READING MATTERS

Warrenville Public Library District

Winter 2026–2027 | **Registration opens November 20**

Winter Reading challenge

beanstack

January 2–February 28
8 hours • All ages

During the winter months, cozy up in your favorite reading nook at home or in the library. Read at least 8 hours to receive a free gift and a grand prize drawing entry. Earn a bonus grand prize drawing entry for each additional 8 hours of reading.

Read or listen to books from any source including our physical or digital collections. Use Beanstack to track your progress online or in the app or use a paper reading log. To be eligible for prizes, tracking must be completed by February 28, 2027.

Blind Date with a Book

February 1–28 • All ages
Check out a "blind date" and open your surprise book to read at home!

Winter Reading Challenge Kickoff D

January 2–8 • All ages
We're kicking off our Winter Reading Challenge with a library scavenger hunt and a special craft project for kids to take home. While you're here, sign up to take the challenge.

Kindness Matters

January 18–24 • All ages
Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by spreading random acts of kindness in our community. Did you hold the door open for a stranger or recently pay for someone behind you in a drive-thru line? Stop by the Youth Services Desk to write your kind gesture on an index card and we'll add it to our display.

All library events are free and open to the public. Get details at warrenville.com/events.

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Book Clubs

Books will be available for checkout at the Member Services Desk one month prior to the book club date.

First Thursday Book Club
Thursdays • 7:30 pm • Ages 18 and up

December 3: Best of the year (no books to check out)
January 7: Starter Villain by John Scalzi
February 4: The Lost Girls of Willowbrook by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Books on Tap Book Club
Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery
28256 Diehl Road
Mondays • 7 pm • Ages 21 and up
Choose which book to read each month and then meet to discuss and debate.



December 28: 2026 Favorites
Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague by Maggie O'Farrell
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

January 25: Small Town Mystery
Listen for the Lie by Amy Tintera
All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda

February 22: Romantasy
Heartless Hunter by Kristen Ciccarelli
Bride by Ali Hazelwood



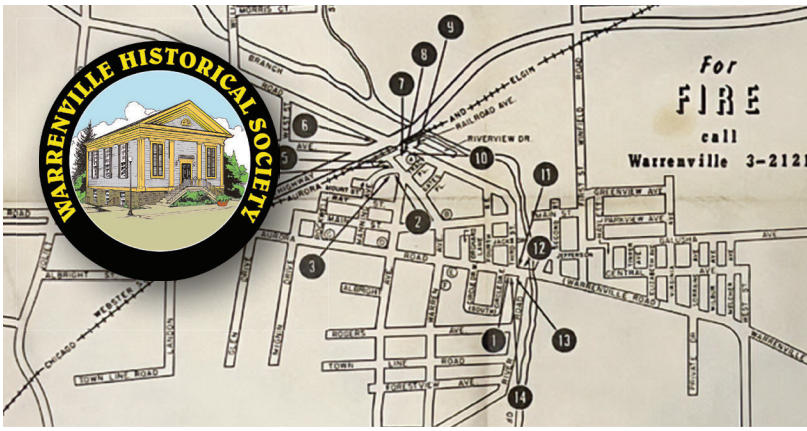
Spill the Beans Book Meet-Up
Cora Coffee & Tea
28W575 Stafford Place
Sunday, December 13 • 11 am • Ages 18 and up
Sip a free coffee or tea while chatting about everyone's latest reads.

Silent Book Club
Two Brothers Brewing Co.
20W315 Calumet Ave West
Tuesdays • 6 pm • Ages 21 and up
December 29, January 26, February 23
BYOB—Bring Your Own Book—and kick back for dedicated reading time at a local watering hole.



Author Visit

355: The Women of Washington's Spy Ring
Thursday, February 25 • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
Learn about the first female spies and the pivotal roles they played in securing our nation's freedom in this fascinating presentation by author Kit Sergeant.



History of Warrenville Streets
Thursday, December 10 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Warrenville Historical Society Director, Sara Phalen, will uncover the history of the street names in Warrenville and the growth of the city as a whole.

60 Years of Warrenville
Sunday, January 24 • 2 pm • Ages 18 and up
Happy Birthday Warrenville! Learn about the incorporation of our beloved city and see how far it has come in the last 60 years.

