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# library news + programs

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SUN	1 PM – 5 PM

## Holiday Closings

Monday, September 4 for Labor Day  
 Wednesday, November 22 at 5:00 PM  
 Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving

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## Board

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## Our Mission

To enrich Hinsdaleans' lives with opportunities to learn, engage, discover and connect.



## HPL After Dark: Trivia Night

**Friday, October 13**  
**7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.**  
 Registration required

Trivia Night returns! Call your book club members, neighbors, and fantasy football buddies and register a 6-10 person team. A team captain can register your group; just let us know how many people are on your team when registering. Prizes awarded to first, second, and third place teams. Limited to 12 teams.

Save the date for  
 Jazz Night:  
 January 24!

HPL After Dark events are generously sponsored by the Friends of Hinsdale Library. Learn more or make a donation at [hinsdalelibrary.info/Friends](http://hinsdalelibrary.info/Friends).



Last year's winners feeling confident!

## "The Inspiring Story of Café La Fortuna" Book Release Party

**Monday, October 16**  
**7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**  
 Registration required

Join us to celebrate beloved local Café La Fortuna's new book, "The Inspiring Story of Café La Fortuna." This is the first book in a new three book series. "From our Café

La Fortuna to your home, our mission is to bring you the comfort and memories of being with your loved ones through a cup of our homemade coffee."

We will have a presentation and Q&A with the authors, coffee to sample, and books to purchase for signing.



Authors Angela & Alejandra at Cafe La Fortuna.

## Ghosts of the Great Lakes

**Saturday, October 28**  
**2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.**  
 Registration required

Legendary Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdock shares songs of supernatural legends and spooky tales of ghost ships, haunted lighthouses, and unexplained

phenomena. This narrated concert is geared towards adults, but families are welcome.



Legendary balladeer Lee Murdock.



## Illinois Libraries Present

**The Power of Story with Colson Whitehead**  
 Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Award winning author Colson Whitehead discusses his new book, "Crok Manifesto."

**Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones**  
 Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

The author of "Don't Fear the Reaper" joins us to talk scary stories, horror, and more.

**Food, Family, and Folktales with Grace Lin**  
 Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

A family-friendly conversation with Newbery and Caldecott honoree Grace Lin.

Statewide  
 collaboration  
 offering premier  
 virtual events  
 Registration  
 required



Pulitzer Prize winning author Colson Whitehead.



## Fall Family Reading

October 14–November 16

Have fun reading together as a family while earning prizes! Grab a Fall Family Reading BINGO card at the Library, complete the activities, and pick out a prize for each bingo. Then, join us for a fun-filled Family Reading Night event on November 16!

## NEW PROGRAM SERIES!

### Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, 17, 24



Let our Tuesday Coffee & Conversation drop-in event become a regular part of your week. Chat with friends and neighbors about books, current events, and news around town, or simply relax in a casual environment with free refreshments.

### Beginner Crochet Club

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

September 11, 25, and October 9, 23



Learn to crochet step by step with a project to complete at every meeting.

### New Moms Book Group

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

The Cube at Standard Market, 333 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont



Take some time for yourself to discuss books, meet other moms, and relax. For moms with children under the age of 5 and especially for those who are brand new moms! Copies of the book will be available for checkout from the Book Club Holds Shelf a month before each meeting.

**September 19:** “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus

**October 24:** “The Bandit Queens” by Parini Shroff

### French Conversation Group

Tuesdays, September 26 and October 24

7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.



Guided by local French instructor Susan Boldrey, this group is for those who want to improve their French language skills or connect with other French speakers.

### Hinsdale Memory Cafe

Wednesdays, September 27, October 25, and

November 22, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.



Join us for a social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners. Socialize together and connect with others using prepared activities. The Hinsdale Memory Cafe is sponsored by The Birches Assisted Living and Independence 4 Seniors.

## Next Chapter Book Club

Thursdays, September 14 & 28 and October 12 & 26

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

This program is designed for anyone 16 and up with intellectual or developmental disabilities regardless of ability. We will complete an entire book while taking turns reading aloud. You do not have to have read the book to attend.

## Next Chapter Social Club

Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Express yourself, spread positivity, and bring smiles to everyone's face while creating kindness bookmarks. This program is open to anyone 16 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Fall Art Exhibit

Mechanical Integrations: An Artistic Odyssey of Serendipity and Creative Exploration by Michael Pantuso

October 1–December 31

Local artist Michael Pantuso is an award-winning graphic designer and illustrator celebrated for producing innovative and intellectually-engaging works that possess a surprising realism.

