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Fri.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun.	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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Sunday, March 31
Friday, April 19 (staff training)
Monday, May 27
Thursday, July 4

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Our Mission

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



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program!

SEND A FRIEND!

Celebrate National Library Week with Us

National Library Week is the week of Apr. 7

Hinsdale Public Library is a special place—just ask the 150 guests who spent a Friday night in February listening to jazz in our living room!

National Library Week is a great time to think about how libraries like HPL have enriched our lives. Why not help tell our story to a friend or neighbor who doesn't have a library card?

All April, you will receive one raffle entry for every resident of Hinsdale you successfully refer for a new card! Bring them in, send them here, or have them visit hinsdalelibrary.info/get-a-card—however they sign up, we'll ask who sent them. Your friend will also get a raffle entry, and winners will be notified in May. Thanks for sharing what you love about HPL!



Get Ready for the Total Solar Eclipse!

Eclipse happens on Apr. 8, 2024

Midday on April 8, 2024, Illinois will see its last total solar eclipse for several decades. While Hinsdale does not lie directly in the path of the eclipse's "totality," we will still see changes in the sun from our vantage point—and we are only a few hours' drive from the real show. Let us help you prepare!



Space-Themed Storytimes

Last week of March

All our regularly-scheduled storytimes will feature an outer space theme to help kids get excited about the eclipse. The Scumaci Family's March I Spy Case will also have an outer space theme!



Eclipse Glasses Giveaway

Registration begins Mar. 1; pick up from Apr. 5-7

Glasses received through the STAR Library Network's SEAL program

The first 400 Hinsdale Public Library Cardholders to register will receive a free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses for their household. The Library is also donating 1500 eclipse glasses to students of District 181 to watch the eclipse safely from school.



Total Eclipse Watch Party

Monday, Apr. 8, 1 p.m.

Stop by to get the details on the eclipse (and eclipse-themed snacks) before heading out to the patio with your eclipse glasses to watch.



SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

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Heartwork Coda

Tuesdays, Mar. 5 & Apr. 2, 7–8:30 p.m.
Adults

Have you been attending our Heartwork program—or are you interested in a taste of what this yearlong course had to offer? Would you like your art exhibited this spring? Come for a two-part session where artist and instructor Maureen Claffy will walk us through the creation of our own masterpieces.

Heartwork Exhibit & Reception

Reception Saturday, Apr. 20, 2–3 p.m.
Exhibit Apr. 15–Apr. 30.

Heartwork participants and patrons are welcome to join us at an art reception honoring the work this group did this year.

HCHS Spring Art Exhibit & Reception

Hinsdale Central High School Art Students
Exhibit Mar. 18–Apr. 5
Reception Mar. 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

This exhibit in the Library's Quiet Reading Room will feature work by Hinsdale Central High School students in Ceramics 1 and Ceramics Advanced, Jewelry, Drawing 1 and Drawing Advanced, Painting Advanced, Digital Art, and AP Studio Art. Be sure to meet the artists and see their work at our reception event.

D181 Student Art Exhibits

All Spring

We're proud of our talented artists! Come see artwork from The Lane and Oak Schools in our Youth Department this spring.



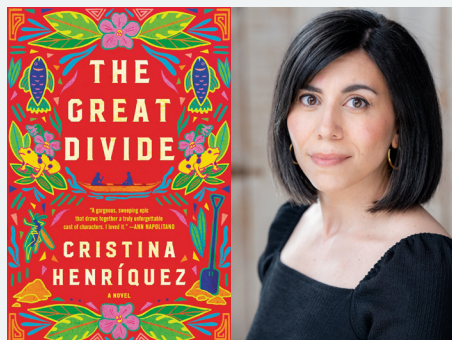
ART AT THE LIBRARY

*On the cover:
local students pose with their art.
Below: Art from Elm School.*



for adults

For Book Lovers



Off the Page: Cristina Henríquez and *The Great Divide*

In conversation with Susan Blumberg-Kason
Tuesday, Apr. 9, 7–8 p.m.

Join Hinsdale author Cristina Henríquez as she discusses her newest book, *The Great Divide*, with fellow local writer Susan Blumberg-Kason.

Library Edition Book Club

First Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.

Join our Library book club to discuss bestsellers new and old.

