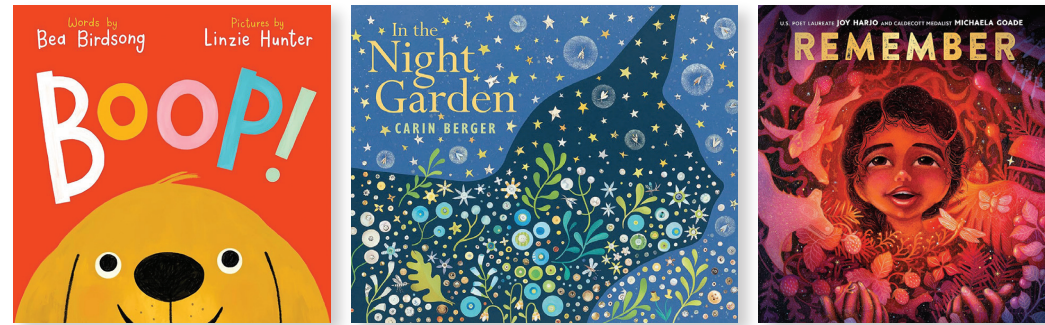
**Television**

Try **kanopy**  
Use your library card to stream thousands of documentaries, art films, and indie movies.



*The big, bold, screaming chicken is so funny! Sandra Boynton doesn't do anything subtle and I love that!*

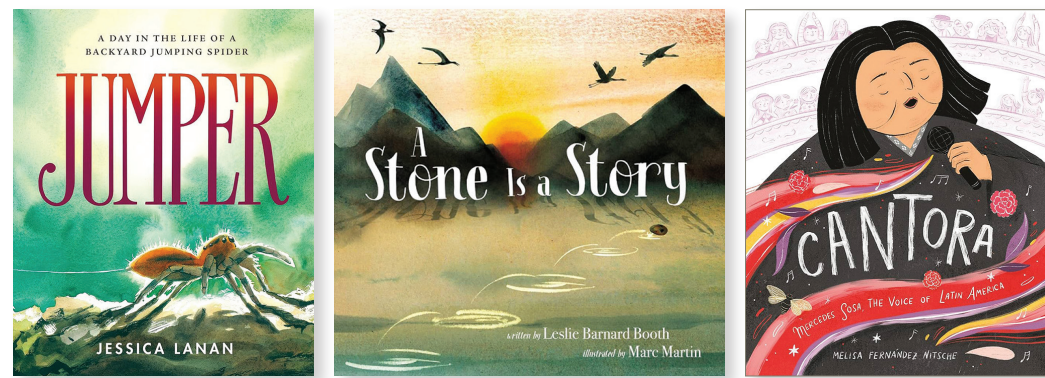
*-Shelley*



**Age 0-Grade 3**



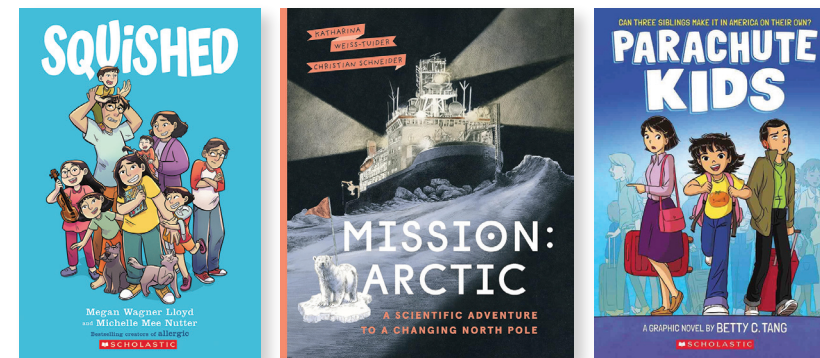
**Grade K-2 Picture Books**



**Grade K-2 Chapter Books and Nonfiction**



**Grade 3-5 Fiction**



**Grade 3-5 Graphic Novels and Nonfiction**



**Grade 6-8**



*Ellie Engle has super cool powers, and I loved even more her journey of loving herself and learning to believe that she's anything but ordinary.*

