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Hours

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Holiday Closings

Wednesday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.
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Our Mission

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

House Beautiful Comes to Hinsdale

Mansion Renovation Tour and Talk

Thursday, November 2
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
505 S. County Line Rd.
Registration required

At this exclusive event, tour the massive Hinsdale estate that was selected for *House Beautiful* magazine's "Whole Home 2023" and get the behind-the-scenes scoop and project insights.

J. Jordan Homes' Julie Laux will share how she worked to preserve this Hinsdale gem by nominating it for this honor. See first hand the reimagined spaces of this 22-room mansion by 13 designers from across the country and learn the story of how this impressive project came to be.

This event takes place on site at 505 S. County Line Road.

Art After Dark with Michael Pantuso

Award-winning graphic designer and illustrator

Friday, November 3
7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Registration required

Enjoy after-hours access to the fall art installation, followed by an interview with the artist, moderated by HPL Art Commission member Amrita Davis.

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.

Off the Page:

Author Visit with Susan Blumberg-Kason & Cristina Henriquez

Thursday, November 9
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Registration required

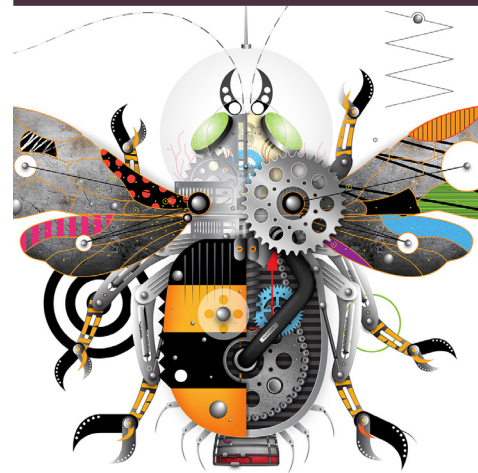
Join these two beloved local authors as they discuss their new and forthcoming books, the research process for writing historical stories, and so much more.

This event will celebrate Blumberg-Kason's new book, *Bernardine's Shanghai Salon*. Copies will be available for checkout starting November 7 and five copies will be raffled off that evening. She also wrote *Good Chinese Wife: A Love Affair with China Gone Wrong*.

Henriquez is the author of *The Book of Unknown Americans*, a New York Times Notable Book of 2014; *The World In Half*; and *Come Together, Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories*. Her forthcoming novel, *The Great Divide*, about the building of the Panama Canal, will be published in 2024.



505 S. County Line Road



"Chelsea Bee" by Michael Pantuso



The authors

Continuing the Conversation at HPL

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.



The **Community Speaker Series** serves D86 and D181. Visit D181foundation.org to learn more.

Follow up on the important topics raised during the Oct. 18 Community Speaker Series event that featured Devorah Heitner.

This library-led book talk is an open discussion about Heitner's new book, *Growing Up In Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World*. Copies of the book will be available for checkout on the Library's Book Club Holds shelf.



Statewide collaboration offering premier virtual events
Registration required

Illinois Libraries Present

Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Netflix's Bake Squad star and owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, Maya-Camille Broussard, shows us how to bake with love.

Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Psychotherapist and bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, Lori Gottlieb helps us preserve our mental health during the stressful holiday season.

The Nutcracker

Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17

Get in the spirit of the season with an on-demand recording of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* performed by Britain's internationally-renowned Royal Ballet.

Fall Family Reading

Through 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 (see below)!

Fall Family Pajama Storytime

Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

All Ages

Celebrate Family Reading Night with a cozy evening of stories as we wrap up our Fall Family Reading season. Come in your pajamas for hot cocoa, a special storytime, and lots of books to read together! Bring your Fall Family Reading Bingo card, if you participated, for a prize.

Next Chapter Book Club

Thursdays, November 9 and 30, 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

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with crafts, music, snacks and fun at our holiday party! This program is open to anyone 16 and up with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Holiday Fun:

Hinsdale Christmas Walk

Friday, December 1, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Downtown Hinsdale

Talk with us and win prizes at the Christmas Walk, presented by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and Razny Jewelers.

Holiday Favorites with Hinsdale's Jolly Boys

Saturday, December 9, 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m., all ages

Embrace the most wonderful time of the year with holiday songs performed by Hinsdale's own Jolly Boys. Hot chocolate provided.

adult programs

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

Seasoned Tech: Drop-in Tech Support

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

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



Beginner Crochet Club

Mondays, November 6 and 20, & December 4
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

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

Crafternoon: DIY Scallop Shell Trinket Dish

Thursday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Decoupage a beautiful scallop shell to use as a trinket dish, ring holder, or catchall tray. Give it as a gift or keep for yourself!