Warrenville Bring & Brag
Sunday, February 21 • 2 pm • Ages 18 and up
Community members are welcome to bring items that have a local Warrenville story to discuss its history. Objects may be selected for display at the museum.

Special Needs Planning
Wednesday, December 9 • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
Receive information about planning for the future of your child with disabilities from Michele Westmaas, Thrivent financial advisor, parent and member of the Academy of Special Needs Planners. No products will be sold.

Churros
Saturday, December 12 • 2 pm • Ages 18 and up
Chef Violeta Trujeque will demonstrate how to make traditional churros from scratch with spicy chocolate and vanilla dipping sauces. Samples of this sugary treat will be provided.

Cutting the Cord
Wednesday, January 6 • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
Learn the pros and cons of cutting cable and discuss whether it's right for you.

Conflict Resolution
Wednesday, January 13 • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
Prevent and resolve personal conflict using techniques developed by the Harvard Negotiation Project. Presented by a Certified Facilitative Mediator and adjunct professor of psychology, Ric Larsen, MA.

Quiet Beginnings Meditation
Saturday, January 16 • 11 am • Ages 18 and up
Start the new year with meditation practice by trainer Umesh Bhatia.

Computer Class for Seniors
Wednesday, January 20 • 2 pm • Ages 50 and up
Learn and practice strategies for organizing hard drives and managing storage.

DuPage Wildlife Conservation Center
Thursday, January 21 • 7–8 pm • All ages
Staff from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County will share an insider look at how they provide care to injured, orphaned and sick native animals.

Caregivers of Neurodivergent Individuals Meet-Up
Mondays • 6–7 pm • Ages 18 and up
January 27, February 24
Parents and caregivers of neurodivergent individuals of all ages are invited to connect with others in a supportive environment.

Chicago Mobsters
Wednesday, February 10 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Author and award-winning librarian, Susan Gibberman, will give a presentation on the rise of organized crime in Chicago, leading to the infamous 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Career Comeback
Tuesday, February 23 • 2 pm • Ages 18 and up
Build confidence, overcome barriers and sharpen networking skills for a successful return to the workforce. Presented by People's Resource Center.

Arts & Crafts

Holiday Wreath
Wednesday, December 2 • 7 pm • Ages 18 and up
Get in the holiday spirit by creating a beautiful festive wreath.

Adult Crochet
Thursday, January 28 • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
Discover the tools and techniques to start on your crochet journey. Materials will be provided.

History of Henna
Wednesday, February 3 • 7 pm • Ages 14 and up
Asma Bohra of Colorful Smiles will demonstrate how to draw beautiful Henna designs on your hands while also discussing the history of the art.

Valentine's Day Mini Cakes
Thursday, February 11 • 6 pm • Ages 14 and up
Spread some sweetness this Valentine's Day and decorate a mini cake to enjoy at home.

Movies & Games

Dungeons & Dragons: Saturday Sessions
Saturdays • 1:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
December 5, January 2, February 6
Meet new people, create your character and play a short game of D&D. Recommended for new players.

Dungeons & Dragons: The Campaign Continues
Mondays • 6:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
December 7, January 4, February 8
Play an ongoing D&D campaign.



Board Game Night
Tuesdays • 6 pm • Ages 18 and up
Come play the featured game or bring your own.

December 8: Holiday gaming party
January 12: Let's Go! To Japan
February 9: Castles of Mad King Ludwig

Bingo D
Mondays • 12:30–1:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
December 14, January 11, February 15
Join members of the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association for an hour of bingo and other library activities.

Family Pinball Arcade D
Saturday, December 19 • 1–3 pm • All ages
Step back into the golden age of arcade and play *Pinball FX.* Compete for the title of Warrenville High Score Champion. Parents can bring their kids to show off their gaming skills from back in the day.

Reel Talk: *High Fidelity* (2000)
Thursday, February 18 • 6 pm • Ages 18 and up
Watch the movie while enjoying snacks and stay for the discussion of this landmark film. (Rated R)



Sunday, February 28 • 2–4 pm • Ages 18 and up D
Clear out your shelves and refresh your record collection at our first-ever Vinyl Swap. Bring your records, receive swap tokens and browse the community genre bins for new favorites.