*-Rummanah*



**Teen**

If you or someone you love is in grades K-8, we know that it can be hard to find a really good book and we'd like to help!  
[skokilibrary.info/bookmatchforkids](http://skokilibrary.info/bookmatchforkids)



# KIDS & FAMILIES



## Rainbow Looms for Tweens

Age 8–12  
Thursday, January 4, 2–3 pm

### STEAM Engines

Grades K-4  
Thursdays, January 4, February 1, 4:30–5:15 pm

### Nintendo Switch Tournament

Age 8–14  
Friday, January 5, 2–4 pm

### Family Movie

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles–  
Mutant Mayhem  
Saturday, January 6, 1:30–3:30 pm



### Small Hands Crafts

Age 3–5  
Mondays, 10:30–11:15 am

### Be the Scientist

Grade 3–5  
Tuesdays, 4:30–5:15 pm

Fermentation  
January 9

Lunar New Year  
February 13



### Adventure Club

Grade K–3  
Tuesdays, 4:30–5:15 pm

Ethiopia  
January 16

Norway  
February 6

### Lego Challenge

Age 8+  
Thursdays, January 18,  
February 15, 4:30–5:30 pm

### Snack Attack

Cozy Eats  
Age 8–12  
Friday, January 19, 5:30–6:30 pm



### Early Entry to the Kids Room Children and Teens with Disabilities

Sundays, 11 am–noon  
January 21, February 18

## EDE2 Presents Whodunnit?

### A Dance Mystery Performance

Sunday, January 21, 3–4 pm



Photo by Ren Picco-Freeman

Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info). Capacity for individual events is limited.

## Journal Juice

Age 8–12  
Get your creative juices flowing through writing and games  
Tuesday, January 2, 6:30–7:30 pm



### Together Time

Age 0–23 months  
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

### Preschool Puppet Playtime

Age 2–5  
Wednesdays, January 3, February 7  
10:30–11 am (online)

### Teen-Led STEAM Projects for Kids

Grade 1–5  
Wednesday, January 3, 2:30–3:30 pm

## With Local Artist Sue Teller

See her work in the gallery, then make your own  
**Upcycled Art**  
Age 8+  
Thursday, January 4, 11:30 am–12:30 pm  
**Creative Printmaking**  
Families  
Friday, January 5, 1–3 pm



## Storytimes

### Book Babies

Babies to 11 months who are not yet walking  
Wednesdays  
9:30–9:50 am–indoors  
10:30–10:50 am–outdoors

### Wonderful Ones Storytime

Age 1  
Wednesdays  
10–10:20 am–indoors  
11–11:20 am–outdoors

### Family Fun Storytime

Wednesdays, 6:30–7 pm

### Terrific Twos Storytime

Age 2  
Thursdays, 10:30–11 am  
or 11:15–11:45 am

### Weekend Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30–11 am



### Learning at the Library: Hello, Homeschoolers

Drop in to meet other homeschoolers and explore resources with library staff

Tuesdays, January 23, February 27, 1–3 pm

### Collage Art for Tweens

Age 8–12

Thursday, January 25, 4:30–5:30 pm

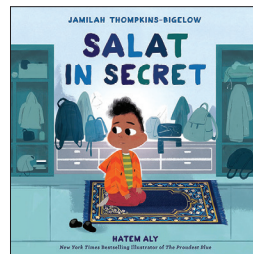
### Family Book Club

Grade 1–3 and adult

Thursday, January 25, 6:30–7:30 pm

**MAHM** Salat in Secret  
January 25

**BHM** Big  
February 29



### Make It Yourself

PreK and up

Fridays, January 26, February 9 and 23, 4–5 pm

### Tween Advisory Group

Age 8–11

Fridays, January 26, February 23 5:30–6:30 pm

### Play-Doh Play Time

Saturdays, January 27, February 24 1:30–2:30 pm

### Understanding Neurodivergent Children

A Workshop for Parents

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30–7:30 pm

### 13-Story Treehouse Crafts

Tuesday, January 30, 4:30–5:30 pm  
Saturday, February 3, 3–4 pm

### Sensory-Friendly Family Movie

Shrek

Saturday, February 3, 1:30–3:30 pm



### Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6, 7–8 pm (online)

