

Insider Guide

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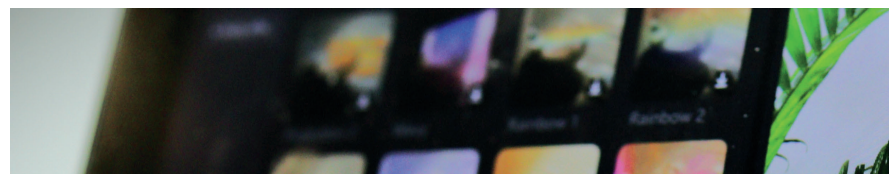
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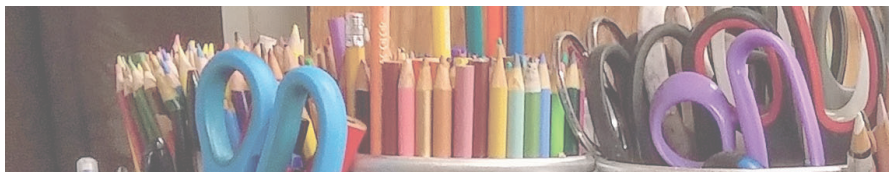
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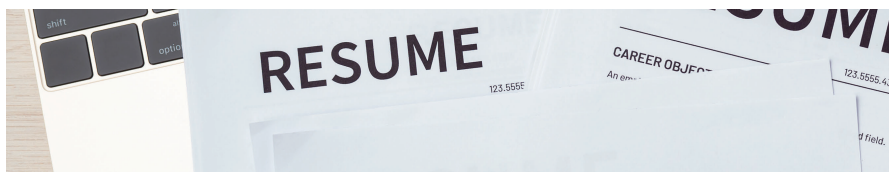
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Program Key

 In-Person  Virtual

Registration is required for programs unless otherwise noted.

Register at www.newlenoxlibrary.org or call (815) 485-2605. You will receive an email and link for live stream virtual programs.

ADA Accommodations

Available for programs and Library visits. Please call (815) 485-2605 or email info@newlenoxlibrary.org.

Photo Policy

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GHOULS & GOLF



Sunday, October 26

Time slots available from 11 AM - 4 PM

Registration opens Wednesday, October 1

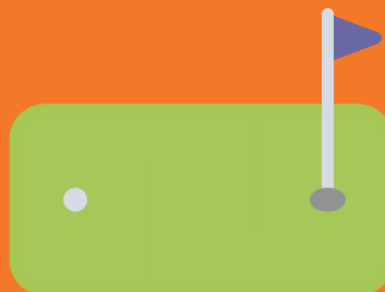
Experience our 18-hole mini golf course spooktacularly decorated for Halloween. Wear your costume, take a spooky selfie, and get a trick-or-treat bag after you're done!

Registration is free but required and starts Wednesday, October 1. One representative from each group (or an individual) must register to reserve your time slot (1-5 people per timeslot). Please include everyone's name.

Groups larger than 5 will need to split and register separately to make sure everyone has enough time to play through. If you have a big group and are not sure how to register, Youth Services and Adult & Teen Services staff are ready to help you at their service desks!

The Library will only be open for the event.

No regular Library services will be available.



EEK!-O FRIENDLY COSTUME EXCHANGE



Donate your gently-used costumes at Youth Services

**Tuesday, September 2 -
Thursday, October 30.**

Browse the costume rack for
a **free** “new to you” costume
October 1 - 31!

One costume per person, please!

DIY Howl--Ween Costume Contest*

Wednesday, September 24 to Friday, October 24

Winners announced Friday, October 31

Unleash your creativity and your pet's inner star! Join our month-long DIY Pet Costume Contest, where pets of all kinds strut their stuff in handmade, maker-themed costumes. Whether it's cardboard armor, crocheted capes, or 3D-printed wings, show off your crafting skills and your pet's charm.



Submit a photo to compete in fun categories for a chance to win *pawsome* prizes! Registration begins Wednesday, September 24 and final submissions must be received by Friday, October 24. Winners will be announced Friday, October 31. **Register through our form on newlenoxlibrary.org/events.**

**This is not an in-person event. Per ADA requirements, only service animals are allowed inside the library.*

“Cauldron Critter” Crafting Classes

Throughout October, the Studio will have classes with tips and tricks for adding pieces to your costumes:

- Monday, October 6 | 5:30 - 7 PM: Paper, Cardboard, Vinyl, Oh My! (Registration opens Wed., Sep. 6)
- Monday, October 13 | 5:30 - 7 PM: Hand Sewing (Registration opens Wed., Sep. 13)
- Monday, October 20 | 5:30 - 7 PM: Final Touches (Registration opens Wed., Sep. 20)

September

IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



One Card. Endless Possibilities!



We're celebrating all month long!

- Stop by any service desk starting Tuesday, September 2 to pick up a community bingo card. Turn in your bingo card from **Monday, September 8-Tuesday, September 30** to be entered to win great prizes! (*One bingo card per patron.*)
- We're adding two new book carts and need your help naming them! Submit your best ideas from **Tuesday, September 2-Tuesday, September 30** for a chance to make library history. Winning names will be featured on the carts—plus bragging rights! Stay tuned for voting and prizes. Let the naming begin!
- And more!

Kids learn best by doing — and that's exactly what they'll do at **How-To Kids: Life Skills Lab!** This interactive, station-based program invites children ages 4-12 to explore a variety of real-life and often-forgotten skills in a fun, hands-on, and supportive setting.

Each station includes step-by-step guidance, real tools/props, and take-home materials so families can keep practicing. We'll highlight the "why" behind each skill and make learning feel fun & empowering.



