

February 2025

# Chapters

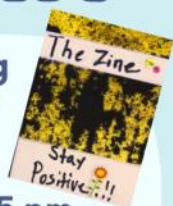
Library News & Events



## EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY



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February 4



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Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm



Knots of Fun  
February 5 @ 3 pm



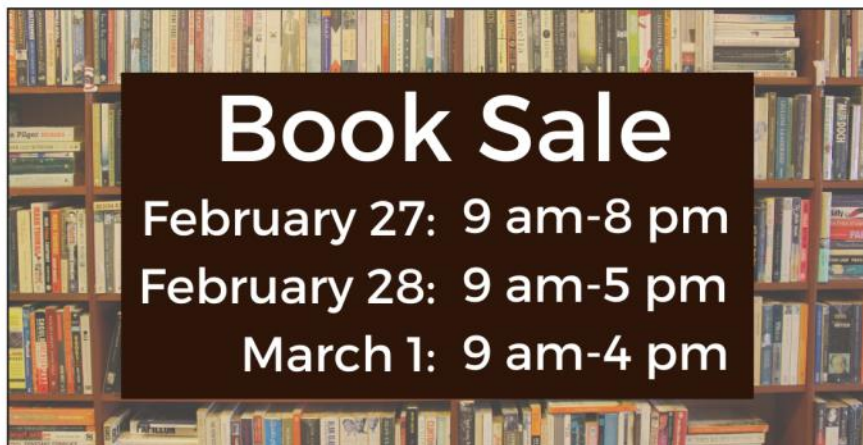
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Thursdays @ 3-5 pm &  
February 22 @ 1-3 pm



Collage Bookmarks  
February 6 @ 5:30-7 pm



Teen Poetry Club  
February 11 & 25  
@ 3 pm



## Book Sale

February 27: 9 am-8 pm  
February 28: 9 am-5 pm  
March 1: 9 am-4 pm

## YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at all youth programs.

### Scavenger Hunt | All Month

Find all the clues hiding around the youth area of the library to earn a prize! New scavenger hunts are posted every other week.

### \*Zine Making Workshop | Tue., Feb 4

**Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm | Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm**

For I Love to Read month, we will be making our own small books, or Zines. Get creative and write about whatever inspires you!

### Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | **Ages 0-5**



A place for little ones to explore music and movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational music, literacy, communication, and motor skills.

### Lego Club | Ages 4+

Thursdays @ 3-5 pm & 4th Saturdays (2/22) @ 1-3 pm  
Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by during our open hours to build a creation to put on display. New members are always welcome!

### \*Homeschool Library Hour

Select Mondays @ 1 pm | **All ages**

Connect with homeschoolers in the community and explore resources the library has to support your family's educational journey! Register at [tinyurl.com/3tnwwmut](http://tinyurl.com/3tnwwmut).

**February 10:** Kindness Cards

**February 24:** Black History Month

### Sign & Sing | Tue., Feb 11 & 25 @ 10:30 am | **Ages 0-5**

Join friends from Communication Junction for an ASL storytime with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

### Teen Poetry Club | Tue., Feb 11 & 25 @ 3 pm | **Ages 13+**

Do you enjoy reading or writing poetry? Come to the library's new Poetry Club to meet with other poets!

### \*Kids Cooking: Trail Mix | Tue., Feb 18

**Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm | Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm**

Learn to make your own yummy snack mix by combining different textures and flavors!



### Half-Day Hangout

Wed., Feb 26 @ 10:45 am | **Ages 8+**

Hang out at the library after school gets out! Play games, color, or just chill and eat snacks with your friends.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Free Coffee Hour

Fridays in February @ 9:45-10:45 am



Gather your friends or grab a good book, and sip a free drink from our Chapters cafe! Consider bringing a reusable cup to help reduce waste.

### Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., Feb 4 @ 6-7:30 pm | Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and join us for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

### \*An Evening With James McBride

Tue., Feb 4 @ 7 pm

James McBride is an award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter. His memoir, *The Color of Water*, is considered an American classic. His latest novel, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*, was named one of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2023.

#### Two ways to participate:

- 1) In person: Join us at the library for a watch party.
- 2) Online: register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_JamesMcBride](http://bit.ly/ILP_JamesMcBride)  
Can't attend live? Register for a link to the limited-access recording after the event. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

### What the Tech?! | Select Wednesdays

Brought to you in part by PLA Digital Literacy Incentive, supported by AT&T.

#### \*Computer Basics: macOS/Apple | Feb 5 @ 11 am

Learn to navigate the Mac operating system, manage applications, and save and manage files.

#### \*Internet Basics | Feb 12 @ 11 am

Learn about search engines, the internet, and navigating websites.



### Knots of Fun | Wed., Feb 5 @ 3 pm

Stitch, chat, and create with us! Whether you're a crochet pro, knitting newbie, or sewing enthusiast, all skill levels are welcome. Bring your project, share tips, and enjoy some creative camaraderie! Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

### Spanish Conversation Café | Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm

Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation with other learners and native speakers. Speakers of all levels are welcome.



#### \*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](http://bit.ly/3uX9G4w) to register.

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED



### \*Collage Bookmarks

Thur., Feb 6 @ 5:30-7 pm

Join collage artist Rachel Newell to celebrate Library Lover's Month and create a one-of-a-kind collage bookmark!

