A Year in Review...

The Library staff answered over 44,746 questions last year.

The Library offered over 937 classes and events.

Over 32,327 people attended Library classes & events.

The Library houses 223,072 items for you to check out!
Did you know the Library checked out over 223,072 items last year?

Did you know the average NL homeowner pays only $188 per year for the Library?

I checked out more than that in DVDs & books this year! What a deal!

... and over 142,505 people visited the Library! It's a happening place!

18 YEARS IN THE COMMONS AND PAYING OFF THE LIBRARY’S MORTGAGE
As we say goodbye to 2019, I’m proud of all the library accomplished this year. We completed the second year of our 2018-2020 Strategic Plan that supports the premise that libraries equal education. Our mission states “We provide a high-quality public education that strives to inform, enrich, and enlighten.”

Inform - Research Assistance and Instruction: Additional classes focusing on college accessibility were provided, resources focused on families with preschoolers were created, and local businesses were educated about our supportive offerings. We would like to reach out to the community more to communicate all that we have to offer, and this is also a challenge with limited marketing funds and no distinct outreach department.

Enrich - Self-Directed Education: Updating signage in-house to make the building easier to navigate, re-branding our unique items in a “Tech 2 Go” collection, and incorporating new aspects to the Makerspace to make it more accessible to younger children were all achieved this year. We were able to purchase a few more digital copies of items to reduce wait time for these items, and yet were unable to reduce it to the desired amount of time due to cost.

Enlighten - Instructive and Enlightening Experiences: Staff have maintained our new Teen Scene area and continue to explore programming for families with special needs. Partnerships with larger institutions, such as Joliet Junior College, have been established as well. We would like to increase the usage and broaden awareness of our Homebound Delivery Service, and this also is limited by staff hours and funding.

As the graphic to the left illustrates, the most exciting part of 2019 is that we are paying off our one and only debt! The bonds that built this library were paid off in only 18 years, which is a few years ahead of schedule. Staff have done an excellent job maintaining our building, and it also is starting to show its age. Earlier this summer, we had to close the second floor due to the HVAC system’s inability to keep up with summer temperatures. Our many visitors and events over the years have taken a toll on the carpet, and it’s nearing the end of its lifespan. Although these are challenges, this means that our library has been highly used and well loved by you, our community. Thank you for attending events like Maker Day, Ghouls and Golf, the Friends of the Library Gala and our Summer Learning Challenge this year.

I have personally received many compliments about our helpful staff, educational programs, family focused events, and our beautiful building. Staff and I went door to door in both April and September this year to register new library card holders. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who truly appreciate everything we offer. As we pay off the mortgage on our building, we want to continue to provide bigger and better services in the future. We can’t do that without your support!

Regards,

Michelle Krooswyk
Library Director
director@newlenoxlibrary.org
**MONDAYS**

**Movers & Shakers**  
Mon., Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10  
10:30 – 11 am  
Ages 6 – 23 months  
Storytime Room  
Stories, music, action rhymes, and toy time for on-the-move babies with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.  
No registration is required.  
Sign in on the Storytime Room door.

**Art Club**  
Mon., Dec. 16, Jan. 20, & Feb. 10  
4:30 – 5:30 pm  
Grades 1 – 4  
Meeting Room  
Calling all creative kids! Come create some awesome art and more.

Dec. 16: Do you Wanna Build a Snowman?  
Registration begins Nov. 18.

Jan. 20: Shoot for the Stars  
Registration begins Dec. 16.

Feb. 10: Paper Roll Sculpture  
Registration begins Jan. 20.

**TUESDAYS**

**Itsy Bitsy Toddler**  
Tue., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11  
10:30 – 11 am  
Ages 1½ – 2½  
Storytime Room  
Stories, music, and fun for the growing toddler with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.  
No registration is required.  
Sign in on the Storytime Room door.

**Wacky Rascals**  
Tue., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11  
12:30 – 1 pm  
Ages 3½ – 6  
Storytime Room  
Get wacky with a song and silly stories, then wrap it all up with some creative mischief.  
No registration is required.  
Sign in on the Storytime Room door.

**Jammie Jams**  
Tue., Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11  
6:30 – 7 pm  
Ages 2 – 8 with a caregiver  
Storytime Room  
Throw on your jammies for a family slumber party! Cuddle up for stories featuring your favorite book characters and make a fun craft based on the character of the week.  
No registration is required.  
Sign in on the Storytime Room door.