Adult

Genealogy Resources

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to finally build your family tree, then you'll be happy to hear we offer genealogy databases with millions of records. These free online resources will help you uncover the name of a great-grandparent you've never met, learn when an ancestor arrived in America or discover the hometown your family left behind. New records, photographs and documents are added regularly. Get your search started now with these free resources.

ancestry Library™

Search birth, marriage and death records, immigration documents, international records and user-created family trees. Access exclusively at the library using a public computer or your own device connected to library WiFi.

HeritageQuest

Powered by Ancestry, but focuses on U.S. data like federal census records, local histories and military documents. Use anywhere with your library card and PIN (last 4 digits of phone number).

Access Ancestry Library and HeritageQuest at warrenville.com/databases. For assistance, visit or call our Adult Services Desk at 630/393-1171 x121.

Whether you're just beginning your family history journey or are an experienced researcher, we invite you to join our monthly Genealogy Club and featured events. You will discover valuable research resources and connect with others who share an interest in family history. There are no fees; drop in when you can.

Genealogy Club D

Wednesdays • 2–3:30 pm • Ages 18 and up
December 16, January 27, February 24
Share your family research stories and learn ways to increase the "branches" on your family tree.

Create a Family History Book

Wednesday, February 24 • 2 pm • Ages 18 and up
Michelle Bray Wilson, of Northwest Suburban Genealogy Society, will show how to create a beautifully formatted coffee-table book, publish it and print copies at a very reasonable price.

En Español

Empoderamiento Financiero

Jueves, 14 de enero • 6 pm • Mayores de 18 años
Alero Financial te invita a informarte sobre el crédito, la gestión de la deuda y la planificación de los hitos importantes.

Cuentos en la lavandería D BILINGÜE

The Laundry Room
2S533 Illinois Route 59
Los sábados • 11 am–mediodía • Todas las edades
16 de enero, 20 de febrero
Una bibliotecaria del Servicio Juvenil estará en la lavandería para compartir cuentos e información sobre la biblioteca. Los niños podrán llevarse a casa un libro gratuito, cortesía de la iniciativa de educación ambiental SCARCE. Sin registro.

Clases de tecnología

Los sábados • 10:30 am • Mayores de 18 años
Ven aprender lo básico de tecnología con estas clases para principiantes.

23 de enero: Internet básico
20 de febrero: Usando tu iPhone

Regístrese en warrenville.com/events.



Escape Room

All ages • Multiple time slots each day

Monday, February 8 • 6–9 pm
Tuesday, February 9 • 4–9 pm
Friday, February 12 • 4–7 pm
Monday, February 15 • 10 am–5 pm
Thursday, February 18 • 6–9 pm
Friday, February 19 • 4–7 pm
Tuesday, February 23 • 4–9 pm
Friday, February 26 • 10 am–7 pm
Saturday, February 27 • 10 am–5 pm

Track down magical clues and solve puzzles based on your favorite wizarding school. Groups of 2–6 people will have 45 minutes to attempt an escape.

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Arts & Crafts

Crochet Club
Fridays • 4:30–5:30 pm • Grades 6–12
December 11, January 15, February 19
Learn the basics of crochet. All skill levels welcome. Materials will be provided.

Woven Felt Basket P
Monday, January 11 • Grades 6–12
Make a small woven basket out of felt to hold your knick-knacks.

Valentine's Day Cookie Mix Jar
Tuesday, February 9 • 4:30–5:30 pm • Grades 6–12
Make a festive jar of cookie mix to keep or give to someone you love. Ingredients will be provided.



Puzzle difficulty is aimed at ages 12 and older, but younger kids can participate if accompanied by an adult. To schedule a 45-minute session, please stop by or call the Youth Services Desk at 630/393-1171 x124.

Dungeons & Dragons
Tuesdays • 6–8 pm • Grades 6–12
December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16
Play an exciting campaign with fellow adventurers!

Panels & Pages
Fridays • 4:30–5:30 pm • Grades 6–12
December 4, January 8, February 5
Practice writing or illustrating anything! Build your skills with a writing exercise and collaborate with peers.

ACT Preparation
Saturdays • 10–11 am • Grades 9–12
December 12, January 9, February 6
Are you ready for the enhanced ACT? Professional ACT tutor Rick Klimas will help students manage test anxiety while providing strategies and insights about all aspects of the exam. Supplies will be provided.