### Climate Change STEAM Projects for Families

Saturday, February 10, 2–3 pm



### Mr. Rogers Mini Marathon

Saturday, February 17, 1–4 pm  
Monday, February 19, 1–4 pm



### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Grades K–2

Sunday and Monday, February 19 and 20 4:30–5:30 pm

### Tie Dye Art for Tweens

Thursday, February 22, 4:30–5:30 pm

### Jamberry Music

Sunday, February 25, 4–4:45 pm  
Sensory-Friendly Edition, 3–3:30 pm

### Graphic Novel Salon

Age 7–11

Thursday, February 29 4–5:30 pm



## Teens

Check the online calendar for added events or events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at [events.skokieliibrary.info](https://events.skokieliibrary.info).

### Make a New Year Vision Board

Sunday, January 14, 1–3 pm

### Social Justice Events

Monday, January 15

### Graphic Novel Salon

Age 11–16

3–4 pm

### Art and Storytelling Workshop

Grades 6–12

4–5 pm

### FAFSA Completion Workshop

Tuesday, January 16, 6:30–7:30 pm



### Climate Café

An intergenerational dialogue about the climate crisis for teens and older adults

Tuesdays, January 23, February 27 6–7 pm

### MAHM Traditional Glass Painting with Samra Bashir

Learn how to paint Islamic geometric patterns on glass

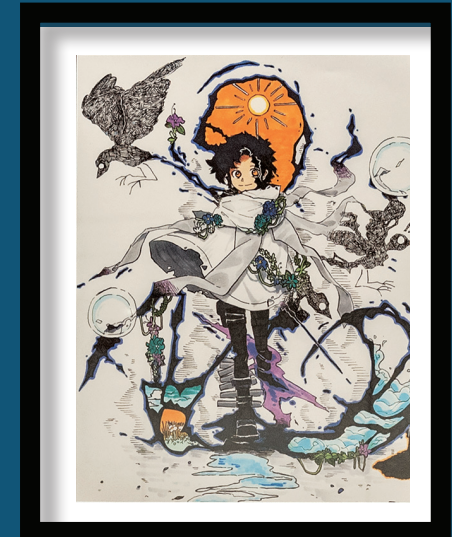
Tuesday, January 30, 6–7:30 pm



### BHM Iconic: Celebrating Black Superheroes

Black superheroes across different comic universes, on paper and on the screen

Sunday, February 25, 2–3 pm



Art by Grace Choi, 2023



Art by Ajax Hinklin, 2023

## District 219 Art Exhibit Reception

Wednesday, February 7, 6–7 pm

# FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at [calendar.skokiellibrary.info](http://calendar.skokiellibrary.info).  
Registration opens January 2.

## ESL Cafe

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm (drop in)

## Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, January 9, February 13  
1:30–2:30 pm

## Upcycled Art

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30–7:30 pm



**Speculating about Our AI Future:** Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells  
Thursday, January 11  
7–8 pm (online)

## Swiftcurrent

Reception with Artist Sue Teller  
Saturday, January 13, 3–5 pm



## Conversation with Jerry Craft: From Mama's Boyz to New Kid and Beyond

Tuesday, February 6  
7–8 pm (online)



## How to Start a Business in Illinois

Presented by Illinois Small Business Development Center at Chinese Mutual Aid Association  
Wednesday, January 17, 9–10:30 am

## Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, January 19, February 16, 1–2 pm

## Practice Citizenship Interviews with HIAS

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30–8 pm

## Turning Data and Research into Business Intelligence

Thursday, February 8, 6:30–7:30 pm (online)

## Cracking the Code of Applicant Tracking Systems

Tuesdays, February 13 and 20, 7–8:30 pm

## Serenity by Design Drafting Interior Spaces for Mental Wellbeing

Thursday, February 15, 5:30–6:30 pm

## ELL Literacy Circle

Tuesdays, February 20–April 30  
10 am–noon

## Spring Gardening Prep and Seed Swap

Learn about the basics, from soil preparation to companion planting  
Thursday, February 22, 6–7 pm



## Movies (drop in)

### Morning Movie

Wednesdays at 10 am

Marcel the Shell, with Shoes on  
January 10

**BHM** Soul  
February 14

### Friday Film

Fridays at 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Barbie  
January 19

**BHM** Southside With You  
February 9

Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning  
January 26  
(6 pm start time)

About My Father  
February 23

### Movie Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

The Perfect Candidate  
January 17

A Thousand and One  
February 21

# Performances

Tickets for Sunday performances given to those present starting at 2:30 pm



Petra van Nuis Jazz Quartet  
Sunday, January 7, 3 pm

**Ethos Duo**  
Marina Hoover, Cello, and  
Sevgi Giles, Piano

Music of J.S. Bach, Beethoven,  
and Spanish composers  
Sunday, January 28, 3 pm



**Young Steinway  
Concert Series**  
Julia Kim, Violin,  
and Uma Morris, Piano

Sunday, February 4  
3 pm

**EDE Presents  
American  
Portrait  
in Dance**

Sunday, February 11, 3 pm



# Book Discussions and Book Talks

**LitLounge**

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm (online)

**Last Call**

January 10



**Kindred**

February 14

**Talking Books  
Discussion Group**

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

**The Art Thief**

January 17



**Black Cake**

February 21

**Genres on My Mind**

Thursdays, 2–2:30 pm  
(online)

**Books We Can't Wait to Read**  
January 25

**Mysteries**  
February 29

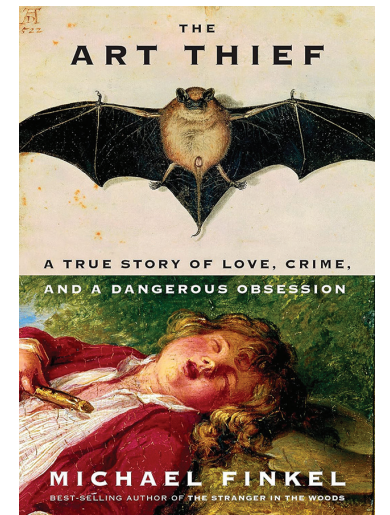
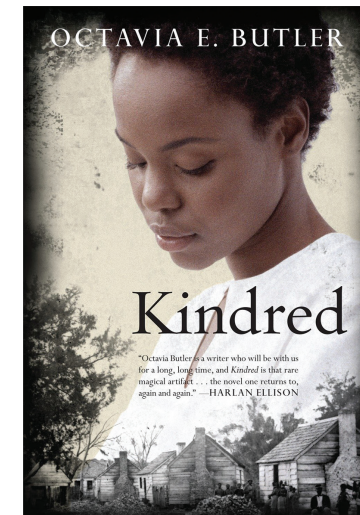
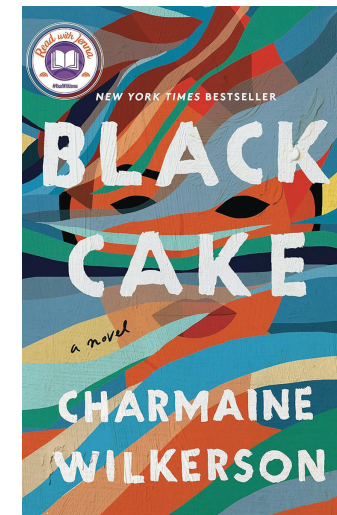
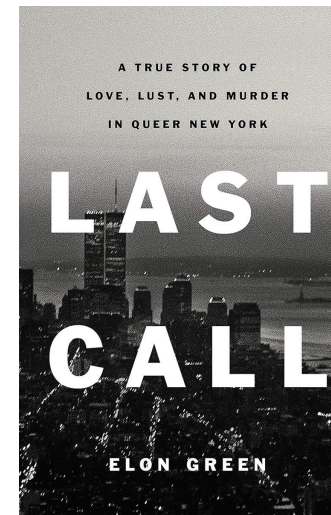
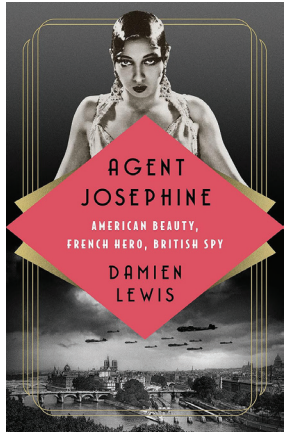
**Article Discussion**