- **Mar. 6:** *The Women*, Kristin Hannah
- **Apr. 3:** *The Cartographers*, Peng Shepherd
- **May 1:** *Little*, Edward Carey

Next Chapter Book Club

Thursdays, Mar. 7, Mar. 21, Apr. 4, Apr. 18
6:30–7:30 p.m., ages 16+

This program is for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, regardless of verbal or reading skill.

New Moms Book Group

Third Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m.
at The Cube at Standard Market (Westmont)

Take some time for yourself to read a book and chat with other new moms!

- **Mar. 19:** *Now is Not the Time to Panic*, Kevin Wilson
- **Apr. 16:** *Silver Nitrate*, Silvia Moreno-Garcia

HPL Book Box

Pick up Mar. 11, Apr. 15, & May 20

This book subscription box includes a curated book and bookish swag each month. Register once to get books all spring. *HPL Cardholders only.*

More Groups & Meetups

Needlecraft Night

Thursdays, Mar. 7, Mar. 21, Apr. 4, Apr. 18
7–8 p.m.; drop-in

Bring your needlecraft project to work on, and enjoy some pleasant conversation with your fellow crafting enthusiasts!

French Conversation Group

Tuesdays, Mar. 26 and Apr. 23; 7–8 p.m.

Calling all Francophiles! Let's speak French together with the guidance of local French instructor Susan Boldrey.

Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays starting Mar. 5, 10–11 a.m.; drop-in

Join your friends and neighbors for coffee each Tuesday morning. Discuss current events and new books—or simply relax with us on the Library's main floor.

Hinsdale Memory Café

Fourth Wednesdays (Mar. 27 & Apr. 24), 2–3 p.m.

Socialize and connect with individuals living with dementia and their care partners using prepared activities.

Drop-In Writers' Lounge

Mondays, 7–8 p.m.; drop-in

Commit to writing with others and find the support, focus, and structure you need to achieve your goals.

Spotlight on Travel

Hinsdale Voyagers: River Cruises

Thursday, Apr. 11, 7–8 p.m.

River cruises are a convenient way to visit popular inland destinations as well as lesser-known sights. We'll highlight a few of the best from around the world.

Southern Illinois Travel: Roadtripping in the Land of Lincoln

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7–8 p.m.

HPL staffer and noted Illinois enthusiast John Kokoris will share secrets to a successful visit to the Shawnee National Forest, including landmarks, trails, lodging, and food.

More Adult Programs

Seasoned Tech: Drop-In Tech Support Consultation

First Thursdays (Mar. 7 & Apr. 4)

Stop in to get tech help from experienced experts from Hinsdale Public Library and the Indian Prairie Computer Club.

Mushroom Felting Class

Monday, Mar. 11, 7–8 p.m.; 18+

Join Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place as she teaches a fun class on needle felting! Make a charming pair of mushrooms with the supplies provided.

How to Stay Safe Online: Avoid Common Scams

Thursday, Mar. 14, 7–8 p.m.

Learn how to avoid common internet scams. These tips will help you stay safe online, including how to spot phishing and other threats on the web.

Late Winter Birding

Saturday, Mar. 16, 9–11 a.m.

Now is the perfect time for birding, because birds are easier to spot on bare branches. The DuPage Birding Club will lead our walk through Fullersburg Woods to identify local birds.

Healing Power of Meditation

Wednesday, Mar. 20, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Zelma Chamberlain will show us how to use meditation to cope with everyday stress. We'll practice a technique to reduce stress and enhance relaxation.



Ruth E. Carter: Tradition & Imagination in Costume Design

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, Mar. 20, 7–8 p.m.

Join us for a special event with Ruth E. Carter, two-time Oscar-winning costume designer of the Black Panther franchise!



Dr. Temple Grandin: Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

VIRTUAL: Wednesday, Apr. 3, 7–8 p.m.

Join Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most well-known adults with autism, as she discusses her recent book about visual thinkers.

Pickleball at HPL

Wednesday, Apr. 10, 7–8 p.m.

Join Bill Voigt, Hinsdale's unofficial Pickleball Ambassador, to learn all about the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. We'll cover what Pickleball is, why it's so popular, and how and where to play.

Qigong & Beautiful Sounds with Gail Morales

Saturday, Apr. 13, 10–11 a.m.

Treat yourself to a relaxing morning that begins with the slow, meditative movement of Qigong and concludes with soothing sounds from crystal singing bowls, chimes, and handheld gongs.



Vegetable Gardening in Containers & Raised Beds

Saturday, Apr. 20, 10–11 a.m.

Just in time for spring, a master gardener will teach you how to grow vegetables, even if you don't have the space.