Yule Ball
Thursday, December 17 • 4:30–6 pm • Grades 6–12
This Harry Potter-inspired event filled with music, crafts, games and snacks is just what you need to get into the holiday spirit. Don your favorite ball gown or costume if you want.

Personalized Book Bag P
Monday, December 21 • Grades 6–12
We will prepare a book bag for you based on your reading preferences with two books and special gifts.

Volunteer Opportunities

Need service hours? Looking for ways to be involved in your community? We could use your help preparing for upcoming programs, assisting with youth events and participating in some of our volunteer projects. Ask for more details at the Youth Services Desk.

Book Buddies
Mondays • 5:30–6 pm • Grades 6–12
December 14, January 11, February 22
"Buddy" volunteers will be paired at the library with "Little Buddy" readers in grades K–3 to help and encourage them to read with confidence.

Teen Lounge Cleanup D
Monday, January 18 • 4–6 pm • Grades 6–12
It's good to get organized. Let's clean up the Teen Lounge and keep your space updated and fun.



Read to a Therapy Animal
Wednesdays • 4–6 pm • Grades K–3
December 9, January 13, February 10
Young readers can practice reading aloud to a certified therapy animal from Naperville Area Humane Society in 15-minute sessions.

Book Bites
Wednesdays • 4:30–5:15 pm • Grades 1–3
December 2, January 6, February 3
Listen to great stories, practice your reading skills and enjoy a yummy snack.

Tween Movie Party
Thursday, December 3 • 4:30–6:30 pm • Grades 3–5
Hang out and party with snacks, games and friends.

Winter Dance Party
Thursday, December 10 • 10–10:45 am • Ages birth–3
Wintry, fun stories and songs with a sparkly craft to take home.

Developmental Screenings for Children
Thursdays • 10:30 am–Noon • Ages 2 months–5
December 10, January 14, February 11
In partnership with the Wheaton/Warrenville Early Childhood Collaborative, we are offering 45-minute screening sessions that focus on communication, gross and fine motor skills, personal-social skills and problem-solving abilities.

Book Buddies
Mondays • 5:30–6 pm • Grades K–3
December 14, January 11, February 22
"Buddy" volunteers in grades 6–12 will be paired at the library with "Little Buddy" readers to help and encourage them to read with confidence.

Playdate
Fridays • 10:30–11:30 am • Ages birth–3
December 18, January 15, February 19
Children and their grown-ups are invited to socialize and play.

Personalized Book Bag P
Monday, December 21 • Grades K–5
We will prepare a book bag for you based on your reading preferences with two books and special gifts.

Noon Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 30 • 11:30 am–12:15 pm • Ages 1–7
Countdown to noon with us in a special New Year's Eve themed program.

Chess
Tuesday, January 26 • 5–6 pm • Grades 1–8
Whether you are an expert player or an eager beginner, enjoy free play and learn strategies from the coaches at Elite Chess.

Dungeons & Dragons
Mondays • 4–6 pm • Grades 4–6
Play a thrilling campaign alongside other adventure seekers.

February 1: Character Creation
February 15: Adventure

Sweetheart's Ball
Saturday, February 13 • 3–3:45 pm • Ages birth–8
Come dressed in your best party outfit to celebrate love and friendship with a little dancing, stories and a simple craft.

Toy Swap

January 2–28: Donation drop-off
Friday, January 29 • 4–6:30 pm: Early access for donators
Saturday, January 30 • 10–11 am: Early access for donators
Saturday, January 30 • 11 am–3 pm: Open to the public

Donate your family's gently used toys and find something new-to-you. Receive one early-access ticket for each toy donated. Limit one toy per visitor when open to the public.



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Arts & Crafts

Crafts to Go D P
Ages 3–11
Stop by the Youth Services Desk to pick up a craft project to take home.