**New Time! LEGO Club**  
Tue., Dec. 17, Jan. 28, & Feb. 25  
5 – 5:45 pm  
Grades K – 4  
Meeting Room  
We supply the bricks; you bring the ideas! Come build your own creation with friends, or make a vehicle to race down a track. We’ll display your creations for everyone to see!  

**Youth Services Blog**  
Check out our youth blog for fun stories and useful information.  
newlenoxlibrary.org/youth-services-blog
**Girls Rock Book Club**

Tue., Dec. 17 & Feb. 18
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Grades 4 – 8
Storytime Room

Make funky crafts, have a snack, and talk about books with other girls. Pick up books at the Circulation desk.

Dec. 17: *The Gallery* by Laura Marx Fitzgeral (Bring a wrapped gift worth $5 for a gift exchange game)
Registration begins Oct. 22.

Feb. 18: *Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Registration begins Dec. 17.

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**Mini Mad Science Lab**

Wed., Dec. 18, Jan. 29, & Feb. 26
5 – 5:45 pm
Grades K – 2
Meeting Room

Discover awesome hands-on experiments and activities. We’ll focus on a different S.T.E.M. area each session. You’ll get to see just how cool science, technology, engineering, and math can be!

Dec. 18: I Heart the Grinch
Join us for some holiday fun while learning about our hearts.
Registration begins Nov. 20.

Jan. 29: Foosball Fun
Let’s get ready for the Super Bowl! Create your own foosball table and challenge other kids to a game.
Registration begins Dec. 18.

Feb. 26: “Snow” Much Fun
Make your own snow and enjoy other snowy activities.
Registration begins Jan. 29.

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**Music Makers**

Wed., Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12
10:30 – 11 am
Ages 3 months – 6 years
Meeting Room

Dance around, listen to stories, sing songs, play with instruments, then move and groove with your friends during toy time.
No registration is required.
Sign in on the Meeting Room door.

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**Science Club**

Wed., Dec. 18, Jan. 29, & Feb. 26
6 – 6:45 pm
Grades 3 – 6
Meeting Room

Participate in cool experiments and learn a little something along the way.

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Registration begins Nov. 20.

Jan. 29: Foosball Fun
Let’s get ready for the Super Bowl! Create your own foosball table and challenge other kids to a game.
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**Did you know?**

The Library has an Instagram account just for kids, where you can find photos and videos from our events and upcoming news! Make sure to follow us at:

instagram.com/nlplkids/
**THURSDAYS**

**Wee Readers**
Thu., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 & Feb. 6, 13
10:30 – 11 am & 11:15 – 11:45 am
Ages 2 – 3½
Storytime Room

Get ready for super stories, spectacular songs, and silly crafts.
**No registration is required.**
Sign in on the Storytime Room door.

**FRIDAYS**

**Art Attack!**
Fri., Dec. 13, Jan. 10, & Feb. 7
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Grades 4 – 8
Meeting Room

Your imagination mixes with art in this art club just for tweens.

Dec. 13: **Fun with Shrinky Dinks**
Create ornaments, keychains, and pins with Shrinky Dinks.
**Registration begins Nov. 8.**

Jan. 10: **Winter Watercolor**
Paint a winter landscape with watercolor paints.
**Registration begins Dec. 13.**

Feb. 7: **Heartwarming Art**
Make some art that will warm your heart.
**Registration begins Jan. 10.**

**Make It Work**
Fri., Dec. 20
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Grades 1 – 3
Makerspace

Explore, tinker, and create in our Makerspace with a different activity every month.

**Holiday Kaleidoscope**
Create your own kaleidoscope from scratch and make as many different patterns as you’d like! Put on your visionary goggles to create bold, colorful patterns inspired by feelings and emotions for the holidays.
**Registration begins Nov. 22.**

**Just for Tweens Lego Club**
Fri., Dec. 27, Jan. 24, & Feb. 21
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Grades 4 – 8
Meeting Room

Join us for awesome LEGO building challenges and the chance to hang out with other tweens.
**Registration begins Nov. 22 for Dec. 7, Dec. 7 for Jan. 4, and Jan. 24 for Feb 21.**

**Make It Work**
Fri., Jan. 17, & Feb. 14
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Grades 3 – 5
Makerspace

Explore, tinker, and create in our Makerspace with a different activity every month.