In this exhibit, each piece delves into themes ranging from the delicate relationship between human ingenuity and nature to the symmetrical harmony that propels life forward. Some of these creations even convey profound messages about humanity's impact on the environment, while others offer playful expressions of creativity from the human mind.

“My work serves as a testament to the power of serendipity, perseverance, and the boundless potential of artistic expression,” says Pantuso. “This journey has not only shaped my art but also my life, and I look forward to the adventures that lie ahead as I continue to explore the limitless possibilities of artistic integration.”

### Art After Dark

Friday, November 3

7:00 p.m.

Enjoy after-hours access to the fall art installation, followed by an interview with the artist.

Pantuso will discuss his journey as an artist, the influence of AI, and take on the nature of art itself.

This one-of-a-kind conversation highlights Pantuso's artistic journey as well as the changes he is experiencing in the commercial and fine art markets.



# adult programs

Space is limited. Register at the Library, over the phone, or online.

## BOOKS

### Library Edition Book Club

Third Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Join our Library Book Club to discuss bestsellers new and old. Copies will be available on our Book Club Holds Shelf.

**September 20:** “Tom Lake” by Ann Patchett **October 18:** “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks **November 15:** “Foster” by Claire Keegan

### HPL Book Box

**Pick up:** Mondays, September 11, October 16, and November 13

This book subscription box includes a curated book and bookish swag each month. Register once for Sept., Oct., & Nov.

### Book Buzz with Sourcebooks

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Do you get excited about new books and the latest publishing trends? Get the buzz on what’s coming this fall from publisher Sourcebooks! All attendees will receive a tote bag and a new book.

### Off the Page: Author Visit with Angelique Burrell

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central teacher Angelique Burrell joins us to celebrate the release of her new book “A Mark in the Road” with a reading and Q&A.



## NATURE

### Joy of Birding Lecture by the DuPage Birding Club

Monday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Learn about bird watching and how to get started, presented by the DuPage Birding Club, then join our Fall Bird Walk.

### Fall Bird Walk at Fullersburg Woods Forest Preserve

Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Fullersburg Woods, 3609 Spring Road, Oak Brook**

Find, identify, and learn about local and migratory birds. Binoculars and best practice instructions will be provided.

### What’s the Buzz on Honey Bees?

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Bee experts Charles and Karen Lorenc will teach you about these amazing and beneficial insects.

### Nature Journaling with Artist Kara DeCarlo

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Attendees will be guided in sketching natural objects as an introduction to this special practice.

Join Kara for Printmaking on Sept. 16. Register online.

### Seasoned Tech: Drop-in Tech Support

First Thursday of each month  
3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Bring your device & get your questions answered by experienced experts from HPL and the Indian Prairie Computer Club.

### HPL Help Desk

Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Need help downloading an eBook to your Kindle or other devices? Wondering about Libby or Hoopla? Stop by the HPL Help Desk to get answers to all of your HPL-related app or digital resource questions.

### VIRTUAL ChatGPT Basics

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Wondering about the ChatGPT hype? We will teach you what it is and how to access it.

### VIRTUAL Berthe Morisot, French Impressionist

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Learn about Berthe’s interesting life from art historian Jeff Mishur.

### VIRTUAL Chair Yoga

Mondays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Improve balance with Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga.

### VIRTUAL Encore: Cast Iron Cookware

Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Learn how to get the most from your cast iron cookware.

## ENRICHMENT

### A Look Inside India

Thur., Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the history & culture of India with Hinsdale resident Vicky Bush-Joseph.

### Hinsdale Voyagers: Beyond Hotels

Thur. Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Learn how to navigate the world of vacation rentals.

### Waxing Nostalgic: Vinyl Records Preservation

Wed., Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Get tips and tricks to preserve your precious vinyl records.

### Chaat Chat: World-Class Snacks of India

Thur., Oct. 19, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Discuss and sample India’s most delicious street snacks.

## HYBRID EVENTS\*

### Senior Living Guide

Wed., Sept. 6, 7:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

Learn about the range of senior living options with Mary Ferguson from The Birches Assisted Living.

### Essentials of Estate Planning

Tue., Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Estate planning is complicated. Learn the most basic planning techniques with Dr. James L. Flanagan from Bentron Financial Group.

### Medicare 101

Wed. Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Prepare for Medicare open enrollment with David Wyllie from Medicare Solutions Network.

\*Hybrid events can be enjoyed virtually from home or in-person at the Library.

Register with an email address to receive the online meeting link.

# teen programs

September registration for teen programs opens August 21. October registration opens September 18.

