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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CLOSINGS

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Monday, December 25, 2023
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Monday, January 1, 2024

LET US E-MAIL YOU

Would you like to receive hold, overdue, and courtesy notices by e-mail? Ask a Check Out Desk staff member for details.

You can also sign-up for library updates on our website: www.rmlib.org. Just look for the Quick Link **Stay Connected**.

RENEW ITEMS VIA PHONE, ONLINE OR LIBRARY APP

Call 847-259-BOOK (2665) to renew or hear a list of your checked out items. You can also renew online at www.rmlib.org - just look for the Quick Link RML Account Login. Or, open the library app and click on My Bookshelf.

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The Friends Book Shop

Did you know?

The Friends Book Shop is located on the main floor near the Check Out Desk. It is open year round during normal library hours. Come and browse the selection. It is a great place to find awesome holiday gifts on a budget!



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Adult programs

Come to the library for entertaining and enriching programs! Register online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Welcome Desk at 847-259-6050. To request disability accommodations, please call 847-259-6050 x177 at least seven days prior to the program date.

December

Cookbook Conversations: Revisited

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Come and learn about our previously featured spices and other flavorings, our cookbook resources, and go home with a recipe or two and a spice packet.

Painted Holiday Cookies

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Kick start the holiday season with a joyful, tasty gathering! In this "hands on" program patrons will learn the A to Z's of crafting beautiful hand-painted holiday cookies with fondant and edible watercolors. Be sure to register, space is limited.

Arts Alive Concert:

Multiplicity: Holiday Jazz

Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

See page 3 for details.

Life Lessons from the

Happiest People on Earth

Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The World Happiness Report lists Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Norway as the happiest countries. Why is living there so pleasant? Learn and embrace the practices of Danish coziness and happiness, Swedish balance, Icelandic optimism, Norwegian outdoor life, and other lifestyles.

Movie Matinee:

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Tuesday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Rated PG-13; 154 minutes

Daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history. Accompanied by his goddaughter, he soon finds himself squaring off against Jürgen Voller, a former Nazi who works for NASA. No registration needed.

January

Jump-Start Your Job Search

Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

Arts Alive Concert: Katie Kostner

Sunday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m.

See page 3 for details.

Resources & Roots: Beyond the Census

Wednesday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Census records are often the easiest resource, but sometimes you just need more...

Business Boosters

Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

The Latte Game Lounge

Saturday, January 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

The Russian-Ukraine War

Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Russia invaded Ukraine, expecting a quick victory, but was surprised by a vigorous defense by the Ukrainians, the underperformance by its own military, and the cohesive support given Ukraine by NATO. Learn about Russia's status and allies, what peace might look like, the issue of war crimes, and more.

The Our Lady of the Angels School Fire

Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Gibbons discusses the 1958 tragedy in which 92 children and three nuns perished in a school fire in Chicago. This presentation feels like you are a witness; that you are there with a sense of urgency that everyone at the scene must have felt.

100 Things to Do in Chicago Before You Die

Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.

It could take a lifetime to experience everything Chicago has to offer. Molly Page will help us answer the question, "What should we do this weekend?" You'll get tips for planning your staycation, ideas for date night, and learn about some hidden gems to explore with your family.

February

Return to Poe's Mansion

Saturday, February 3, call 847-259-6050 to sign up for a 60 minute session

See page 5 for details.

Pre-Civil War Quilts

Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Connie Martin's presentation includes music, slides, storytelling, and a display of 18 beautifully handcrafted quilt replicas. Special stitching was used by abolitionists and fugitive slaves (including her ancestors) to signify escape routes to the North. Based on her mother's book: *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom* by Dr. Clarice Boswell.

Resources & Roots: Picturing the Past

Wednesday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Family albums, yearbooks, and more - come get a better idea on how to figure out who these keepsakes might have belonged to and when they were made.

Arts Alive Concert Series:

Music and Influence of Glen Campbell

Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

See page 3 for details.

Let's Talk Oscars

Saturday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m.

See page 5 for details.

Mrs. Lincoln's Salon:

A First Person Presentation

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

You have been invited to join the First Lady in her Blue Room on April 4th, 1865. Mr. Lincoln and their youngest son, Tad, are at City Point. Robert, their eldest, is with General Grant in pursuit of Robert E. Lee and Mary is alone in the executive mansion.

Creative
Coloring Club

ages 14 and up

Technology classes

These in-person technology classes are for beginners. Register online at rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Welcome Desk at 847-259-6050 to reserve your spot. *Clases básicas de computación en español disponibles con cita previa, llama al 847-259-6050 extensión 144 para agendar tus clases.*

One-on-One Session

Call 847-259-6050 x134 to schedule.