Jan. 17: **Catapults**
Who knew STEM and physics could be so much fun? We did! Want to learn how to make a catapult with popsicle sticks? Exploring physics has never been so exciting!
**Registration begins Dec. 20.**

Feb. 14: **Happy ValenTinker Day!**
Flying cupids, launching hearts, and so much more! Let’s kick off Valentine’s Day with the best of your creative genius.
**Registration begins Jan. 17.**

**TumbleBooks**
The TumbleBook Library is a collection of TumbleBooks (animated, talking picture books) with fiction, non-fiction, foreign language titles, read-alongs (chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation), TumbleTV (pre-set playlists of a sequence of books), Tumble puzzles and games, and TumbleResources for teachers and students.

Check it out at:
http://nlpl.org/tumblebooks
**Hearty Arty Party**  
Fri., Feb. 14  
10 am – 12 pm  
All Ages  
Makerspace  
Celebrate Valentine’s Day and no school by making valentines and playing Cupid games in the Makerspace.  
**No registration is required.**

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**Saturdays**

**Winter Wonderland Party**  
Sat., Dec. 7  
10:30 – 11:30 am  
Ages 5 – 12  
Meeting Room  
Winter is here and we are ready to celebrate! Join us for a morning of winter fun, including a snow globe craft, winter games, and a yummy snack. Don’t miss out; it’s going to be snow much fun!  
**Registration begins Nov. 23.**

**Pee Wee Picassos**  
Sat., Jan. 25  
10:30 – 11:30 am  
Ages 3 months – 3 ½ years  
Meeting Room  
Join us for a special art and sensory program for our littlest library friends. We will create process-based art. No directions, no rules. Every child’s result will be unique. Getting messy is fun – dress for mess!  
**Snowflake Painting and Painting Wood**  
**Registration begins Jan. 11.**

**It’s Leap Day!**  
Sat., Feb. 29  
10:30 – 11:15am  
Ages 2 – 10  
Meeting Room  
Did you know that Leap Day only comes around every four years?! Getting an extra day in the year is something to leap about! Let’s leap into Leap Day with some art, games, and silly fun.  
**Registration begins Feb. 15.**

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**Winter Reading Club**  
Mon., Dec. 2 – Sat., Feb. 1  
Ages 1 – 12  
Kids are invited to join the Winter Reading Club from Mon., Dec. 2 – Sat., Feb. 1. The Library will once again participate in the Read to Succeed reading program sponsored by the Chicago Wolves ice hockey team. Participants may win ticket vouchers for a game or other Wolves memorabilia.  
**Pick up your reading log beginning Mon., Dec. 2.**

**Mitten Tree**  
Mon., Dec. 2 – Sat., Feb. 1  
Come decorate our mitten tree during the season of giving! Please bring NEW or handmade mittens, hats, or scarves to add to the Youth Service’s mitten tree during December. Items will be donated to families in need within the community.
What is Homebound Service?

The Homebound Library Delivery Service provides FREE library services to individuals who are residents within district boundaries and are unable to physically come to the New Lenox Library.

Who is eligible?

You must be a New Lenox Public Library district resident and have a current New Lenox Library card. Delivery or pick up is available to individuals unable to come to the Library due to mobility, health, or disability barriers. Whether you are at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing facility, you are eligible.

How do I sign up for the service?

Fill out the form, or visit website www.newlenoxlibrary.org/homebound

Email homebound@newlenoxlibrary.org

Or phone 815.485.2605 ext. 134

Do you know someone who could potentially benefit from our Homebound Library Delivery Service? Refer them today!
WHOOOO... knows we have eBooks and Audiobooks?

Search, browse, listen, read, or download many eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your computer or hand-held device.

All you need to get started is your library card!

Visit us online for the complete list of offerings at:
newlenoxlibrary.org/books-services/ebooks-digital-magazines
Teen Classes

Teen Makers!
Stop by the Teen Scene Makerspace and make something new every month! If you have an idea for a craft or a teen-led program you would like to run, please talk to your Teen Coordinator! Here is what we have coming up this winter.

