

The fall and winter months are usually a time for celebrating and honoring traditions. Whether you experiment in the kitchen, pick up a new craft, or hunker down on the sofa with your favorite book or movie, the library can help!

Cooking Up

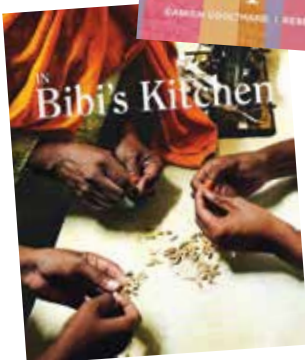
Something New

The library is the perfect place to stop if you're looking for a new recipe. With more than 3,000 titles in our collection, there is something for everyone. Our staff have also suggested titles on comfort foods as well as popular holiday recipes.



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GAMEN LOOCHNER | REBECCA SULLIVAN





Seasonal Traditions

As the days get colder, people often turn to food for comfort, and our staff knows a lot about that!

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NAHM Native American Heritage Month

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed November 24, December 24, 25, and January 1.
Closed 5 pm December 31.

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Amber

I usually catch the baking bug in the fall and winter. While I love baking, I used to stick to what I knew and didn't deviate, which wasn't exciting, but still delicious! During the pandemic, I started exploring different recipes and flavors and I haven't looked back. Last holiday season, I think I baked more than I cooked! This time of year, I typically bake and decorate sugar cookies with my family. My daughter has a sweet tooth like me, so she's always excited and ready to help when she sees me bring out the hand mixer. The hand mixer is extra special to me because my grandmother gave it to me many years ago, so I get to share my growing holiday traditions with her in spirit. I also love making pumpkin bars, peppermint pie, blondies, and cookies bigger than my face! I can't wait to dive into a recipe book and see what I'll make this season.



ACINI DE PEPE SALAD
 1 c. macaroni [acini de pepe]
 3-4 c. boiling water
 1 tsp. salt
 Combine and boil 15-20 minutes. Wash; drain and cool. Drain 1 #303 can pineapple tidbits and 2 cans mandarin oranges. Thicken juices with 1 c. sugar, 3 T. flour and 3 eggs. Cook and cool. Mix with other ingredients and let set until cool or overnight. Add 1 c. miniature marshmallows and 1 large carton Cool Whip or 2 pkgs. Dream Whip, prepared.
 Melva Cooper
 Zella Gassmann
 Barb Kinderknecht



Luke

My family has been serving a dish called Pepe salad at family gatherings throughout my entire life. Its name is from the Acini di Pepe pasta used within the dish. It's a pasta that, when cooked, turns into a small ball, something that seems like it should pop in your mouth! This custardy, fruity dish straight out of a 1960's Midwest cookbook reminds me of fighting with my family to get to the salad first, being upset when it was gone, and eating way too many marshmallows before the salad could even be made. It also reminds me of one of the last Thanksgivings I got to spend with my grandfather. It was the first year I was allowed to make the salad, something that typically only my aunt or grandmother made. I was so happy to learn how to make the dish that I still think of that Thanksgiving as being one of the best ever. While the dish may not seem appealing to the masses, it is something that I truly believe everyone would enjoy if they had the chance to try it.



Cheryl

This is a Palacsinta or Palatschinke (Hungarian crepe). My brother and I affectionately called them "Polly Stinkies" when we were kids because we couldn't say it right when we were little. (And when we got older it was just funny to use that name!)



Michelle

Every year in December, my family bakes cookies for their teachers to celebrate the season. Last year, we decided to make cut-out sugar cookies in the shapes of doughnuts to be inclusive of everyone's holidays.