Crafting Mocktails for the Holidays

Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

In this mixology masterclass, Marcia Lautanen-Raleigh will demonstrate how to make simple syrups and herb extractions to craft a myriad of seasonal mocktails.

Holiday Tech Gift Guide 2023

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Jump-start your holiday shopping this year with unique technology gifts curated by our staff with ideas for every budget.

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.

November 15: *Foster* by Claire Keegan

December: No meeting

Sew Your Own Gift Bag

Thursday, November 16, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Get ready for the holidays by learning how to sew your own fabric gift bag. They are easy to sew, sustainable, reusable, and beautiful. All supplies provided. HPL cardholders only.

New Moms Book Group

Third Tuesday of each month, 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.

November 21: *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult

December 19: *Holding Pattern* by Jenny Xie

HPL Book Box

Pick up: Mondays, December 11, January 15, and February 12

This book subscription box includes a curated book and bookish swag each month. Register once for December, January, and February. HPL cardholders only.

HPL Spice Club

Pick up: Mondays, December 11, January 15, and February 12

This kit contains a featured spice, info about the spice, & two recipes highlighting it. Return your box and spice jar for a new selection each month. HPL cardholders only.

HYBRID Handling the Holidays for Caregivers

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Caring for a person with memory loss can present unique challenges during the holidays. Mary Ferguson from The Birches will offer ways to help you and your loved ones enjoy the season safely.

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

VIRTUAL 2024 Insider's Guide to Disney

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Disney travel expert Megan Wrzesinski has done the work for you. Learn the most current tips and tricks for a magical family vacation.

VIRTUAL Chair Yoga

Monday, November 20, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Improve joint health, core strength, range of motion, and balance with Tom Wilkens of Dancing Cranes Yoga.

Hinsdale Memory Cafe

Wednesdays, November 22 and December 27, 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. Sponsored by The Birches Assisted Living and Independence 4 Seniors.



French Conversation Group

Tuesday, November 28, 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 Voyagers: Europe's Best Christmas Markets

Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Embark on a festive journey exploring some of the world's most popular Christmas markets. Samples of global treats provided!

Reduce Your Holiday Stress with Meditation

Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Umesh Bhatia discusses the positive effects of meditation, including reducing stress, improving concentration, and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium.

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

teen programs

November registration for teen programs opens October 23. December registration opens November 20.

Grades 6–12

Registration required unless drop-in noted

Drop-in Teen Game Time

Fridays, November 3–December 29, 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Grades 6–12

Stop by the Teen Lounge for a Mario Kart race!

HPL Teen Book Box

Pick up: Fridays, November 10 and December 8
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 November and December.

Teen Take Home Craft: String Art

Pick up: Friday, November 10
Grades 6–12

Create a colorful piece of wall art using string and pins.

Black Light Art

Friday, November 17, 4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Grades 6–12

Create art that shines brightest in black light with neon paints and other supplies.

Volunteer Visit: Magnolia Senior Living

November 26; meet at the Library at 12:50–2:30
High school

Calling all high schoolers! Brighten someone's day by volunteering to visit with the residents at Magnolia Senior Living! We will be doing crafts, activities, and playing games. Registration is required and space is limited.

Teen Take Home Craft: Mystery Bag

Pick up: Friday, December 8
Grades 6–12

Pick up a bag full of materials to create your own unique craft.



High School Finals Service

Saturday, December 16–Thursday, December 21

Get in the zone for finals with snacks, crafts and daily stress busters. Reserve your study room in advance online with your HPL card at hinsdale.libnet.info/reserve.

Follow us on Instagram @hinsdalelibrary for a chance to win a private Board Room booking for you and up to five friends with gourmet snacks!



Teen 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.

Interested?

Scan the QR code to complete the application and attend our next training on November 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room.



kids programs

**November
program
registration
opens Oct. 23.**

**December
program
registration
opens Nov. 20.**

Winter Storytime Sessions

November 7–December 21

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 an 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.

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!

Storytime Presented by the Hinsdale Dance Academy

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

All ages

Join us for a storytime takeover with special guests from the Hinsdale Dance Academy.

Virtual Storytime

Available on our YouTube Channel

Enjoy storytime anytime with our HPL Storytime Playlist at youtube.com/HinsdaleLibrary. Your favorite librarians and stories come to you!