Ages 4-12

Saturday, September 20

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

No registration required!

SPOOKY Spotlight

📍 Maleficarum and Misfortune: Records and Resources for Tracing Accused Witches *Genealogy Club*

Adults

Tuesday, September 9 | 6 - 7 PM

Meeting Room B

For over two centuries, individuals accused of witchcraft did not live by the principle of “innocent until proven guilty” – if you made it to trial, the law heavily presumed guilt. Legal documentation generated from these trials survive for modern-day genealogists. In this lecture, we'll review witch trial records and resources for ancestors from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland from 1500-1717. **Registration opens Saturday, August 9.**

📍 Student D&D: Halloween Slasher One Shot



9th Grade - College-Age Adult

Saturday, October 4 | 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Hey campers! Join us for a totally tubular night of Dungeons and Dragons, it's sure to be a killer time! This single session "one-shot" campaign plays out like a classic 1980s slasher flick. Choose from pre-made characters based on iconic 80s movie tropes: the boneheaded jock, the bleacher nerd, the popular it girl, and more. Think surviving will be easy? As if! Whether you are a new or experienced D&D player, come celebrate spooky season with this campy, retro, horror adventure at the Library. Kick it old school with paper sheets and dice or go digital via D&D Beyond on your phone or computer.

Come in your Halloween costume or most rad 80s fit and earn a free inspiration-a special bonus that can give you an edge in the game! **Registration opens Thursday, September 4.**

📍 Cryptid Hunt

Ages 4-13

Saturday, October 11 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Outdoor Naturescape

Join us for an exciting adventure in the search for hidden creatures! Young investigators will embark on a thrilling journey to uncover the mysteries of hidden cryptids lurking in our midst. Search for clues to track down mysterious creatures and discover the secrets of legendary beasts. Are you ready to join the hunt? **Registration not required.**

📍 Ghost Hunting in the Library

Adults & Teens

Friday, October 17 | 5-7:30 PM (12-17 years old)

Saturday, October 18 | 5-7:30 PM (Adults)

The Studio/The Library

Join us for a spooky evening searching for supernatural phenomena inside the library! We will have a variety of equipment for you to use along with tips & tricks on your quest. **Registration opens Wednesday, September 17 or Thursday, September 18.**

📍 Wedding Craft Club

Adults

Wednesday, September 3 | 5 - 7 PM: **Vision Boards**

Saturday, September 13 | 11 AM - 1 PM: **Sunglasses & Mocktails**

Saturday, November 8 | 11 AM - 1 PM: **Embroidered Sweatshirts & T-shirts**

Wednesday, November 12 | 5 - 7 PM: **Laser Cut Cake Toppers**

The Studio



Are you planning a DIY wedding but don't know where to start? This club is for you! During these meetings, we'll focus on a DIY wedding project that you can incorporate into your big day. Not only will this club provide you with the tools to add personal touches to your wedding, but it will also be a space for you to share ideas and gather feedback about your planning! **Registration opens one month before program date.**

📍 Knit Happens!



Adults

1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month | 6 - 7:30 PM

The Studio

And it's not just knitting! Bring your crochet, sewing, embroidery, weaving and other fiber arts projects. All skill levels are welcome! **Registration encouraged.**

DATES

Thursday, September 4

Thursday, October 16

Thursday, September 18

Thursday, November 6

Thursday, October 2

Thursday, November 20

📍 Intro to 3D Printing & TinkerCAD

4th Grade and Up

Wednesday, September 10 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Learn the ins-and-outs of The Studio's 3D printing process: how to find something to print, submit it to us, and pick up a finished design. Want to design something yourself? Learn how to make your own keychain design in TinkerCAD! **Registration opens Sunday, August 10.**

📍 Sewing with Rachael

Adults & Teens

3rd Tuesday of the Month | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Want to learn how to sew? Join Rachael as she teaches a different project each month, helping you gain a variety of sewing skills with a machine or by hand.

Tuesday, September 16: One-Yard Magic Pillowcase*

Tuesday, October 21: Scissor Storage Pouch for Traveling*

Tuesday, November 18: One-Yard Fabric Messenger Bag*

Registration opens one month before program date.

**Sewing machine required. We recommend learning on your own sewing machine. If you don't have a machine, you can use one of ours.*

📍 Hearts & Crafts

Adults

4th Monday of the Month | 6 - 7:30 PM

The Studio

Do you make items for charities? Bring your projects and meet like-minded makers! Looking for a project to do? New Life for Old Bags will be there with materials to get you started! **Registration encouraged.**

DATES

Monday, September 22

Monday, November 24

Monday, October 27



📍 Intro to Laser Cutting & xTools

Adults & Teens

Thursday, September 25 | 5:30-7 PM **OR**

Monday, November 3 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Learn the ins-and-outs of how to use the Laser Cutter in The Studio. We will go over what the laser cutter can do, different projects you can create, and how to submit a request. Want to design something yourself? Learn how to make a keychain on basswood using xTool Creative Space. **Registration opens Monday, August 25 & Monday, October 3.**

📍 Crafting with the Cricut: Vinyl Tote Bags

Adults & Teens

Tuesday, September 30 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Crafting with the Cricut classes and do-it-yourself kits use the Cricut Maker 3 and Cricut Explore Air to make a paper, vinyl, or heat transfer project. **Registration opens Saturday, August 30.**



📍 Crafting Corner: Spooky Tie Dye

7th-12th Grade

Wednesday, October 15

5:30-7:30 PM

The Studio

Let's craft in the Studio! Create a project with other teens using our machines and supplies here at the Studio. Materials will be provided. Please wear clothes you are comfortable with getting dirty. **Registration encouraged.**