KIDS & FAMILIES

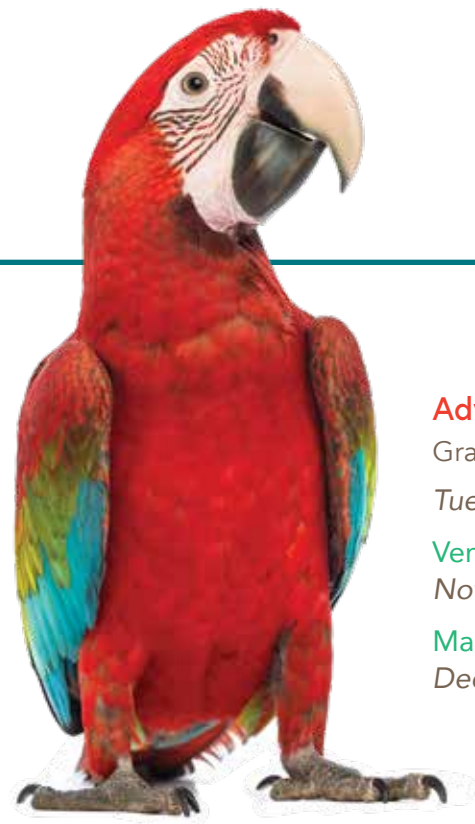
Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at events.skokilibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.

Together Time

Age 0–23 months
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am
(except November 22)

Preschool Puppet Playtime

Age 2–5
Wednesdays, November 1, December 6
10:30–11 am (online)

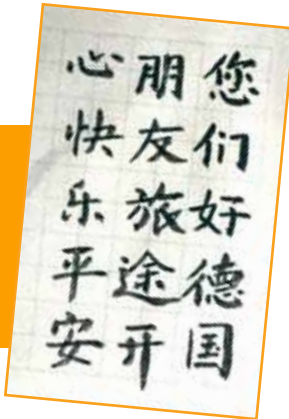


Adventure Club

Grade K–3
Tuesdays, 4:30–5:30 pm

Venezuela
November 7

Mali
December 5



Learn Basic Mandarin

Grade 1–5
Wednesday, November 8
4:30–5:30 pm

Family Game Break

Thursday, November 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

Make It Yourself

PreK and up
Fridays, November 10
December 8, 3:30–4:30 pm

Snack Attack

Festive Treats
Age 8–12
Friday, November 10
5:30–6:30 pm



What Is Día de los Muertos?

Thursday, November 2
6–7 pm

Dinosaur Exploration

Saturday, November 4
2:30–3:30 pm

Small Hands Crafts

Age 3–5
Mondays, 10:30–11:30 am
(except December 25)



Storytimes

Book Babies Storytime

Babies to 11 months who are not yet walking
Wednesdays (except November 22)
9:30–9:50 am: indoors
10:30–10:50 am: outdoors

Wonderful Ones Storytime

Age 1
Wednesdays (except November 22)
10–10:20 am: indoors
11–11:20 am: outdoors

Terrific Twos Storytime

Age 2
Thursdays in November
(except November 23)
10:30–11 am or 11:15–11:45 am

Family Fun Storytime

Wednesdays in November,
6:30–7 pm (except November 1)

Weekend Storytime

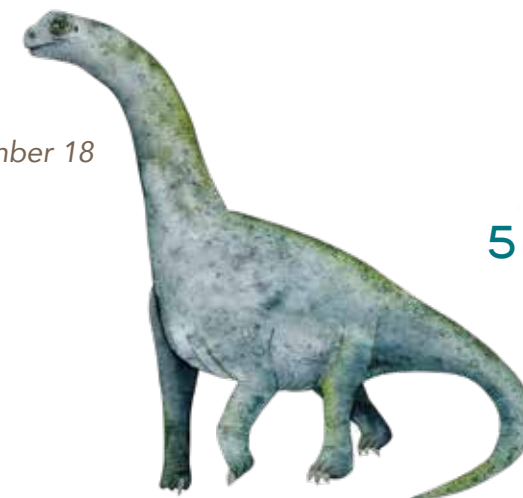
Saturdays, November 11, 18, 25,
December 9, 23, 10:30–11 am

Bilingual Storytime and Craft: ASL

Saturday, December 2
2:30–3:15 pm

Read, Breathe, Meditate

Thursdays, December 7, 14,
10:30–11:15 am
Bilingual Bulgarian Edition:
December 21