The Nutcracker by Hinsdale Dance Academy

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

All Ages

Watch Clara come alive with a special performance of the Nutcracker, presented by the Hinsdale Dance Academy.



Firefly Family Theatre: The Harvest Moon

Saturday, Nov. 11, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

All Ages

Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a new season. This interactive experience includes puppets, original music, and lots of fall fun for families!

Family Homes

Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

All Ages

Families can decorate a pre-made cardboard dream home.

Drop-In Programs

For all ages

Maker Club

Tuesdays, November 7 and December 12, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 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.

Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, November 18 and December 2, 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.

Winter Scavenger Hunt

December 1–December 31

Search for holiday images in the Youth Services Department during our Winter Scavenger Hunt!

Winter Reading Club

December 18–January 7

Complete a Winter Reading Club activity card and win a prize.

Toy Time

Saturday, December 23

Drop in all day for lots of opportunities to play!

Hinsdale in LEGOs

Tuesday, December 26–Thursday, December 28

Attention junior architects and future city planners! Help us recreate the Village of Hinsdale using LEGOs.

kids programs

For Young Children Registration required

Toddler Art

Friday, November 3, 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!

Baby Playdate

Fridays, November 17 and December 8, 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Birth–18 months

Explore interactive play stations with your baby.

Toddler Science

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

We'll do an experiment and read a story together.

Toddler Obstacle Course

Friday, Dec. 15, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Ages 1–4

Hop, skip and jump your way through our obstacle course.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Pick up a log at the Library or print online at
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.



Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

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

November 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 28, & 30; December 5, 7, 12, & 14

Students K-8 can DROP IN to receive homework help from a local high school student. Volunteers will be in the Teen Lounge. Parents will sign in their students and find an available volunteer at one of the designated tables.



For Elementary Schoolers Registration required

Take Home DINO-vember Activity

Pick up: Wednesday, November 1
Grades K-2

Open your very own dinosaur egg and fill out a dino adoption certificate with this take-home activity!

HPL Book Box Jr.

Pick up: Fridays, November 10 and December 8
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 November and December.

Take Home Early Literacy Practice Packet

Pick up: Friday, November 3
Ages 3-5

Practice identifying letter names, letter sounds and letter formations together at home.

Take Home Craft: Pumpkin Pie

Pick up: Friday, November 10
Grades K-3

It's almost Thanksgiving! Create a piece of pumpkin pie that will last long after the holiday.

Read to the Dogs

Saturdays, November 25 and December 9, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Grades K-2

Practice reading aloud to a fluffy friend for a 15-minute session. Presented with Hinsdale Humane Society.

Take Home Craft: Origami Reindeer

Pick up: Friday, December 1
Grades K-2

Deck the halls by making an origami reindeer.

Take Home Busy Bags: Holiday Edition

Pick up: Friday, December 15
Grades K-5

This bag full of crafts and activities will keep the winter break boredom at bay.

Postal Customer

coming attractions

A sampling of what's to come. Call 630.570.4213 or place your own reserves at hinsdalelibrary.info.

November

Baldacci, David	The Edge
Connelly, Michael	Resurrection Road
Land, Stephanie	Class
Patterson, James	Alex Cross Must Die
Prose, Nita	The Guest
Roberts, Nora	Inheritance
Steel, Danielle	The Ball at Versailles
Streisand, Barbra	My Name is Barbra

December

Cook, Robin	Manner of Death
Dunmore, Evie	Gentleman's Gambit
Faulkner, Katherine	The Other Mothers
Greger, Michael	How Not to Age
Kane, Darby	The Engagement Party

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what the staff is reading

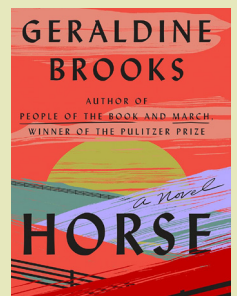
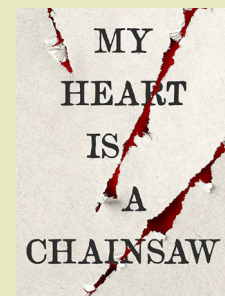
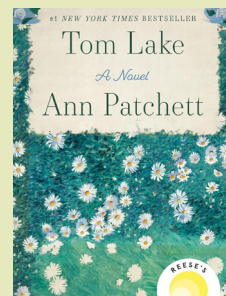


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