### Seed Swap | Sat., Feb 8 @ 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Anyone is welcome, whether you're new to gardening or have saved seeds your whole life. You don't have to bring anything, but if you have heirloom seeds you'd like to share, bring them in a container labeled with the crop type, variety, and year grown. If you have extra bags or envelopes for seeds you receive, bring those as well. And check out our seed library, available year round.

### Movies | Select Mondays at 12 pm

Popcorn served; or bring your own snack or sack lunch.

**Feb 10: *The Joy Luck Club* (1993, R, 2h 20m)**

**Feb 24: *American Fiction* (2023, R, 1h 57m)**

### Bingo! | Wed., Feb 12 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

### \*Romantasy Trivia | Wed., Feb 12 @ 6 pm

Are you a romantasy reader? Bring a friend or two and put your knowledge of this popular genre to the test! We'll provide snacks, mocktails, and prizes for the winners. Registration required at [tinyurl.com/4zuz687p](https://tinyurl.com/4zuz687p)

### \*Cooking around the World: Nigeria

Thur., Feb 13 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about Nigerian culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Visit [cpldcooking.weebly.com](https://cpldcooking.weebly.com) for recipes and photos from past programs.



### Free Vision Screenings

Sat., Feb 15 @ 9:30-11:30 am

Drop in for a free vision screening with Illinois Eye Center, no appointment or advanced preparation required. Similar to the vision test at the DMV, this screening determines how well you see at a given distance (20/20, 20/40, etc.).

### \*Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., Feb 18 @ 5 pm

This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers or those who have loved ones with dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit [bit.ly/3MtEUcp](https://bit.ly/3MtEUcp) to register.

### Books & Brew | Tue., Feb 18 @ 6:30 pm

*The End of Everything (Astrophysically Speaking)*, by Katie Mack. Join us to discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew (we'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs).

### Volunteer Opportunity | Wed., Feb 19 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, and work gloves provided. Youth groups welcome. Meet at Root Cemetery, NW of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For info, or to schedule additional workdays for two or more people, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or [dvdgpittman@gmail.com](mailto:dvdgpittman@gmail.com).

### \*Slowing Down with Amy Tan

Wed., Feb 19 @ 7 pm | National Humanities Medal winner and bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club*, Amy Tan joins us to share on her body of work and reflect on the wonder of slowing down and savoring the quiet moments.

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- 1) In person: Join us at the library for a watch party.
  - 2) Online: register at [bit.ly/ILP\\_AmyTan](https://bit.ly/ILP_AmyTan)
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### Live at the Library: Bones Jugs | Sat., Feb 22 @ 2 pm

Quirky songwriting, blazing xylophone, jug and kazoo buzzing, banjos galore—Bones Jugs is sure to bring a smile to your face. It's a 21st-century jugband mash-up, in a one-man-band duet. This Americana variety show from Urbana is a party, and all are welcome.

### \*Let's Taco 'bout It: What is Advertising Really Selling? | Tue., Feb 25 @ 6 pm


Not only are advertising messages effective, but they may work on more levels than you realize. Dr. Sara Netzley (Bradley Univ.) will introduce techniques you can use to evaluate the ads that surround you every day. Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register if you'd like a taco.

### Book Sale | Feb 27-Mar 1

Books, media, & more! \$5 bag sale—bring your own bag or get one at the library. Want to volunteer? Call Lisa for information: 309-274-2719.

### Remember When...

Fri., Feb 28 @ 1:30 pm | at Evergreen Senior Living

 Talk a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. In February, we'll talk about loooove.

### AARP Tax-Aide

February 4-April 8

Appointment only: call 815-556-9081 and leave a message.

An AARP volunteer will call you back to set up your appointment.

Pick up an information packet at the library and fill out the intake sheet before your appointment.



This service is available to taxpayers of all ages, with a special focus on those who are over 50 or have low to moderate income.

### Eagles & Life on the Illinois River: 2025 Photo & Art Contest

Entries accepted through Jan 31

People's Choice voting: Feb 3-Feb 7

Everything on display at the library through Feb 28.

Awards: Feb 8 at the Eagle Watch Breakfast  
@ Shore Acres Clubhouse

Visit [bit.ly/CPLDeagle](http://bit.ly/CPLDeagle) for details, or pick up a brochure at the library.



### LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

#### Edible Book Contest

April 5

Calling all bibliophiles and food lovers to celebrate the book arts and the (literal) ingestion of culture! Participants create an "edible book," which can be inspired by a favorite tale, involve a pun on a famous title, or simply be in the shape of a book (or scroll, or tablet, etc). Entries will be exhibited, judged, and eaten! For more info, visit [bit.ly/bks2eat](http://bit.ly/bks2eat).

#### Call for Poems!

National Poetry Month is coming up in April! Here are a couple ways you can help us celebrate:

1. We'll be featuring a daily video of a community member (or group) reading a poem on our social media. We hope to feature readings by people from all across our community, from city leaders to school kids. Interested? Visit [bit.ly/poemaday25](http://bit.ly/poemaday25) to submit your recording.
2. Write an original poem for our poetry wall! Bring your poem to the library any time (make sure it's a copy that we can keep). All ages.



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#### Hours

M, F: 9 am-5 pm

T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm

Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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