Dino-Slime

Grade 1–5
Saturday, November 11, 3–4 pm
Tuesday, November 28, 4:30–5:30 pm

Local Author Showcase

Sunday, November 12, 2–3:30 pm

Tea-Rex Party

Grade 1–5
Monday, November 13, 2–3 pm

Thank You Cards

Tuesday, November 14, 3–4 pm



Be the Scientist

Grade 3–5
Tuesdays,
4:30–5:15 pm

How Do Elevators Work?
November 14

Coral Reefs
December 12



Lego Challenge

Age 8+
Thursdays, November 16, December 21, 4:30–5:30 pm

Dino Film Fest

Saturday, November 18
12:30–3:30 pm

Geometric Art for Tweens

Age 8–12

Thursday, November 30, 4:30–5:30 pm



Family Book Club

Haylee and Comet
Grade 1–3 and adult

Thursday, November 30
6:30–7:30 pm

STEAM Engines

Thursday, December 7, 4:30–5:15 pm



Deaf Culture 101 for Families

Explore Deaf identity and cultural dynamics in this community-building event

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30–7:30 pm

Learn Basic ASL

Saturday, December 9, 2:30–3:30 pm

My Favorite Jewish Book

Share your favorite author or book with other families

Wednesday, December 13, 5:45–6:45 pm

Music and Movement Celebration

Sunday, December 17, 2–3 pm

Family Movie

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse
Saturday, December 23, 1–3 pm

Jewelry Making for Tweens

Age 8–12

Thursday, December 28, 2–3 pm

Kazoo-palooza

Play along to songs with kazoos and percussion instruments

Thursday, December 28, 4–5 pm

Sensory-Friendly Family Movie

Ernest and Celestine

Friday, December 30, 1:30–3:30 pm



Magical New Years

Saturday, December 31, 11:45 am–1 pm



TEENS

Friend Squad

Wednesdays, November 1, December 6
6–7:30 pm

Teen Climate Crew: Build Bee Houses

Sunday, November 5, 1–3 pm

Check the online calendar for ongoing and late-breaking teen events and events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info.

Jewelry Making for Teens

Wednesday, November 29, 4:30–6 pm

Ugly Sweater Cookie Decoration

Ugly sweaters never tasted so good. Bring your creative design skills!

Wednesday, December 27, 3–4 pm



With Your Hands

If you're looking for something hands-on, CreativeBug can teach you a variety of crafts! There are thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists, and crafts range from art and design to jewelry making. There are some fun classes with kids in mind as well!

Here are just a few of the classes:

- Make a Pop-Up Flower Greeting Card
- Salt-Dough Ornaments
- Make a Hand and Body Salve
- DIY Pendant Necklaces
- Punch Needle Coasters

If you're looking for inspiration for your holiday gift-giving, our craft books for both adults and children offer a variety of crafts for every skill level.



FOR ADULTS

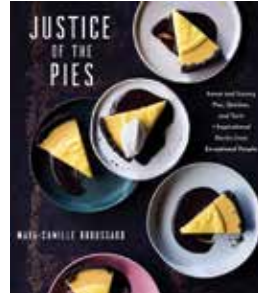
Check for event details and sign up at calendar.skokiellibrary.info. Registration opens November 1 except for events during the first week of November, which are already open.

Treatments for Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Wednesday, November 1, 10–11 am

ESL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm
(except for November 22) (drop in)



A Taste of Love with Maya-Camille Broussard

Wednesday, November 8, 7–8 pm (online)

Plan for Profit Boot Camp

Two-session boot camp for entrepreneurs on turning your business idea into reality.