Are you sometimes stumped by technology? Get friendly help with basic computer skills and with using the library's 24/7 online research tools.

Get help with: **Basic Computer Skills**

Setting Up an eMail Account

eBooks and eAudiobooks

Google Docs or Sheets

Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher or Powerpoint

Bring your question along with your laptop, e-reader, tablet or phone (or we can use a library computer) for a free 30-minute One-on-One session. *Please come ready with a specific goal and we will do our best to assist you. However, we are unable to fix malfunctioning devices, troubleshoot operating system updates or fix malware or viruses.*

Learn with LinkedIn Learning

Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Your library card gives you free access to resources that can teach you almost anything. We'll help you set up your LinkedIn Learning profile and you'll be ready to learn how to: code; develop a website; use Excel to create pivot tables and much more. Get started learning online with LinkedIn Learning!

Library Apps for Your Tablet or Phone

Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

The Rolling Meadows Library has several sources for eBooks, audiobooks, and videos which are free to RML cardholders. Learn how to download and navigate these apps: Libby for reading and listening to eBooks; Hoopla for eBooks, music and more; Kanopy for streaming videos. Be sure to bring your RML card and device passwords.

NEW . . . Learn to Crochet Using CreativeBug . . . NEW

Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Your RML library card gives you access to a world of online learning. Try your hand at crochet with the help of an expert at CreativeBug.com. Follow along as Cal Patch shows us the chain, single, double and triple crochet stitches. We'll supply the yarn and crochet hook. Registration required. Class size limited to 10.

Microsoft Word: Basics

Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Begin at the beginning with Microsoft Word; starting a document, formatting text, setting margins and printing.

Microsoft Excel: Formulas and Functions

Wednesday, February 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn the basics of entering data into a spreadsheet, formatting text and numbers and using standard functions such as VLOOKUP and PAYMENT.

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

December 11: Winter ❄️ **January 8:** Animals 🐾 **February 12:** Gardens 🌿

Color away your stress and anxiety at our monthly in-person meetings. Space is limited. Can't join us? A limited supply of take-home coloring packets are available. To reserve a seat call Nana at 847-259-6050 x133 or e-mail creativecoloring@rmlib.org.

Arts Alive

concert series

Come and enjoy great live music! Concerts are held in-person at the library. Sign up online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app or call the Welcome Desk at 847-259-6050. *Arts Alive Concerts are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Rolling Meadows Library.*



Multiplicity: Holiday Jazz

Sunday, December 10

at 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season with a festive and innovative concert of classic favorites with a fresh twist. Founded in 2013, Multiplicity is a jazz-inspired ensemble of talented

Chicago-area musicians. Their recordings have been aired on many radio stations, both locally and globally. The talented group draws from varied musical eras and styles to create fresh interpretations of works by legendary artists. Multiplicity features: Barbara Kalnes, lead vocalist; Tom Kalnes, keyboardist and arranger; Gary Swiontek, acoustic/electric bassist; Rick Vitek, drummer/percussionist; and woodwind recording artist Michael Levin.

Katie Kostner

Sunday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Kick off 2024 on the right note with Katie and some of the best songs of the past 60 years. She is a professional singer, actress, musician and songwriter with a passion for music and the stage.

Katie performs live at area events and has produced her own series of Facebook and Instagram Live Concerts. She has won the DuPage County Fair talent show two years running and sang the National Anthem before Chicago White Sox games in 2021 and 2022. She has also appeared in multiple plays and musicals, most recently as Dragon in *Shrek the Musical*. In addition to her love for musical theatre, she plays guitar and ukulele, writes music and sings with a range that suits a wide variety of styles from Broadway to current pop, rock, folk country and beyond: from quiet, ambient music to rocking center stage.



Music and Influence of Glen Campbell

Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Come and hear the compelling music and story of iconic American entertainer, Glen Campbell. He was a musician, singer, recording artist, television star, member of *The Wrecking Crew*, actor, and Grammy and Golden Globe winner. This "Listen and Learn" experience is presented by Chicago area musician Steve Justman. Steve has been performing American, folk and popular music in the Chicago area and Midwest region for many years and has been singing since he was four and a musician since he was twelve. Steve is a collector of songs as well as other artifacts of Americana. Entertainers of all types influenced him, the kind and variety rarely found today.



Programs for children

Come to a program at the library! We recommend registering to guarantee your spot, but drop-ins are welcome, if space permits. Register online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Ask Me Desk at 847-259-6050 x140. **NR** indicates no registration required.



Join the Winter Reading Challenge!
December 1 - February 29

PreK-Grade 8

Adopt a bird from our flock and we'll give you a reading game you can do together!
Stop at the Ask Me Desk to get started!