📍 Laser Cutting with xTools: Decorate Ghost Frames

Adults

Wednesday, October 8 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

This month, we will cut ghost frames to get into the spooky season. You will then get to paint and decorate your frame. 1 frame per patron. **Registration opens Monday, September 8.**



📍 Ghost Hunting in the Library

Adults & Teens

Friday, October 17 | 5-7:30 PM (7th-12th Grade)

Saturday, October 18 | 5-7:30 PM (Adults)

The Studio/The Library

Join us for a spooky evening searching for supernatural phenomena inside the library! We will have a variety of equipment for you to use along with tips & tricks on your quest. **Registration opens Wednesday, September 17 & Thursday, September 18.**





📍 Candle Making with the Candle Vault

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, November 5 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Ignite your senses! Join the Candle Vault as they give a demonstration and instruct you how to make your own candle. Materials and supplies will be provided.

Learn more about the Candle Vault at www.thecandlevault.com. **Registration opens Sunday, October 5.**

Studio2Go (for adults & teens)

Sunday, Oct. 19 to Saturday, Oct. 25:
Paint by Numbers Kit

Sunday, Nov. 16 to Saturday, Nov. 22:
"Bookish" Banner

Stop by the Studio to pick up the craft of the month.
We will provide all the materials you may need.
*While supplies lasts

📍 Happy Little Painting Party

Adults & Teens

Monday, November 10 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

Unwind and get creative for a Happy Little Painting Party. Follow along with a soothing video tutorial to learn tricks and techniques to paint an autumn scene. No experience necessary. Canvases, paints, and tools will be provided. **Registration opens Friday, October 10.**

📍 Let's Sublimate!: Cozy Mug + Kit

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, November 19 | 5:30 - 7 PM

The Studio

This month, we'll create designs in CreativeStudio and sublimate coffee mugs using the SawGrass500. At the end, you'll assemble a "cozy kit" for the season!
Registration opens Sunday, October 19.



The Studio

For info about The Studio, email studio@newlenoxlibrary.org or call 815-485-2605 ext. 127



STEAM Studio

1st-6th Grade

Mondays | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

The Studio

Are you interested in STEAM? Do you enjoy creating, tinkering, and building? Join us in the Studio for all things Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Monday, September 29: Maze Mania

Monday, October 27: Eerie Eyeball Slime

Monday, November 24: Bath Bomb Builders

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Monday, September 29	Monday, September 15
Monday, October 27	Monday, October 13
Monday, November 24	Monday, November 10

Kids Code Club

2nd-5th Grade

Thursdays | 5 - 5:45 PM

The Studio

Join Mr. Eric for a fun introduction to block coding! Each month we will focus on a new challenge and provide step-by-step instructions for an exciting coding experience!

Thursday, September 11: MakeCode Arcade - Joy of Bubble Popping Game

Thursday, October 9: MakeCode Arcade - Create a Maze Game

Thursday, November 13: MakeCode Arcade - Animated Snow Globe

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Thursday, September 11	Thursday, August 28
Thursday, October 9	Thursday, September 25
Thursday, November 13	Thursday, October 30



Tween Craft & Create

4th-8th Grade

Thursdays | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

The Studio

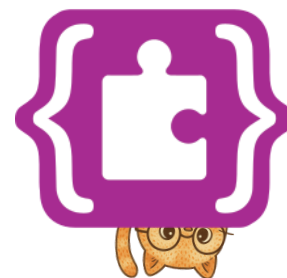
Join Ms. Kyra in The Studio to craft and create using the Silhouette Cameo, sublimation printer, heat press, and more! All supplies will be provided.

Thursday, September 18: Personalized Canvas Banners

Thursday, October 16: Spooky Stickers

Thursday, November 20: Cut Paper Christmas Cards

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Thursday, September 18	Thursday, September 4
Thursday, October 16	Thursday, October 2
Thursday, November 20	Thursday, November 6



Mondays

📍 On Our Own

Ages 4-6

10:30 - 11 AM

Sing along with songs, listen to fun stories, then wrap it all up with a hands-on art project. Caregivers may sign in participants and remain in the youth department during the program.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Monday, September 15	Monday, September 8
Monday, September 22	Monday, September 15
Monday, September 29	Monday, September 22
Monday, October 6	Monday, October 29
Monday, October 13	Monday, October 6
Monday, October 20	Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10	Monday, November 3
Monday, November 17	Monday, November 10
Monday, November 24	Monday, November 17

Wednesdays

📍 Music Makers

Birth-6 with a Caregiver

9 - 9:30 AM OR 10 - 10:30 AM

(two session times to choose from!)

Listen to stories and explore music while we dance around and sing songs.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Wednesday, September 17	Wednesday, September 10
Wednesday, September 24	Wednesday, September 17
Wednesday, October 1	Wednesday, September 24
Wednesday, October 8	Wednesday, October 1
Wednesday, October 15	Wednesday, October 8
Wednesday, October 22	Wednesday, October 15
Wednesday, November 12	Wednesday, November 5
Wednesday, November 19	Wednesday, November 12
Wednesday, November 26	Wednesday, November 19

Tuesdays

📍 Baby & Me Storytime

6-23 Months with a Caregiver

9:30 - 10 AM

This sweet storytime is filled with books, songs, rhymes, and bubbles! Siblings are welcome.