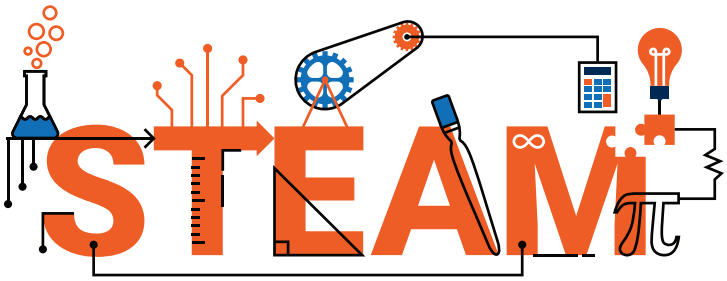
Wednesday, December 2: Hanukkah
Monday, February 1: Ramadan

Baby Picasso
Wednesdays • 10:30–11 am • Ages birth–2
December 9, February 10
Create a priceless work of art with your little one. While it dries, enjoy stories and rhymes.

Craft Club
Thursdays • 4:30–5:15 pm • Grades 4–6
December 10, January 14, February 11
Flex your creative muscles while making fun art projects.

Family Art Studio
Friday, January 22 • 5:30–6:30 pm • Ages 3–11 with adult
Create fun art projects as a family and display your artwork in front of the meeting room.

Sip and Paint
Monday, February 22 • 2–2:45 pm • Ages 3–5
Little ones will enjoy sipping on a juice box while we guide them through painting their own masterpiece.



Explore themed activities relating to science, technology, engineering, art and math.

LEGO® Time
Monday, January 4 • 2–3 pm • Grades K–5

Winter STEAM
Monday, January 18 • 2–2:45 pm • Grades K–2

Valentine's Day STEAM
Wednesday, February 3 • 4:30–5:15 pm • Grades 3–5



Storytimes

Storytimes feature stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays. Find details at: warrenville.com/events

Storytime at Starbucks
28341 Diehl Road
Mondays • 10–10:30 am • All ages
December 7, January 4, February 1

Sensory Storytime
Thursdays • 11–11:30 am • All ages
December 10, January 28, February 25
Presented by Instructional ABA Consultants.

Seasons with The Morton Arboretum
Wednesdays • 10:30–11:15 am • Ages 3–6
December 16, January 20, February 17

Jingle Bells Storytime
Friday, December 18 • 5:30–6:15 pm • Ages birth–8

Nature-Telling with Lincoln Marsh
Mondays • 10–10:30 am • Ages 2–5
December 21, January 11, February 8

Storytime with Elsa
Saturday, January 9 • 2–3 pm • Ages 3–9
Presented by Parties with Character.

Storytime D
Tuesdays • 10–10:30 am • Ages birth–5
January 12–February 23

Baby Mozart
Wednesday, January 13 • 10:30–11 am • Ages birth–2

Toddler Time D
Thursdays • 10–10:30 am • Ages 1½–3
January 14–February 25

Library Hours
Monday–Thursday: 9:30 am–9 pm
Friday: 9:30 am–7 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm–5 pm
Check warrenville.com for updates.

Library Closings
Wednesday, November 25 at 5 pm
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27
Thursday, December 24
Friday, December 25
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1

Management Team
Jason Stuhlmann, Executive Director
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Board Meetings at 7 pm
Wednesday, December 9
Wednesday, January 20
Wednesday, February 17
Public welcome as capacity allows.
Agendas and minutes available online.

ADA Accommodations
Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a library event should contact the library's ADA Coordinator at least seven days prior to the program. Call 630/393-1171 x120 or email ADA@warrenville.com.

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Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

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Pokémon Club

Drop-In!
Thursdays • 4–5:30 pm • Grades 1–6
January 7 & 28, February 18 & 25

Pokémon Club isn't just about playing a popular trading card game or winning exclusive promo cards. This structured and research-informed program will help children build essential cognitive, academic and social-emotional skills through activities like deck-building, puzzle-solving and collaborative gameplay.

Pokémon Clubs can be especially effective at engaging children who may not participate in traditional extracurricular activities, offering them a safe and welcoming space to make friends and explore their interests. They also support many efforts to reduce screen time and promote face-to-face interaction.

Mark your calendar and plan to join the club this winter. Come for just one or all sessions. If you have questions, please visit or contact the Youth Services Desk. 630/393-1171 x124; youthservices@warrenville.com.



Sundays • 2–3 pm • All ages D
These events are sponsored in part by a City of Warrenville Hotel Tax Grant.

December 6: Elaine Dame, Holiday Jazz
January 10: Lucas Levon, Classic Rock Piano
February 7: Heather Braoudakis, Broadway Hits
March 21: Planet Flippo, Jazz Quartet