United Foods of America: Mexican Inspirations

Thursday, Apr. 25, 7–8 p.m.

Learn about the regional foods around the country with roots in Mexican cuisine. From the California fish taco to the Texas fajita, we'll trace their origins in preparation for Cinco de Mayo.

DuPage Forest Preserve Update

Saturday, Apr. 27, 10–11 a.m.

Learn about everything happening at Fullersburg Woods and beyond with Jeannine Kannegiesser from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

How to Train for a 5K Race: Insider Training Plan & Helpful Tips

Thursday, May 2, 7–8 p.m.

Now is the time to start training for the Rotary Run and other fall races! Local coach Lora Wright will help you prepare.

Spice Club

Pick up Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13

Register and receive a spice selection and recipes curated for Hinsdale patrons.



High School Volunteer Opportunity



Sign up to
volunteer!

Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4–5 p.m.

Periodic training sessions offered

We are looking for high school volunteers to serve as Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors for younger students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 4–5 p.m. Scan the QR code to the left to apply! *Parents of kids K–8, learn more about this program on pg. 6!*

Teen Book Box

Pick up Mar. 8 & Apr. 12

Enjoy a pre-selected book from your genre of choice and other bookish treats. Register once to receive both boxes.

Teen DIY Take-Home Craft: Shamrock Door Hanger

Pick up Mar. 8

Bring a little luck into your home with a mosaic shamrock door hanger.

HCHS Spring Art Show

Hinsdale Central High School Art Students

Exhibit Mar. 18–Apr. 5

Reception Thursday, Mar. 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

This exhibit will feature work by Hinsdale Central High School students taking Ceramics 1 and Ceramics Advanced, Jewelry, Drawing 1 and Drawing Advanced, Painting Advanced, and AP Studio Art. The reception offers a chance to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

Teen DIY Take-Home Craft: Origami Flowers

Pick up Apr. 5

Create your own beautiful garden when you make these origami flowers.



High School After Dark Game Show Night

Friday, Apr. 12, 7–8:30 p.m.

Grab your friends for our after-hours game show night. Sign up on your own or with a team of up to 6; the winning team will get prizes. Each player must register.

Book Bites

Wednesday, Apr. 17 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Hungry for a good book? We'll be serving up books from a variety of genres for you to sample. Refreshments provided.

Teen Game Time

Fridays, 3:30–5:30 P.M. (except Apr. 19)

Take some time to unwind! Play Nintendo Switch or enjoy a classic board game.

for kids of all ages



Registration opens:
February 19
for March programs
March 18
for April programs



Challenge Yourself with I Spy Cases

All Spring

Search for objects hidden in scenes made by Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club. Thanks to the Scumaci Family and the Wessel and Chiang Family for our March and April cases!

The Ewing Family designed and donated two I Spy Cases in February!



Register for these all-ages events:

DIY Bubble Tea

Thursday, Mar. 14, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Try making your own Taiwanese bubble tea with a selection of tea flavors and boba pearls.

STEAM Saturday

Saturday, Mar. 30, 10–11 a.m.

Science and art come together for another STEAM Saturday!

Decorate a Bird House

Thursday, Apr. 11, 6–7 p.m.

Create a cozy home for the birds and new decor for your outdoor space with a DIY decorated wooden bird house!

Mario Party

Tues., Apr. 23, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Mario and his friends while crafting and enjoying a sweet treat!



Ben's Bubble Show

Monday, Apr. 29, 10–11 a.m.

If you love bubbles, you're in for a treat! Join us as Ben performs amazing bubble illusions, makes bubble magic, and creates bubble sculptures.

Drop-In: No need to register:

Maker Club

Thursdays, Mar. 7, Mar. 21, Apr. 4, Apr. 18
4–5:30 p.m.

We will have a variety of supplies for you to get creative and use your imagination, as well as a different project to complete each week. *Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by an adult.*

Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, Mar. 9 & Apr. 6, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

A time for dads to enjoy donuts, coffee, and time with their kids at the Library, with different activities each month.

March Book Madness: A Tournament of Books

All March

This bracket-style tournament matches books in one-on-one “games.” Vote to decide who gets to move on and take the championship!

Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors

Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4–5 p.m.

Students K–8 can drop in to receive homework help from a local high school student. Parents can sign in their students and find an available volunteer in the Community Meeting Room.

more fun for kids

Register for youth programs at
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For Young Children

Toddler Art: Music

Friday, Mar. 8, 9:30–10:15 or 10:45–11:30 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us for a mini-storytime and craft all about music, sounds and instruments.