Tuesdays, November 7 and 14
6–7:30 pm



Understanding Medicare

Tuesday, November 7, 7–8:30 pm

Medicare Part D Sign-up Assistance

By appointment, Wednesday–Friday
November 8–10 and 15–17

Staying Healthy As We Age

Wednesday, November 8, 2–3 pm

Understanding Property Tax Appeals and Updates

Wednesday, November 8, 6–8 pm



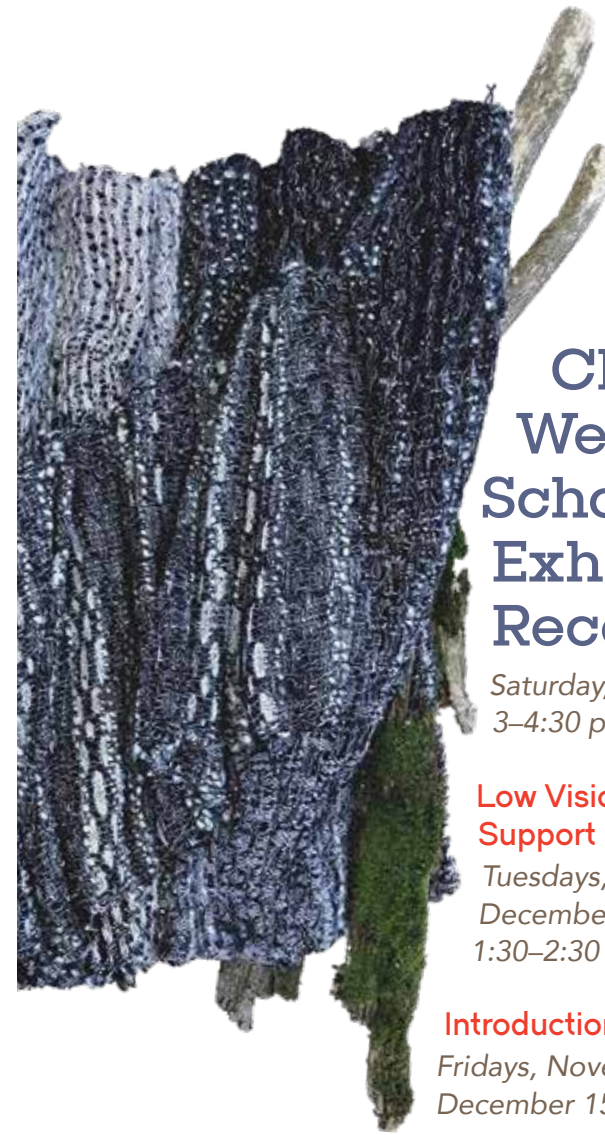
Studio Design Swap and Showcase: Dinosaur Designs

Thursday, November 9
7–7:30 pm



Weaving Workshop: Make Your Own Wall Hanging

Thursday, November 9
6:30–8:30 pm



Chicago Weaving School Exhibit Reception

Saturday, November 11
3–4:30 pm

Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, November 14,
December 12
1:30–2:30 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, November 17,
December 15, 1–2 pm

Buying Together: Purchasing Property Collectively

Thursday, November 30, 6:30–8 pm

Edouard Manet, Rebel with a Cause

Tuesday, December 5, 1–2 pm

Practice Citizenship Interviews with HIAS

Tuesday, December 5, 6:30–8 pm



Surviving the Holidays with Lori Gottlieb

Psychotherapist and *New York Times* bestselling author shares tools to help prepare for the holidays.

Wednesday, December 6, 7–8 pm (online)



The Roadmap to Organizing Your Home

A practical path to getting your home organized with systems you can implement and maintain.

Tuesday, November 14, 7–8 pm



Performances

Tickets for Sunday concerts given to those present starting at 2:30 pm.

Sunday, November 5 at 3 pm



Jeffrey Wang, Piano



Leo Zupko, Violin

YOUNG STEINWAY CONCERT SERIES

40th Season

2023–2024

Sunday, December 3 at 3 pm



Liane Lin, Piano

Julia Perekhozhuk, Violin
(not pictured)

Showcasing talented young performers of classical music



Movies (drop in)

Morning Movie

Wednesdays at 10 am

East Side Sushi
November 8

Where Hope Grows
December 13

Friday Film

Fridays at 1:30 pm

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret
November 3

Book Club: The Next Chapter
November 10

Love Again
December 1

In the Heights
December 8

Movie Night

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Between the Silence, Salam, and Feeling Through
November 15

NAHM Being Thunder
December 20

Book Discussions and Book Talk

LitLounge

Wednesdays
7:30–9 pm (online)

NAHM Apple: Skin to the Core
November 8

Litera–cheer!
December 13

Genres on My Mind

Thursdays, 2–2:30 pm
(on Instagram)