📍 Pajama Time

Ages 3-7 with a Caregiver

7 - 7:30 PM

Throw on your jammies for a family slumber party! Grab your favorite stuffed animal and cuddle up for bedtime stories and a simple craft.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Tuesday, September 16	Tuesday, September 9
Tuesday, September 23	Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, September 30	Tuesday, September 23
Tuesday, October 7	Tuesday, September 30
Tuesday, October 14	Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, October 21	Tuesday, October 14
Tuesday, November 18	Tuesday, November 11
Tuesday, November 25	Tuesday, November 18

Thursdays

📍 Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with a Caregiver

10 - 10:30 AM

This storytime for twos and threes will have your toddler singing and dancing while making new friends along the way. Siblings are welcome.

📍 On Our Own

Ages 4-6

1 - 1:30 PM

Sing along with songs, listen to fun stories, then wrap it all up with a hands-on art project.

Caregivers may sign in participants and remain in the youth department during the program.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Thursday, September 16	Thursday, September 9
Thursday, September 23	Thursday, September 16
Thursday, September 30	Thursday, September 23
Thursday, October 7	Thursday, September 30
Thursday, October 14	Thursday, October 7
Thursday, October 21	Thursday, October 14
Thursday, November 13	Thursday, November 6
Thursday, November 20	Thursday, November 13

Kids (Birth - Age 5)

📍 Stay & Play

Ages 0-5 with a Caregiver

Thursdays | 10:30 AM- 12 PM

Meeting Room AB



Join us for a morning of open-ended free play. Kids will be able to imagine, explore, discover, and meet new friends in a fun environment. Siblings welcome!

No registration required.

DATE

Thursday, September 18	Thursday, October 16
Thursday, September 25	Thursday, November 13
Thursday, October 7	Thursday, November 20
Thursday, October 9	

📍 Play-Doh Playtime

Ages 1-3 with a Caregiver

Fridays | 9:30 - 10 AM

Storytime Room

A fun, hands-on experience perfect for the littlest patrons, Play-Doh Playtime is sure to bring out your child's creativity and imagination.

📍 Play-Doh Playtime: Master Molders

Ages 4-6 with a Caregiver

Fridays | 10:15 - 10:45 AM

Storytime Room

Big kids love Play-Doh, too! Let your child's creativity shine in this Play-Doh program perfect for those who want to build and create.

DATE REGISTRATION STARTS

Friday, September 26	Friday, September 19
Friday, October 3	Friday, September 26
Friday, October 10	Friday, October 3
Friday, October 17	Friday, October 10
Friday, October 24	Friday, October 17
Friday, November 14	Friday, November 7
Friday, November 21	Friday, November 14



📍 Kinder Drawin'

Kindergarten

Thursdays | 5:30 - 6 PM

Storytime Room

Calling all budding artists! Come listen to a story and follow along to create a fun drawing each month!

DATE

REGISTRATION STARTS

Thursday, September 18	Thursday, September 4
Thursday, October 16	Thursday, October 2
Thursday, November 20	Thursday, November 6

📍 Pee-Wee Picasso

Ages Birth-2.5 with a Caregiver

Saturdays | 10 - 11 AM

Meeting Room AB



Join us for a special creative playtime just for our youngest library friends! Pee-Wee Picasso is all about process-based art — no instructions, no expectations, and no “right” way to create. Every child's masterpiece will be totally their own.

We'll explore a variety of sensory materials and art tools that encourage curiosity, motor skills, and self-expression — all in a relaxed, child-led environment.

DRESS FOR MESS! Getting messy is part of the fun.

Let your little one squish, splash, swirl, and smear their way into creativity!

DATE

REGISTRATION STARTS

Saturday, September 27	Saturday, September 13
Saturday, November 22	Saturday, November 8

Kids (Ages 6 - 13)

📍 Primary Grandparent Portraits

Ages 5-9

Sunday, September 7

12:30 - 2 PM

Meeting Room AB

Celebrate Grandparent's Day by painting your grandparent's portrait! **Registration opens Saturday, August 24.**



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

📍 D&D Kids Club

3rd-6th Grade

Mondays | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room A

Make friends and get creative in this 3-week Dungeons & Dragons campaign for all skill levels. Registration covers all sessions; attendance is required each week,

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Mondays, September 8, 15, 22	Monday, August 18
Mondays, October 6, 13, 20	Monday, September 22
Mondays, November 3, 10, 17	Monday, October 20

📺 Art Club

1st-6th Grade

Mondays | 4:30 - 4:45 PM



Create some awesome art with a step-by-step video to help you create a masterpiece!

September Theme: Sunflowers - Pointillism

October Theme: Fall Reflections

November Theme: Mosaic Owl

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Monday, September 15	Monday, September 1
Monday, October 20	Monday, October 6
Monday, November 17	Monday, November 3

📍 Chess Club for Kids

Ages 8-12

Wednesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room A

Learn chess and play with others in this 3-week program. Designed for beginners, but all levels welcome.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17	Wednesday, August 20
Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15	Wednesday, Sep. 17
Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19	Wednesday, October 22

📍 Kindness Club

Ages 7-12

Wednesdays | 5 - 5:30 PM

Storytime Room

Make the world a better place with fun projects that spread kindness and bring smiles along the way.

September Theme: Friendship Bracelets

October Theme: Boo Bags

November Theme: Holiday Cards for Seniors

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Wednesday, September 17	Wednesday, September 3
Wednesday, October 15	Wednesday, October 1
Wednesday, November 19	Wednesday, November 5

📍 Weird Wednesdays

Ages 8-13

Wednesdays | 5 - 5:45 PM

Meeting Room A

Join us for a discussion of everything weird, wacky, and wonderful! Each month will focus on a bizarre topic and include a themed activity.