Baby Playdate: Fun with Music!

Friday, Mar. 15, 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Babies (0–18 mo.)

Explore interactive music and play stations with your baby!

Baby Learn and Play with Colors

Wednesday, Apr. 17, 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Babies (0–18 mo.)

Explore colors with a mess-free craft!

Toddler Science: Sink or Float

Friday, Apr. 5, 9:30–10:15 or 10:45–11:30 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us for a mini-storytime and science experiment about sinking and floating!

For Elementary Schoolers

String Canvas Art

Tues., Mar. 12, 4:30–5:30 p.m.
Grades 3–5

Create your own unique pattern on canvas using string! Dress for mess.

Kids Can Cook

Monday, Mar. 25, 2–3 p.m.
Grades 3–5

Join us this month as we make and enjoy the best sweet and savory snacks!

Spiderman Party

Tuesday, Apr. 16, 4–5 p.m.
Grades K–5

Swing into spring with Spidey-themed crafts, snacks, and activities for fans of the friendly neighborhood superhero.

Earth Day Craft & Snack

Monday, Apr. 22, 4–5 p.m.
Grades K–3

Celebrate Earth Day by making a craft and enjoying a sweet snack!

Busy Bags

Pick up Mar. 22 & Apr. 12
Grades K–3

Stay busy with take-home bags full of activities to keep the boredom away.

Take Home Activities

Grades K–2

- **Pick up Mar. 15: Green Head Planter**
It's the month of green! Create your very own grass head planter.
- **Pick up Apr. 26: Paper Plate Bird Nest**
Make a bird nest to celebrate spring!

Book Box Jr.

Pick up Mar. 8 & Apr. 12
Grades 3–5

Enjoy a pre-selected book from your genre of choice and other bookish treats.

Storytimes: Mar. 4–Apr. 11

Itty Bitty Storytime

Thursdays, 9:30–10 a.m.
Babies (0–18 mo.) with caregiver

Snuggle, bounce, and bond with your little one as we share rhymes, songs, and stories to foster language development and a love of reading.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11 a.m.
Toddlers (18–36 mo.) with caregiver

Join us for a storytime that includes early literacy fun, with books, songs, fingerplays, and an extension activity.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30–10 a.m.
Ages 3–5

Join us for stories and songs that will delight your preschooler! Children attend independently while parents and caregivers enjoy the Library.

Music and Movement

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

Get up and groove with this music-filled storytime!

Saturday Storytime and Craft

Saturdays, Mar. 23 & Apr. 27, 10–10:45 a.m.
All ages

Busy during the week? Stop by our Saturday Storytime as we share stories, songs, and complete a craft!

Piggy Bank Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Apr. 2, 9:30–10 a.m.

This storytime session will feature an engaging story and activities about banks, the value of work, and ways to earn and save. *Sponsored by Hinsdale Bank & Trust.*



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Eclipse programs

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glasses for students and
families, and more!
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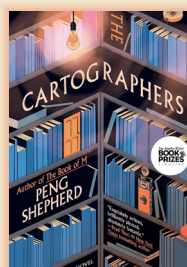
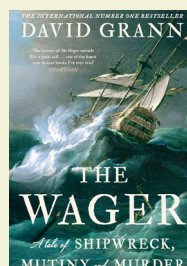
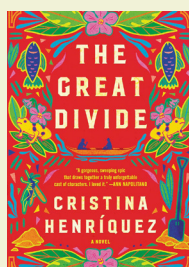
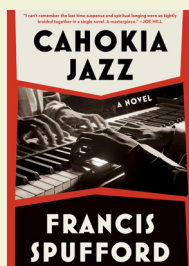
March

<i>Princess of Las Vegas</i>	Chris Bohjalian
<i>The Hunter</i>	Tana French
<i>The Great Divide</i>	Cristina Henriquez
<i>Expiration Dates</i>	Rebecca Serle
<i>Truth About the Devils</i>	Lisa Scottoline
<i>Never Too Late</i>	Danielle Steel

April

<i>A Calamity of Souls</i>	David Baldacci
<i>Funny Story</i>	Emily Henry
<i>She's Not Sorry</i>	Mary Kubica
<i>Demon of Unrest</i>	Erik Larson
<i>Toxic Prey</i>	John Sandford
<i>City in Ruins</i>	Don Winslow

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