StoryWalk® **NR**

All ages

December 1 - February 29

Bundle up and enjoy a family walk to read *Nieve En La Jungla/Snow in the Jungle* by Ariane Hofmann-Maniyar and translated by Yanitzia Canetti. The story, in both English and Spanish, begins in North Salk Park behind the RM Community Center.

Drop In Crafts **NR**

All ages

Fridays, from 9:00 a.m., while supplies last December 1 & 15; January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16

Drop in to the library and create a fun craft! Little ones may need some help.

Junior Picassos

Grades 3-8

Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

December 9, January 13, February 10

Be a part of the Jr. Picassos Art Club and channel your creativity through drawing, painting, and crafts. No experience needed!

Friendship Bracelets

Grades 5-8

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Traditional friendship bracelets are fun to make, fun to wear, and fun to share! Come learn how to make your own.

Middle School Advisory Board

Grades 6-8

Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

December 14, January 18, February 15
Passionate about volunteering? Interested in collaborating with other kids and helping your community? Join the Middle School Advisory Board! We meet monthly to discuss program ideas for the library, book purchase suggestions, prize ideas, service projects, and more. This is a volunteer opportunity and may be applicable for service hours.

Cookie Decorating

Grades 4-8

Thursday, December 21, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Do you love cookies? Come to the library for some cookie decorating fun! Cookies and decorating materials will be provided.

Hot Chocolate Party

Grades PreK-3

Friday, January 5, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Craving hot chocolate on a wintery day? Join us at the library for a cozy storytime, a craft, and yummy hot chocolate, of course!

Kids' Book Club

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, January 16, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Be a part of the Rolling Meadows Kids' Book Club! We'll be sharing our thoughts about *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds, a collection of stories about what happens after a school bus falls from the sky. Be sure and read the book beforehand (if you need help getting a copy of the book, call or stop by the Ask Me Desk). Come meet other kids who love to read!

Winter Wonderland Experiments

Grades 2-3

Tuesday January 30, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Do you want to be a winter wizard? Join us at the library for some winter STEM experiments: DIY snow slime, fake snow, and more!

Invitation to Create

Grades 1-8

Thursday, February 1, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come to the library and create! We'll have interesting art supplies for you to try, experiment and create with. Then bring home your masterpiece.

Valentine Creations

Grades K-8

Tuesday, February 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Create a card for someone special for Valentine's Day! We'll provide inspiration, supplies and Valentine's treats.

Birdhouse Painting

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, February 20, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

As the winter comes to an end, birds start looking for places to nest in the spring. Come decorate a bird house for our fine, feathered friends.

Storytime at the library

Register online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Ask Me Desk at 847-259-6050 x140. Drop-ins are welcome, if space permits.

The Cradle Will Rock

9-24 months

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: December 8, 15 & 22

Session 2: January 12, 19 & 26

Session 3: February 9, 16 & 23

Books, music, songs & fingerplays for caregiver and baby.

Puppy Dog Tales

2-3 years

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: December 7, 14 & 21

Session 2: January 11, 18 & 25

Session 3: February 8, 15 & 22

This program is a time for the two of you, caregiver and child, to enjoy books, songs and a simple craft.

Storytime

3-5 years

Wednesdays,

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. OR 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.

Session 1: December 6, 13 & 20

Session 2: January 10, 17 & 24

Session 3: February 7, 14 & 21

Join us for stories, a simple craft, and lots of fun! For children 3-5 years, including those going into kindergarten. Children should be able to attend without a parent.

Pajama Storytime

PreK-Grade 2

Monday, February 19, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Put on your pajamas and come wind down the day with some stories, songs and rhymes at the library!

Cuentos en Pijama

Preescolar-2do. Grado

martes, 27 de febrero, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

¡Ponte tu pijama favorito y únete a nosotros para disfrutar de una tarde con canciones, cuentos y manualidades! ¡No faltes te divertirás!

2024 Adult & Teen
Winter Reading Challenge:

Read a LATTE
and warm up this winter!

Calling ALL readers! Java good time reading great books and drinking warm beverages this winter! Sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge:

Read a LATTE and start earning prizes with your LATTE game card! Stop at the Readers Desk for more information.

January 15 - March 10

Check Out These Programs:

Please register to reserve your spot. Register online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Welcome Desk at 847-259-6050.

The Latte Game Lounge

Saturday, January 13, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Join the Readers' Services baristas this winter as we serve up a latte fun! We'll have a variety of fresh brewed trivia and awesome games to kick off the 2024 Winter Reading Program: **Read a LATTE!** Dolce want to attend? Sign up today!