**The Ones We Sent Away**  
Tuesday, February 13, 7–8:30 pm



**Pages  
through  
History**

**Agent  
Josephine:  
American  
Beauty,  
French Hero,  
British Spy**  
Wednesday  
February 28  
7–9 pm



# Technology

**One-on-One Tech Help**

Mondays and Wednesdays  
2–4 pm (except January 3)

**Creating with Canva.com**

Monday, January 8, 3–4:30 pm

**Local History Newspapers  
and Finding Obituaries:  
Online Research Demo**

Tuesday, January 9, 2–3 pm  
Thursday, January 11, 2–3 pm

**Getting Started with Gmail**

Saturday, January 13, 10:30–11:30 am

**Talking Tech:  
Data Privacy  
and Online  
Security**

Bring your questions!

Tuesday, January 16, 5:30–7 pm  
Tuesday, February 20, 5:30–7 pm

**Computer Basics: Mouse  
and Keyboard Navigation**

Mondays  
January 15, 1:30–3 pm  
February 12, 3–4:30 pm

**Finding Consumer Information  
before You Shop:  
Online Research Demo**

Tuesday, January 23, 2–3 pm  
Thursday, January 25, 2–3 pm

**Taking iPhone Photos**

Monday, January 22, 3–4:30 pm

**Microsoft Word 2021  
for Beginners**

Friday, January 26, 3–4:30 pm  
Saturday, February 10  
10:30–11:30 am

**Basics of Social Media  
Platforms**

Wednesday, January 31  
3–4:30 pm

**All about Android**

Monday, February 5, 2–3 pm

**Online Newspapers and  
Magazines: Demo**

Tuesday, February 6, 2–3 pm  
Thursday, February 8, 2–3 pm

**Introducing Google Groups:  
A Discussion Platform for  
Sharing Common Interests**

Thursday, February 15, 1:30–3 pm

**Computer Basics: Files  
and Organization**

Friday, February 16, 3–4:30 pm

**Introduction to  
Internet Browsers:  
Navigation and Features**

Monday, February 19, 1:30–3 pm

**Learning Tools: Online Demo**

Tuesday, February 20, 2–3 pm  
Thursday, February 22, 2–3 pm

**iPhone Basics**

Wednesday, February 28  
5–6:30 pm



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

Winter Reading  
**BINGO**

January 2–February 29

The weather may be frightful but reading is always delightful!

Pick up a card at the library or on the bookmobile and have some fun this season.

Earn a cute button whenever you get a BINGO (limit 5).

Skokie cardholders: finish the whole BINGO card and get a winter hat or summer reading t-shirt from a previous year (while supplies last)!