## for Middle Schoolers

Grades 6-8 unless otherwise noted

### Drop-in Teen Game Time

Fridays, September 1–October 27, 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Grades 6-12

Stop by the Storytime Room for a Mario Kart race!

### HPL Teen Book Box

**Pick up:** Fridays, September 1 and October 6  
Grades 6–12

Enjoy a pre-selected book and other fun bookish treats each month. Choose your preferred genre when you subscribe. Register once to receive a box in September and October.

### Middle School Book Club: Eat & Chat

Thursday, September 14, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6–8

Copies of each month's books will be available for checkout from the first floor Book Club Holds Shelf. Pizza provided.

**September:** "The Superteacher Project" by Gordon Korman

### Take Home Craft: Teen DIY Scrapbooks

**Pick up:** Friday, September 15  
Grades 6-12

Capture the memories you make with your own scrapbook!



### Custom Planner Party

Friday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12

Join us for an hour of customizing school supplies for the new school year. Folders and craft materials will be provided by the Library. Feel free to bring other materials that you wish to customize your planner with.

### Friendship Bookmarks

Wednesday, October 11, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12

Brighten someone's day by designing and coloring friendship bookmarks to be tucked into books throughout the Library—and make a few for yourself!

### Take Home Craft: Teen DIY Mini Fall Wreath

**Pick up:** Friday, October 20  
Grades 6-12

Make your own beautiful wreath to celebrate fall!

### Canva Posters

Friday, October 20, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12

Design and print your own 11x17 poster using Canva and our printing and laminating materials.

## for High Schoolers

Grades 9-12 unless otherwise noted

### Practice ACT Exam

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Maximize your test day scores by taking a practice ACT proctored by The Village Tutors. You will receive detailed results to help you prep for the fall exams.

### High School After Dark Escape Room

**Presented by HPL's Junior Advisory Board**

Friday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

The Library is closed, and adventure is afoot. The premise: Rich Hinsdalean's most precious jewels are being transported from the Library to a vault, and a local crime boss has hired you to carry out a jewel heist. Crack the codes, solve the puzzles, and grab the jewels. This After Dark event is for high school students only; come prepared for tricks and thrills! We will be working in teams of up to 6. You may sign up as a single player or as part of team. If creating your own team, add your teammates names when registering.

## NEW Volunteer Opportunity!

### Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors



#### Who?

We are looking for high school volunteers to serve as Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors for younger students.

#### When?

Tuesdays or Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Starting September 19

#### Interested?

Scan the QR code to complete the application and attend our training on September 17 at 1:00 p.m.





# kids programs

**September  
program  
registration  
opens Aug. 21.**

**October  
program  
registration  
opens Sept. 18.**



## Mid-Autumn Festival

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.  
All Ages

Learn about the origin of this Chinese festival while enjoying Mid-Autumn delicacies, crafts, games, and calligraphy. Plus, we'll showcase talents during a special performance!

## Fall Storytime Sessions

September 11–October 19

Include your child's name when registering

### Itty Bitty Storytime

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  
Babies and pre-walkers with caregiver

Snuggle, bounce, and bond with your little one through rhymes, songs, and stories to develop language and a love of reading.

### Toddler Time

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
18–36 months with caregiver

Enjoy an interactive storytime with your child that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays, and activity.

### Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  
Ages 3–5

Preschoolers are delighted by stories & songs. Children attend independently while caregivers enjoy the Library.

### Language Labs Storytime

Mondays, 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  
Ages 0–4 with caregiver

Introduce your little one to a new language as we enjoy songs and stories in Mandarin. Presented by The Language Labs.

### Music & Movement

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
All ages

Get up and groove with this music-filled storytime!

### Fire Safety with the Hinsdale Fire Department

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
All ages

September is Fire Safety Month! Join our librarians and the Hinsdale Fire Department for a presentation all about fire safety and emergency planning.

### Saturday Storytime

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.  
All ages

Enjoy stories, songs, and a craft on the weekend!

## Virtual Storytime

Available on our YouTube Channel

Enjoy storytime anytime with our HPL Storytime Playlist at [youtube.com/HinsdaleLibrary](https://youtube.com/HinsdaleLibrary). Your favorite librarians and stories come to you.



## Drop-In Programs For all ages

### Back to School Scavenger Hunt

September 1–September 30

Visit the Library for a back-to-school themed Scavenger Hunt around the Youth Services Department.

### Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, September 2 and October 21, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Enjoy donuts, coffee, and spending time with your kids at the Library with different activities each date.