Dec.: Homemade Holiday Cards
Jan.: Zentangle and Mason Jar Grab n’ Go
Feb.: Valentine’s Day Candy Bar Cakes

Teen After Hours Finals Study
Tue., Dec. 17 & Wed., Dec. 18
8 – 10 pm
Grades 9 –12
Teen Scene

Studying for finals is stressful, but your public library has your back! We are keeping the library open late just for YOU. Join us after hours from 8 – 10 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of finals week. We will have snacks, cocoa, a Bob Ross relaxation room, coloring, and relaxing activities for when you need a break. Please make sure you bring a signed permission slip the evening of the program!

You can download the form on our website at: newlenoxlibrary.org/teens, or stop by Adult Services for a copy. It’s time to ACE those exams!

You’ve Got This! Study Skills Workshop for Teens
Thu., Jan. 30
6 – 7:30 pm
Teens & Parents
Meeting Room

Join us for a fun and dynamic Study Skills Workshop with former classroom teacher Mary Ellen Hillig. Learn how to take effective notes to solidify your knowledge and make your overall studying a smoother process. Discover ways to find the right balance when studying. There is no better time than the New Year to gain new skills! Don’t miss this!
Registration required.

Ukulele Class
Thu., Feb. 13
6 – 7 pm
Teens & Adults
Meeting Room A

Do you have a ukulele at home, but never learned how to actually play it? Or perhaps you know a few chords and would like to jam with other uke players? Either way, we’ve got you covered! We are hosting a class for beginning ukulele players, taught by an experienced music professional. Bring your own instrument and get ready to strum along and have some fun!
Registration required.

DIY Hot Chocolate
Thursdays in February
5 – 7 pm
Grades 7 – 12
Adult Services/Teen Scene

Picture it! Andes mints, crushed Oreos, marshmallow fluff, warm milk, Nutella... Join us Thursday evenings in February in Adult Services to make your own hot chocolate creation! It’s cold, so warm yourself up with a delicious drink served the way YOU like it! There MIGHT be chili powder available!

Looking for the hottest picks in teen books, magazines, and more? Look no further than the Teen Scene upstairs (aka The Coolest Place for Teens to be). We’ve got it all and will be waiting to see you!
**Save Your Memories**  
Mon., Dec. 2, Tue. Jan. 7, & Feb. 4  
6 – 6:30 pm  
**Teens & Adults**  
Digital Media Lab

VHS and camcorder tapes, vinyl albums, cassette tapes, old fading photographs, Super 8 & 8mm film — all can be converted into modern formats at the library. We’ll give you a short introduction to all of your options in the Digital Media Lab.  
**Registration required.**

Can’t make this program? Contact the Digital Media Lab for a tour at your convenience.

**Fiber Arts & Sewing Club**  
Thu., Dec. 5, Jan. 2, 16, & Feb. 6, 20  
6 – 7:30 pm  
**All Ages (6th Grade & under with guardian)**  
Meeting Room (Feb. 20 meeting in Digital Media Lab Program Area)

Knit, crochet, and sew in an informal exchange of ideas and information. Beginners are welcome. Bring your needles, hooks, or sewing machine and projects — or contact staff to borrow ours. Come ready to work, play, ask questions, and help others. You don’t need to stay the entire time. Young people should be at an age where they can work on sewing projects safely and somewhat independently.

To reserve one of 4 library sewing machines, call 815-485-2605 ext. 127 or email digitalmedialab@newlenoxlibrary.org. To learn more about this program, ask DML staff or visit:  
[www.newlenoxlibrary.org/dml/programs](http://www.newlenoxlibrary.org/dml/programs)

**Crafting with the Cameo**  
Mon., Dec. 16, Jan. 27, & Feb. 24  
6 – 7:30 pm  
**Teens & Adults**  
Digital Media Lab

Paper crafts, vinyl stickers, iron-ons and more: we’ll make a craft using the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. Visit the Digital Media Lab Programs page on the Library’s website to see what we’ll be making each month.  
**Registration required.**

**New Life For Old Bags**  
Mon., Dec. 9, Jan. 13, & Feb. 10  
6 – 7:30 pm  
**Adults & Teens**  
Meeting Room

Join the local NLOB chapter as we make mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags. This is a great opportunity for teens, grades 7 – 12, needing community service hours! **No court-ordered community service accepted.** If you are bringing a group it is **required** you contact the Adult Services Department.