September Theme: The Bermuda Triangle

October Theme: Superstitions

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Wednesday, September 24	Wednesday, September 10
Wednesday, October 29	Wednesday, October 15

Kids (Ages 6 - 13)

📍 LEGO Club

1st-5th Grade

Thursdays | 5 - 5:45 PM

Meeting Room A

We supply the bricks—you bring the imagination!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Thursday, September 4	Thursday, August 21
Thursday, October 2	Thursday, September 18
Thursday, November 6	Thursday, October 23

🍳 Cooking with Kyra

Ages 4-10

Thursdays | 4:30 - 4:45 PM

Hear a story and follow Ms. Kyra's video to make a snack.

September Recipe: Granola Poppers

October Recipe: Pretzel Spider Webs

November Recipe: Apple Pie Crescent Rolls

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Thursday, September 25	Thursday, September 11
Thursday, October 23	Thursday, October 9
Thursday, November 27	Thursday, November 13

📍 Homeschool Hangout

Ages 5-12

Fridays | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Meeting Room AB

Meet other homeschool families through games, hands-on activities, and more!

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
Friday, September 12	Friday, August 28
Friday, October 10	Friday, September 26
Friday, November 14	Friday, October 31



📍 Go With the Flow: Period Party

Ages 8-13

Saturday, September 13 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Let's celebrate! We will be crafting, snacking, and learning all about menstruation! Perfect for anyone who will or has recently gotten their period.

Registration opens Saturday, August 30.

📍 Puzzle Racing

Family Teams

Saturday, November 15 | 1 - 3 PM

Meeting Room AB



On your mark, get set, PUZZLE! Come with your team of up to four friends or family members to show off your puzzle-solving skills.

All teams will receive the same 300-piece puzzle. The top three teams in each category to finish fastest—or place the most pieces before time runs out—win a prize! **Registration opens Saturday, November 1.**

📍 Tastes Around the World

4th-8th Grade

Thursday, October 9 | 6 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Get ready to snack, learn, and explore! Sample foods from three countries and explore their cultures, all at the library. **Registration opens Thursday, September 25.**

Kids Book Clubs

📍 Family Book Club

Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Mondays | 6 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Looking for a fun way to connect as a family and encourage a love of reading? Join our Family Book Club & Pizza Night — a monthly gathering where families read a book together at home, then come to the library to chat, play, and eat!

Monday, September 29:

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

(Registration starts

Monday, September 15)



Monday, October 27:

Bunnicula by James & Deborah Howe

(Registration starts

Monday, October 13)



Monday, November 24:

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

by Roald Dahl

(Registration starts

Monday, November 10)



📍 Biography Bunch

Ages 6-10

Tuesdays | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Storytime Room

Join us for a story and a fun activity as we embark on a journey of discovery to uncover the lives of some of the most fascinating people in history.

Tuesday, September 2:

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor:

The Woman Who Loved Reptiles

by Patricia Valdez

(Registration starts Tuesday,

August 19)



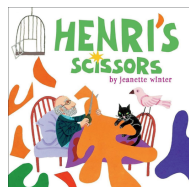
Tuesday, October 7:

Henri's Scissors

by Jeanette Winter

(Registration starts Tuesday,

September 23)



📍 Geek Out! Graphic Novel Club

4th-8th Grade

Tuesdays | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Storytime Room

Come chat about this month's graphic novel selection while creating a unique craft. Pick up books at the Patron Services desk.

Tuesday, September 16:

This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews

(Registration starts

Tuesday, September 2)

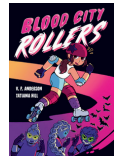


Tuesday, October 21:

Blood City Rollers by V.P. Anderson

(Registration starts

Tuesday, October 7)



Tuesday, November 18:

Lo & Behold by Wendy Mass

(Registration starts

Tuesday, November 4)



📍 Bluestem Readers Group

3rd-5th Grade

Thursdays | 5:30 - 6:20 PM

Storytime Room



The Bluestem Award is an Illinois Readers' Choice program for 3rd–5th graders. Join the club to read the 2026 nominees and vote for your favorite! Each month, we'll discuss a new book, enjoy a snack, and do fun activities. Please read the book in advance. Pick up books at the Patron Services desk.

*Please note: returning readers from last season who are entering 6th grade and would like to continue participation, are welcome.

Thursday, September 25:

Escape at 10,000 Feet: D.B. Cooper

and the Missing Money by Tom Sullivan

(Registration starts Thursday, September 11)



Thursday, October 23:

Better with Butter by Victoria Piontek

(Registration starts Thursday, October 9)





📍 ACT Digital Practice Test

Presented by Huntington Learning Center

9th-12th Grade

Saturday, September 6 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Meeting Room AB

Join us for a full-length digital ACT practice test at the Library, offered by Huntington Learning Center. The ACT is required for high school graduation in Illinois, and this is a great opportunity to prepare. You'll receive a detailed score report and personalized guidance from Huntington experts to help you improve. Higher scores mean more college choices. *Test results will not be reported or affect college admissions.*

Special Registration Required: Sign up through Huntington using the QR code. A \$20 fee is required for registration, but it will be applied as a credit if you choose to enroll at Huntington (no obligation).

Registration opens Friday, August 1 and closes Wednesday, September 3.



📍 Teen Advisory Group

7th-12th grade

Thursdays, September 18, October 16 & November 20 | 5:30 - 7 PM

September will meet in the Teen Scene.

October and November will meet in Meeting Room B.

Join us for our monthly Teen Advisory Group meeting. We will discuss programming ideas, your favorite reads, video gaming, and more. TAG is a great way to earn service hours and make a difference in your Library community! New members always welcome!