Return to Poe's Mansion

for ages 13 and up

Saturday, February 3

Call 847-259-6050 to sign up for a 60 minute session

Back by popular demand! Bring your team to try and solve the decades old mystery of what happened to Edgar Allan Poe. Did the author die of natural causes or something more sinister? Was he murdered? Poisoned? Find the clues and solve your way out of the mansion before your 60-minutes has run out! 4-6 players per team, ages 13 and up. Registration is required.

Let's Talk Oscars

Saturday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Are you excited about the 2024 Oscars? We are too! So many great films are nominated for excellence in cinematic achievements. Join us before the Oscars air and get the scoop on all of your favorites. Light snacks will be provided. Make your winning predictions and be entered into a raffle to win a movie gift pack.

Get Crafty at the Library Teen Craft

Teens ages 13 and up

December: Felt Santa Ornament

January: Year in Review Scrapbook Page

February: Fun Foam Candy Heart

New crafts will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning the first day of each month, while supplies last! Reserve yours online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp.

Taylor Swift Friendship Bracelets

Adults and teens ages 13 and up

Fridays, 1:00 - 4:45 p.m.

January 5, February 2, March 1

Calling all Swifties! Adults and teens 13+ are invited to drop-in at Readers Desk and make a Taylor Swift themed friendship bracelet! To make a bracelet, check out 1 book or 1 CD! Don't miss out on this fun drop-in craft!

Job Search Classes

Please register to reserve your spot. Register online at www.rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Welcome Desk at 847-259-6050.

Jump-Start Your Job Search

Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Get help in the job search grind with this free job search program featuring all the library resources available for job hunters. Topics include resources for analyzing career prospects, writing a resume and cover letter, preparing for a job interview, learning about job search resources, and using AI.

Business Boosters

Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at *Business Boosters*, an exciting, initiative program designed exclusively for small business owners and future entrepreneurs. Discover a treasure trove of resources including databases, market research tools, books, and magazines all tailored to help you succeed in your entrepreneurial journey. Don't miss this chance to elevate your business to new heights. Sign up to unlock the keys to entrepreneurial success!

My Year of TRULY GREAT READS

A Yearlong Reading Challenge

Through August 31, 2024

Join *My Year of Truly Great Reads, A Yearlong Reading Challenge!* An easy, enriching and self-paced reading program that will take you through the non-fiction stacks. Stop at the Reference Desk to sign-up and learn more. We'll have monthly prize drawings, and a party for participants in August 2024!

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Library news

Some Things Change, Some Things Stay the Same

Rolling Meadows Library is seeking new leadership. Lucia Khipple is our Interim Executive Director once again, while the Library Board of Trustees begins its search for a permanent Executive Director. What hasn't changed is our commitment to you - to provide a welcoming library, full of great books, movies, music, engaging programs for all ages, and a friendly staff, here to serve you!

Our Library of Things is Growing

Did you know that the Rolling Meadows Library has a growing collection called the *Library Of Things*? Yep! This collection contains objects or "things" that Rolling Meadows Library cardholders can checkout, like:

- **Roku devices** Enjoy access to popular streaming channels like Netflix, AppleTV, Disney+, Amazon Prime, Hulu and more! They can be reserved online or via the library's app and picked up at the Check Out Desk.
- **Hot Spots** These little mobile devices let you "check out the internet." They're perfect for when you're on the go around town, traveling, or at home, anytime you need dependable internet access. Reserve a Hotspot device online or via the library's app and pick it up at the Check Out Desk. Ask a staff member for details.
- **Board Games** The library has more than 100 games in our collection for youth and adults/teens! The adult/teen games are located in the teen area behind the Readers Desk. Youth games are shelved near the Talking Books. Stop at the Ask Me Desk if you need assistance.
- **Disc Golf** Already dreaming of warm and sunny days? Plan to check out a Disc Golf set and play on the course right by the library, in North Salk Park. Ask a Check Out Desk staff member for more information.

So, go beyond the book and try out some of our *Things*! This collection will continue to grow and suggestions are welcome.

Book discussion groups

Book Discussions are held in the library's Community Room. To sign up for AM Book Buzz, Morning Book Break and Just Desserts please call 847-259-6050; for Real to Reel and Four Seasons please call Nana at 847-259-6050 x133.

AM Book Buzz typically meets on the first or second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

December 7: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

January 11: *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry

February 8: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Morning Book Break typically meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

December 12: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

January 9: *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry

February 13: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Just Desserts meets every other month on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

January 23: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Real to Reel Book Club Hybrid meeting Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Nonfiction fans can read the book, watch the movie, or both. Call Nana at 847-259-6050 x133 to reserve your spot.

January 27: *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman

Four Seasons Book Club We're back! This in-person book club meets quarterly, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., to discuss nonfiction that reads like fiction. New members are welcome. Call Nana at 847-259-6050 x133 to reserve your spot today.

February 21: *Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood* by Danny Trejo