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**ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS NOW!**

Display your Art Work in the Teen Scene  
Look for your teen coordinator at your school library every other month!
**Fiction Book Club**

Wed. Dec. 11, Jan. 8, & Feb. 12
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Adults
Board Room

This member-run club meets the second Wednesday of every month and reads a variety of titles, both fiction and non-fiction. Come discuss, share, and enjoy the experience of reading with a group! Call to reserve a copy of the book, or stop by Circulation to pick up a copy.

**Mystery Book Club**

Tue., Dec. 17, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Adults
Meeting Room A

Join our long-running book club as they discuss a different mystery each month! Stop at the Circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book at any time.

**Writer’s Group**

Wed., Dec. 4, 18, Jan. 15, & Feb. 5, 19
6 – 7:45 pm
Adults
Board Room

New members always welcome - come discuss your writing with others.

Visit Lynda.com from the Online Resources section of the website to take free classes to jumpstart your writing career. Examples of courses include “Write a Bestselling Novel in 15 Steps”, “Sell Your Novel to a Major Publisher”, and more!

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**Community Programs**

**Adult Board Games Club**

Tue., Dec. 17, Jan. 21, & Feb. 18
5 – 7 pm
Adults
Board Room

Join this enthusiastic group for a game or two! From board games to card games and anything in between, there is something for the gamer in you! Typically, the group plays something from the eurogame genre. Of course, the group is open to new games as well, so bring your favorite and share!

**Trivia at Beggars Pizza**

Tue., Jan. 14
7 – 9 pm
Adults 18+
Beggars Pizza

Looking for something to do on a Tuesday night? Look no more! Join us for a brain-busting evening at Beggars Pizza in New Lenox (650 Maple St., New Lenox, IL). Enjoy pizza and drinks and answer questions on a multitude of topics. Form a powerhouse team or come alone, and we will find a group for you to join!

Registration requested.

**Fiber Arts & Sewing Club**

Thu., Dec. 5, Jan. 2, 16, & Feb. 6, 20
6 – 7:30 pm
All Ages (6th Grade and under with guardian)
Meeting Room (Feb. 20 meeting in Digital Media Lab Program Area)

Knit, crochet, and sew in an informal exchange of ideas and information. Beginners are welcome. Bring your needles, hooks, or sewing machine and projects — or contact staff to borrow ours. Come ready to work, play, ask questions, and help others. You don’t need to stay the entire time. Young people should be at an age where they can work on sewing projects safely and somewhat independently.

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Adults & Teens
Meeting Room

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Painting Party
Wed., Dec. 11
11 am – 1 pm
Adults
Meeting Room B

Grab a friend and paint an original masterpiece. We provide the supplies; you bring the fun! The class starts promptly at 11 am. Registration required and begins Nov. 1.

* New Lenox Library cardholders have priority.

Crafting with the Cameo
Mon., Dec. 16, Jan. 27, & Feb. 24
6 – 7:30 pm
Teens & Adults
Digital Media Lab (Maximum 18)

Paper crafts, vinyl stickers, iron-ons, and more: we’ll make a craft using the Silhouette Cameo electronic cutter. Visit the Digital Media Lab Programs page on the Library’s website to see what we’ll be making each month. Registration required.

Paper Flower Club
Wed., Dec. 18, Jan. 15, & Feb. 19
6 – 7 pm
Adults
Meeting Room A

Are you looking for a crafting club to join? Do you want to do a craft that is a bit more hands on but you create something beautiful at the end? We will be meeting regularly to create one new paper flower each time. At the end of all the meetings we will be putting them into a beautiful bouquet. Registration required.

Save Your Memories
Mon., Dec. 2, Tue. Jan. 7, & Feb. 4
6 – 6:30 pm
Teens & Adults
Digital Media Lab

VHS and camcorder tapes, vinyl albums, cassette tapes, old fading photographs, Super 8 and 8mm film — all can be converted into modern formats at the Library. We’ll give you a short introduction to all of your options in the Digital Media Lab. Registration required.