Registration encouraged but not required. Please contact our Teen Services Specialist at gdaugherty@newlenoxlibrary.org for more information and/or to sign up.

📍 K-Pop & Chill

7th-12th Grade

Thursdays, September 25 | 4 - 5 PM

Meeting Room AB

Calling all ARMY, BLINKs, STAYs and anyone curious about K-pop! Come hang, meet up with fellow fans to talk about your favorite groups, try Korean snacks, decorate a top loader (or three), and learn some choreography from popular songs.

K-pop is bigger than ever, with BTS finishing military service, Stray Kids launching "Step Out 2025," and a wave of comebacks and concerts on the way. It's the perfect time to dive in. Whether you're a longtime fan or just getting into it, come hang out and celebrate the music, the moves, and the global community.

Registration is encouraged but not required.

The first ten teens to register will receive a free photocard!



📍 Teen Movie Night: Five Nights at Freddy's

7th-12th Grade

Thursday, November 6 | 5:45 - 7:45 PM

Meeting Room AB

Uhhh hello? Hello hello? Are you ready for the show? Try to keep your heads on straight as we watch "Five Nights at Freddy's" (PG-13).

Get hyped for the new "FNAF 2" coming out soon on December 5 by watching the first movie and diving into some Purple Guy-approved library materials available for checkout, like the "Silver Eyes" book series and the original game franchise that inspired it all.

Channel your inner MatPat and brush up on your lore before the toy animatronics come out to play. Think you can survive five nights?

Movie is Rated PG-13 for violent content, bloody images and language.

Registration opens Monday, October 6.

Adults & Teens

📍 Trivia Night at Beggars Pizza

9th Grade - Adult

Thursdays, September 11 & November 13 | 6 - 8 PM
Beggars Pizza: 650 Maple St., New Lenox

Join us for Trivia at Beggars Pizza in New Lenox! Enjoy food, drinks, and questions on all kinds of topics.

Play solo or with a team for prizes! One person per team must register to reserve a table. **Registration opens Monday, August 11 and Monday, October 13 and closes two days before the event.**

Please help us get an accurate headcount by registering your team in advance. Groups of more than 6 must make two separate reservations.

📍 "Happy Fall Y'all" Wreath

Adults & Teens

Monday, September 15 | Available starting at 4 PM
Adult & Teen Services Desk

It's that time again... fresh fall leaves, the smell of pumpkin pie, and pumpkin spice lattes in the air! Pick up this take & make craft kit as we will be using leaves, flowers, and ribbon to make a decorative fall wreath. Beautiful fall colors will burst through this wreath as you welcome in the Autumn Season!



All take & make kits are available at Adult & Teen Services Desk starting at 4 PM while supplies last. Limit one per person present.

📍 Paint & Plant: A Mental Wellness Class

Adults & Teens

Thursday, September 23 | 6 - 7:15 PM
Meeting Room AB



Take time for creativity and self-care this September with Rejuvenate Plants & Wellness in recognition of Suicide Prevention Month. Decorate a planter, and pot a live plant as we talk about supporting emotional well-being and mental health awareness. All materials provided. **Registration opens Saturday, August 23.**

📍 Student D&D: Halloween Slasher One Shot

9th Grade - College-Age Adult

Saturday, October 4 | 12:30 - 3:30 PM
Meeting Room AB

Hey campers! Join us for a totally tubular night of Dungeons and Dragons, it's sure to be a killer time! Think surviving will be easy? *As if!*

New and experienced players welcome. See page six or our website calendar for more details!

Come in your Halloween costume or most rad 80s fit and earn a free inspiration. Registration opens Thursday, September 4.

📍 Spice Club

Adults & Teens

Monday, October 6 | Available starting at 4 PM
Adult and Teen Service Desk

Spice up your cooking with our bi-monthly spice kits! Each kit includes a sample spice and a packet including recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context.

October spice: Marjoram

All take & make kits are available at Adult & Teen Services Desk starting at 4 PM while supplies last. Limit one per person present.

📍 British Re-Invasion with Dave Rudolf

Adults & Teens

Saturday, October 11 | 1 - 2 PM
Meeting Room AB

Get ready for a rockin' afternoon of music and memories! Join award-winning performer Dave Rudolf for a fun, nostalgic tribute to the British Invasion—featuring hits from The Beatles, The Kinks, The Who, and more, plus stories from his decades in music.



With 40+ albums, Grammy nods, and performances with legends like The Beach Boys, Dave brings experience, humor, and charm to the stage. **Registration encouraged—register in advance for a chance to win a free CD!**

Adults & Teens

📍 "Holiday Wishes" Reversible Wood Signs

Adults & Teens

Tuesday, November 4 | 6 - 7:30 PM

Meeting Room AB



In this craft class, we'll decorate six reversible wooden blocks. One side will spell out "Happy Thanksgiving" and the other "Merry Christmas." We will be using paint, scrapbook paper, and vinyl letters to spell out not just one, but two Holiday wishes! So, don't be a Blockhead - join us for this fun in-house craft. **Registration opens Saturday, October 4.**

📍 Plaid Tree Trio Kit

Adults & Teens

Monday, November 17 | Available starting at 4 PM at the Adult & Teen Services Desk

Start your holiday decorating early with a trio of charming trees! This take & make craft kit includes everything you need to create three festive trees using foam cones, and plaid cupcake wrappers. Make your own "Pretty in Plaid" winter wonderland.

All take & make kits are available at Adult & Teen Services Desk starting at 4 PM while supplies last. Limit one per person present.