Suspense
November 30

2023 Books We Loved
December 28

Talking Books Discussion Group

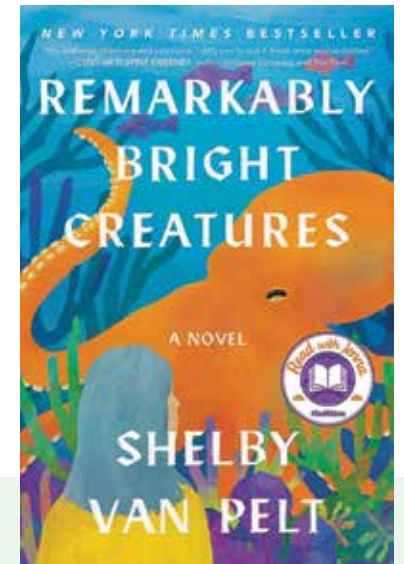
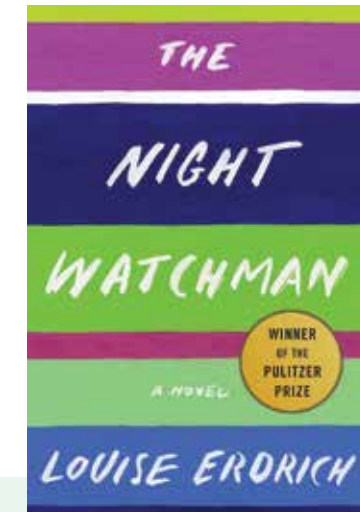
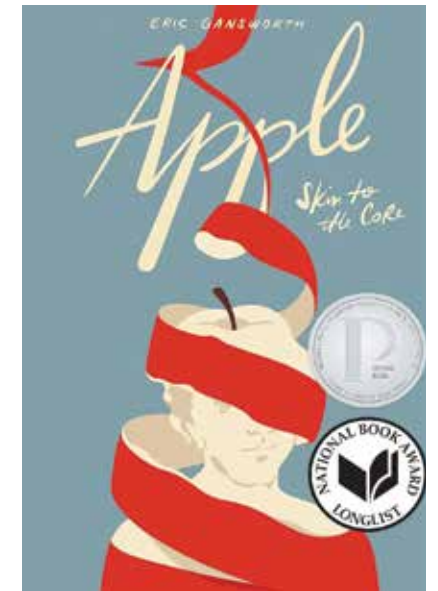
Wednesdays,
1:30–2:30 pm

NAHM The Night Watchman
November 15

Remarkably Bright Creatures
December 20

Article Discussion

Troubled Treasures and Returning a Necklace to Nepal
Tuesday,
December 19
7–8:30 pm



Technology

One-on-One Tech Help

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–4 pm

Getting Started with Gmail

Sunday, November 5, 1:30–3 pm

Basics of Social Media Platforms

Mondays, November 6, 5–6 pm or
December 4, 4–5 pm (drop in)

Google Docs for Beginners

Saturday, November 11, 10:30–11:30 am

iPhone Basics

Friday, November 17, 3:30–5 pm

Create a Resume Using Microsoft Word

Tuesday, November 28, 2–3:30 pm

Talking Tech: Data Privacy and Online Security

Tuesday, November 28, 5:30–7 pm
Tuesday, December 12, 5:30–7 pm

Microsoft Word 2021 for Beginners

Saturday, December 9, 10:30–11:30 am

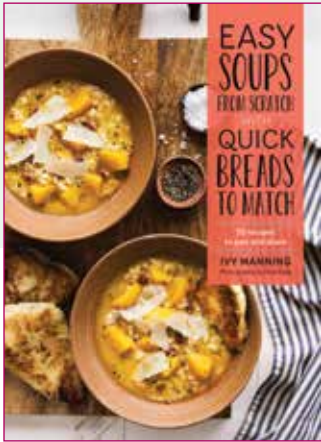
Getting the Most from Google Searches

Sunday, December 17, 1:30–3 pm

Microsoft Excel 2021: Charts and Graphs

Monday, December 18, 2:30–4 pm

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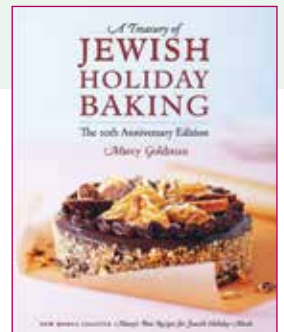
Comfort Foods for Winter

When you're looking for inspiration for cold-weather comfort food, our staff have you covered. Dig into any of the cookbooks on this list—you'll be sure to find something just right.

Cozy Food Books for Winter

Celebrate Winter Holidays with Food

Something about all of the winter holidays suggests getting into the kitchen to make something special. We've gathered a selection of excellent cookbooks to remind you of old favorites or suggest something that might become a new tradition.



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