Can’t make this program? Contact the Digital Media Lab for a tour at your convenience.
**Intro to Microsoft Excel**

Wed., Dec. 4  
10:30 – 11:30 am  
Adults  
Meeting Room B

Learn the basic skills of Microsoft Excel. This introductory class will allow you to begin using one of the most popular Microsoft programs!  
Registration required

**Lincoln-Way Central Madrigal Group’s Performance**

Tue., Dec. 3  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
All ages  
Meeting Room

Come and enjoy the wonderful voices of this amazing high school choral ensemble as they perform holiday classics.

**R.I.P. Sugar! How to Give Up Sugar for Good**

Thu., Jan. 9  
6 – 7 pm  
Adults  
Meeting Room

Do you want to eliminate sugar from your diet? Do you struggle with eating too many sweets? Do you binge on cookies, cakes, or ice cream in isolation? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this workshop is for you. The speaker will share how she eliminated sugar and teach you how to remove sugar from your diet. Learn what to expect throughout the process and how to conquer future challenges like holidays, birthday, and emotional triggers. This workshop is designed for adults and will be one hour. To learn more about the speaker, please see followyourspark.blog.  
Registration required

**NARCAN Training: Saving Lives with Naloxone**

Thu., Jan. 23  
1 – 2 pm  
Adults  
Meeting Room

Naloxone is an easy-to-use, life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose when delivered in a timely manner. Naloxone works by preventing opioids from attaching to the brain.  
Registration required.

**Ukulele Class**

Thu., Feb. 13  
6 – 7 pm  
Adults & Teens  
Meeting Room A

Do you have a ukulele at home, but never learned how to actually play it? Or perhaps you know a few chords and would like to jam with other uke players? Either way, we’ve got you covered! We are hosting a class for beginning ukulele players, taught by an experienced music professional. Bring your own instrument and get ready to strum along and have some fun!  
Registration required

**Organizing for Your Personality Type**

Thu., Feb. 20  
6 – 7 pm  
Adults  
Meeting Room

Are you right-brained or left-brained? Come to this workshop to find out. Based on your personality, learn your organizational styles. Everyone can be organized once you know what works for them. If you struggle with working hard to get organized and cannot understand why you are not able to stay organized, it might be because you are not organizing based on your personality type. Beth Randall returns to share her organizing tips!  
Registration required.
Genealogy Club
Tue., Dec. 10, Jan. 14, & Feb. 11
6 – 7:45 pm
Adults
Meeting Room B

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Each month we discuss different topics of family research such as; online databases, immigration, ethnic cultures, migration, adoption research, DNA, and many more genealogical specific programs. Come share your family research success stories and continue to increase the “branches” on your family tree!

Dec. 10:
Genealogy Success stories for 2019, how did you find that? Discussion for upcoming 2020 programs too.

Jan. 14:
Happy 10th Anniversary NLGC members! Plus we will be using local genealogical resources in your family research.

Feb. 11:
Dr. Paul Valasek will present: Immigrant Steamships, 1890-1950. A genealogy program displaying the major trans-Atlantic steamship companies, ports and ships which our ancestors chose for their “Trip of a Lifetime.”

2020 Census
Apply for a Census 2020 Job
Wed., Dec. 4
1 – 4 pm
Adults
Meeting Room A

Join the 2020 Census Team and be a Census Taker. The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring now for temporary Census 2020 Jobs. Representatives from the Chicago Regional Census Center will be here to help you navigate the process of applying for a job online, and to answer any questions that you might have.

Census 101: What, Why, and When
Tue., Feb. 11
2 – 3:30 pm
Adults
Meeting Room

Get your questions answered and learn all about the Census 2020, including timeline, community involvement, jobs, and resources.
Registration required.

Business Owner
Do you need help with your Marketing?

Did you know that we have a marketing expert with over 15 years experience in helping small businesses with their marketing efforts?

If you have a business in the Village of New Lenox you can schedule a one-on-one appointment, where we will share ideas, and marketing tactics as well as content and digital strategies.

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment contact Liz Wetmore at 815.485.2605 ext. 138.

What’s in the Digital Media Lab?

Be amazing in our Digital Media Lab! Convert VHS to DVD, learn photography, make videos, build websites, sew, knit, crochet, design — there’s so much to do. Don’t just read the how-to book: practice your skills at the library. Call 815.485.2605 ext. 127 or email digitalmedialab@newlenoxlibrary.org for a tour at your convenience, or take our online orientation any time at www.newlenoxlibrary.org/dml/orientation.
Holiday Craft Ornament
Thu., Dec. 12
1 – 3 pm
Adults
Meeting Room A

Learn how to transfer cute holiday characters and quotes on to wooden ornaments at this fun holiday craft program. Registration required.