Adults

📍 Senior Coffee Breaks

Seniors

Thursdays, September 4 & November 6

10:30 AM - 12 PM* | Doors open at 10:30 AM

September program will be in Meeting Room B, November program will be in Meeting Room AB

Take your mid-morning break at the library with discussion, socializing, and plenty of coffee! Doors open at 10:30 AM for coffee and social hour, with activities starting at 11 AM.

Thursday, September 4: Join us for a Paint and Sip with Capital Hospice & Palliative Care, LLC. Enjoy a refreshing non-alcoholic beverage and step by step instructions to create your own painted masterpiece.

Thursday, November 6: This month's activity is watching a Force Blue Team documentary. Force Blue unites Special Operations veterans with marine conservation through "mission therapy," using their training to create positive change for themselves and the planet. This session of Senior Coffee will be from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM* to accommodate the runtime of the documentary (1 hour and 26 minutes).

Registration opens Mondays, August 4 and October 6.

📍 Microsoft Word for Beginners

Monday, September 8 | 3- 4 PM

Meeting Room B



Learn Microsoft Word basics using Office 2019, presented by the Workforce Center of Will County. Equipment provided. **Registration opens Friday, August 8.**



Happiness Happens

Tuesday, September 16
6 - 7 PM

Virtual

Registration opens
Saturday, August 16.

Happiness often feels out of reach but what if we are simply not noticing it? In this engaging webinar with Connie Lagan, explore how to attract, experience, and expand happiness in all areas of life. Through a combination of lecture, guided meditation, and Q&A, you'll learn how cognitive theory and positive psychology can help shift your mindset, move beyond negativity, and create space for joy wherever you are.

Maleficarum and Misfortune: Records and Resources for Tracing Accused Witches

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, September 9 | 6 - 7 PM
Meeting Room B



For over two centuries, individuals accused of witchcraft did not live by the principle of "innocent until proven guilty" – if you made it to trial, the law heavily presumed guilt. Legal documentation generated from these trials survive for modern-day genealogists. In this lecture, we'll review witch trial records and resources for ancestors from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland from 1500-1717. **Registration opens Saturday, August 9.**

Resume Building Workshop

Tuesday, September 22 & Monday, October 13
3 - 4 PM

Meeting Room B

Join the Workforce Center of Will County for a hands-on resume workshop designed to empower job seekers with the skills and strategies necessary to craft a standout resume. Learn how to format, tailor, and showcase your skills and demonstrate your value on the page. **Registration opens Friday, August 22 and Saturday, September 13.**

A, B, Cs about Medicare

Thursday, September 25 | 10 - 11:30 AM
Conference Room

Medicare enrollment begins in October, and now is a great time to get informed. Join the team from Devoted Health for a helpful overview of Medicare Advantage, including what Medicare is, how it works, and what the different parts (A, B, C, and D) mean for you. Learn about enrollment periods, how to avoid penalties, explore costs and coverage options, and find out how to choose a plan that fits your needs. Bring your questions and get the guidance you need to make confident decisions about your healthcare. **Registration opens Monday, August 25.**

Phone Basics with Tech Tutors

Monday, September 15, October 20 &
November 17 | 3:30 - 5 PM
Conference Room

Learn to better navigate your smartphones and apps in these 30-minute one-on-one sessions. **Registration opens Friday, August 15, Saturday, September 20, and Friday, October 17.**

This series focuses on basic device use; we can't repair or troubleshoot damaged devices but we will do our best to assist you.

Adults

📍 The Leisurely Librarian

Quarterly Activity Packet

Available Starting Wednesday, October 1!

Grab the next edition of our quarterly large-print activity book designed just for adults at the Adult Programs Display or Senior Info Table. Features puzzles, reading recommendations, recipes, games, and more. Digital copies and past editions can be viewed on the library website calendar.

📍 Before You Call The Handyman

Tuesday, October 7 | 6 - 7 PM

Meeting Room B

Professional handyman and licensed building engineer Dan Findley will share easy home repairs and simple preventative maintenance you can do yourself with just a few tools. His fun and friendly approach makes it easy for anyone to learn how to keep their home in good shape. Learn and laugh together—before you decide to call a handyman.

Registration opens Sunday, September 7.

📍 Tranquil Tuesdays: Pumpkin Spice Candles

Tuesday, October 14 | 5:30 - 7 PM

Meeting Room AB

Take some time for yourself at the library! Each Tranquil Tuesday will feature mindfulness and relaxation activities. Come and go as you please during the drop-in window for our adult coloring station, craft station, and meditation station. There will be a materials for coloring or bring your own supplies. Enjoy pleasant conversation or bring your headphones and zone out!

The craft station for Fall will be DIY pumpkin spice candles in mason jars. **Registration not required.**

📍 BYOB: Bring Your Own Book Club

Wednesdays, October 15 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

3 Corners Tap & Grill, 901 E Lincoln Hwy, New Lenox

Join us for the BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Book Club for adults: a stress-free book discussion with no required reading! We'll talk about books we've recently read or listened to, share ideas for new reads, and enjoy great food and drinks at 3 Corners Grill & Tap.

Registration opens Monday, September 15 and closes two days before the program.



📍 Understanding Social Security

Tuesday, October 21 | 6 - 7 PM

Meeting Room B

Early in 2025, changes were made to Social Security. Do you know what to expect? Dr. Jim Flanagan of Bentron Financial presents a clear overview of Social Security for those planning ahead, assisting a parent or about to receive benefits. Whether you are 10 years shy of eligibility or are eligible already and mulling when to begin the process, come learn practical tips and important strategies. Learn when to take benefits, what it looks like to continue working while getting benefits, information about taxes and spousal benefits. The session is designed for those who have not yet begun receiving Social Security benefits. **Registration opens Tuesday, September 21.**

📍 Muenster Mash: Halloween Cheese Pairing

Tuesday, October 28 | 6 - 7 PM
Meeting Room AB



There's no cheddar place for a gouda time than the Library! Learn to scare... I mean *pair* sweet with savory just in time for your spooky season events. This demonstration and tasting course explores unexpected but delicious combinations of cheese and Halloween candy.