### Maker Club

Tuesdays, September 12 and 26 & October 10 and 24, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Create, make, and use your imagination with a variety of supplies in the Storytime Room. There will also be a different project to complete each week. Children under 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

### My Special Person Day

Saturday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Bring a special person to the library for snacks, crafts, games, and browsing books. Maybe your special person is a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, nanny, friend or cousin!

### Estimator Investigator

October 1–October 31

Estimate how many pieces are inside our candy-themed estimation jar! The closest estimate each week will win the contents of the jar throughout October.

### Boo Bash!

Monday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Boo! Come to the Library in your Halloween costume to trick-or-treat and enjoy our spooktacular games and activity stations.

# kids programs

## For Young Children Registration required

### Toddler Art

Thursday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Ages 1-3

Join us for a mini-storytime and craft!

### Toddler Science

Friday, October 6, 9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Ages 1-3

We'll experiment with colors and read a story together.

### Preschool Picassos

Tuesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  
Ages 3-5

Preschoolers work with their caregivers to create a masterpiece.

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Pick up a log at the Library or print online at [hinsdalelibrary.info/1000-books](http://hinsdalelibrary.info/1000-books)

Help your child establish strong literacy skills at an early age with the Library's support along the way. Read at least one book to your child each day and keep track of your progress on our fun cards. For every 100 books, visit the Library for a special prize and to pick up a new reading log. Complete 10 logs to reach 1,000 books with a prize book awarded at the end of the program.



## HPL My Way: Adaptive Hour & Craft

Sundays, September 17 and October 15  
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for patrons with disabilities or sensory sensitivities to experience the Library in a relaxed setting. Quiet areas and other sensory modifications in the Youth Services Department will offer families and groups of all abilities a welcoming space to play, read, browse for books and craft together. Registration required.



## NEW! Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Starting September 19

Students K-8 can DROP IN during our Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors sessions to receive help from a local high school student. Volunteers will be in the Teen Lounge. No registration required.



## For Elementary Schoolers Registration required

### Take Home Crafts for September & October

#### Torn Paper Owl

Pick up: Friday, Sept. 1  
Grades K-2

Create a torn paper owl with cupcake liner eyes.

#### Pumpkin Paper Plate

Pick up: Friday, Oct. 6  
Grades K-2

Paint, cut, glue, and lace a pumpkin paper plate.

### HPL Book Box Jr.

Pick up: Fridays, September 1 and October 6  
Grades 3-5

Enjoy a pre-selected book and other fun bookish treats each month. Choose your preferred genre when you subscribe. Register once to receive a box in September and October.

### S.T.E.A.M. Saturday

Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
All ages

Learn how art and science intersect by creating a piece of art using shaving cream and food dye. Dress for mess.

### Apple Pick and Play

Friday, September 22, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
Grades K-2

Celebrate apple picking season! We'll have apple crafts and activities for you to complete.

### Code Your Name!

Monday, October 9, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Grades 3-5

Design a necklace or bracelet using binary code! Code your name with beads and then wear your finished piece.

### Halloween Cupcake Decorating

Sunday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Grades 1-3

Listen to a story about fall and decorate Halloween themed cupcakes with crushed cookies, gummy worms, and more!

### Kids Can Cook

Monday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Grades K-5

Join us for another session of Kids Can Cook to make and decorate delicious Rice Krispie Treats!

Adults, join our Spice Club! Register for a Sept. 11 & Oct. 9 kit.



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## coming attractions

A sampling of what's to come. Call 630.570.4213 or place your own reserves at [hinsdalelibrary.info](http://hinsdalelibrary.info).

### September

Flynn, Vince	Code Red
Follett, Ken	Armor of Light
Knoll, Jessica	Bright Young Women
Osman, Richard	Last Devil to Die
Patterson, James	12 Months to Live
Schwab, V.E.	Fragile Threads of Power
Score, Lucy	Things We Left Behind

### October

Child, Lee	The Secret
DeMille, Nelson	Blood Lines
Grisham, John	The Exchange: After The Firm
Kinsella, Sophie	The Burnout
Morris, Heather	Sisters Under the Rising Sun
Sandford, John	Judgement Prey
Silver, Josie	Winter in New York

## Novel Tea

Monday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Always check here for the coming attractions? Then you'll want to join us for tea and treats and our recent book recommendations. Share some of the books that you've been reading & enjoying too.

## donations

The following gifts were generously donated to the Library:

"Braiding Sweetgrass" was donated by the Authentic Women Discussion Group in memory of Sally Hartmann.

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## what the staff is reading



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