Valentine’s Day Craft - Metal Stamping
Mon., Feb. 3
1 – 3 pm
Adults
Meeting Room A

Make a metal hand stamped keepsake personalized, special, and unique for yourself or a loved one. Registration required.
* New Lenox Library cardholders have priority.

Winter Craft - Painted Wooden Blocks
Thu., Jan. 23
6 – 7:30 pm
All ages
Meeting Room A

Come on your own or bring your kids to paint wooden blocks into penguins, or snowmen to brighten up your winter. Registration required.

Did you know The Friends of the Library have a Facebook page?
Check it out and like it to see all of their special events!
facebook.com/friendsofNLlibrary/

It’s time for a treat! Stop by the Just 4 U Café, where you can enjoy a delicious meal, snack, or refreshment.
Books and Movies Winter Review Challenge
Jan. 6 – Feb. 29
Ages 12 through adult

Join us for our very first Books and Movies Winter Review Challenge! Beat the winter blues by winning a cool prize! Between January 6 and February 29, submit a brief review of a book you read (or listened to) or a movie you watched to be entered into a prize drawing. The more reviews you submit, the more chances you have to win! Reviews can be turned in via the online form on the Library’s website or in person at the Adult Reference Desk. The best reviews will be posted on the Library’s Facebook Page (first name only). Also, make sure to check out our display featuring books and movies that you, the patrons, have reviewed!
Join the Friends of the Library

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Library Materials
- Collection of over 135,000 books
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- Large print materials
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- Newspapers (local and regional)

Library Services:
- 29 public computers with Internet, Microsoft Office, and headphone jacks
- Online databases for homework help, job searching, genealogy, and more (available 24/7)
- Copy machine printing, faxing (for a fee), and scanning
- New Lenox School District textbooks through 8th grade (available in-house)
  - Some Lincoln-Way textbooks (available in-house)
- Free WiFi throughout the Library
- Voter registration and notary services
- Meeting and study rooms
- Test proctoring
- Digital Media Lab and Makerspace

Holds:
Holds may be placed on most items either in person, over the phone, or on our website at www.newlenoxlibrary.org.

InterLibrary Loan:
If you can’t find what you are looking for in our catalog, let the Library see if we can find it elsewhere for you. Come in and speak to a trained library staff member about InterLibrary Loan (ILL) for any of your hard-to-find items.

Renewals:
Need more time with your item? Renewals may be done in person, over the phone at 815.485.2605, through the automated phone service at 1.888.542.7259, or through My Account on our website at www.newlenoxlibrary.org.

Returning Items:
You may return books in the Library at the front desk bookdrop or in the 24/7 drive-up bookdrop located on the east side of the building.

Fees:
Payment for overdue items may be made by cash, check, debit, or credit card. The Library accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. You may also pay through the My Account feature via the online catalog. Late fees of $25 or more that are unpaid for 60 days will be sent to a collection agency. If your fee exceeds $5, you will be unable to place holds, check out, renew items, and use the computers until the fee is paid. The price for lost and damaged items equals the cost of the item plus a $5.00 per item processing fee. If you lose your card, the first replacement will be free; replacements are $1 per card thereafter.
You can visit us during the following hours:

- Monday – Thursday: 10 am — 8 pm
- Friday: 10 am — 6 pm
- Saturday: 10 am — 4 pm
- Sunday: Closed

Contact Information
If you have questions, we have answers!

Call 815.485.2605

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Patron Service Commitment

🌟 We acknowledge each patron and provide service with kindness and respect.

🌟 Our spaces are well maintained, accommodating, and available for community use.

🌟 We provide service efficiently and effectively; finding an answer to your question is our priority.

🌟 We listen first and adapt to your changing needs in order to provide personalized service.

🌟 Library management is committed to delivering on our Strategic Goals and meeting community expectations in a way that is fiscally responsible.

🌟 The Library provides opportunities for community engagement, participation, and learning.

We invite you to tell us how we are doing!

Winter Reading Club
Mon., Dec. 2 – Sat., Feb. 1
Ages 1 – 12