All the ghouls and guys will get to sample these spooktacular pairings and pick up a few tricks and treats for building your own frightfully fun cheese board at home. **Registration opens Friday, September 28.**

If you have dietary restrictions or allergies, please be aware food served may contain nuts, dairy, and gluten. We are unable to provide alternative options.

📍 Boxed Breakfast for Veterans

Monday, November 10 | 10 AM - 12 PM
Conference Room

In honor of Veterans Day, the Library wants to honor and thank the men and women who have served our country. Veterans and active military personnel can preregister (until Monday, November 3) to receive a free boxed breakfast as a way for us to say thank you for your service. On Monday, November 10, stop in and socialize or grab your box to go. Thank you to all who have served!



Please fill out the form via the QR code, the website calendar, or pick up a print copy at the library to place your order.



**Pre-orders open October 3.
All orders due by November 3.
Pick up or dine-in November 10.**

📍 Posture, Balance, and a Little Cha-Cha-Cha

Tuesday, November 18 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Meeting Room AB



Increase muscular length, strength and energy for everyday wellness in this fun-filled fitness class led by Elaine Gotfryd Noonan. With a master's degree in exercise science and a background in professional dance, Elaine blends instruction with lots of fun...including a little cha-cha-cha! Your coordination and self confidence will improve as you enjoy moving and participating in all of life's activities. Chairs will be used for some warm-up exercises. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle. **Registration opens Saturday, October 18.**

All participants must sign a waiver at the start of class.

📍 Microsoft Excel for Beginners

Monday, November 24 | 3- 4 PM
Meeting Room B

Microsoft Excel is a spreadsheet program, learn the basics of Excel and how to navigate its many features. We will use it to create reports that need calculations and charts. In this workshop, we will learn how to move around and work inside the spreadsheet including how to create a new workbook, use basic formulas and functions and how to create a chart. We will be using Office 2019.

This workshop is brought to you in collaboration with Joliet Junior College Workforce Development and Workforce Center of Will County. *Equipment will be provided.* **Registration opens Friday, October 24.**

Staff Picks

with Adult & Teen Services

Audiobooks with Annette



Broken Country

by Claire Leslie Hall

A sweeping love story with the pace and twists of a thriller, *Broken Country* is a novel of simmering passion, impossible choices, and explosive consequences that toggles between the past and present to explore the far-reaching legacy of first love.

The Cat Who Saved the Library

by Sosuke Natsukawa

13 year old Nanami, sidelined by chronic asthma, finds solace in reading. When her favorite library books vanish and a strange man appears, she follows him—only to discover a magical mystery. With Tiger, a talking cat who saves books, Nanami faces dangers threatening literature, freedom, and the power of great stories.

Daughter of Daring

by Mallory O'Meara

Helen Gibson, a fearless silent film star and stuntwoman, thrilled audiences with daring feats, but her legacy faded as action films grew increasingly male-dominated in later decades.

The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits

by Jennifer Weiner

Pop duo The Griffin Sisters rose fast and fell hard. Twenty years later, buried secrets resurface, forcing Cassie, Zoe, and Zoe's daughter Cherry to face the truth—and each other.

There's Nothing Like This

by Kevin Evers

There's Nothing Like This explores Taylor Swift's remarkable career through a business lens, examining how she's continually reinvented herself while staying true to her vision. Blending creativity with strategy, the book reveals Swift as a innovative entrepreneur, cultural icon, and master of navigating a constantly evolving music industry.

Tough Luck

by Sandra Dallas

After their mother's death, Haidie and her younger brother Boots escape an orphanage to find their long-lost father in Colorado. Disguised as a boy, Haidie braves the perilous Western frontier, facing danger, deception, and unexpected allies—learning that survival and belonging often come from the most unlikely communities.



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Young Adult with TAG



One In a Million by Claire Lordon

Claire faces mysterious symptoms—fatigue, headaches, weight gain—that lead to brain tumor surgery and countless medical visits. *One in a Million* is a deeply personal memoir blending her high school diaries and artwork, capturing her struggles with illness, pain, and depression. Amid hardship, Claire finds strength in family, friends, and art, offering a raw, relatable story of resilience and hope.

A Step Toward Falling by Cammie McGovern

Emily has always tried to do the right thing—until one night she witnesses Belinda, a classmate with developmental disabilities, being attacked and does nothing to help. When the incident comes to light, Emily and Lucas, a football player present that night, are assigned community service at a center for disabled people. As they work together, they begin to understand the impact of their choices and search for a way to truly make amends to the person they hurt most.

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming
Tsar Nicholas II ruled vast Russia, ignoring widespread poverty. Empress Alexandra, obsessed with Rasputin, led a secluded life with their isolated daughters and hemophiliac son, Alexei. The *Family Romanov* by Candace Fleming reveals their opulent lives, empire's collapse, and tragic fate through vivid photos and firsthand accounts.

Fiction with Juliana



Margo's Got Money Troubles by Rufi Thorpe

Margo, a young mother struggling alone, starts an OnlyFans with advice from her estranged wrestler father, turning it into a surprising success amid challenges and uncertainty.

A Perfect Day to Be Alone by Nanae Aoyama

21-year-old Chizu moves in with 71-year-old eccentric distant relative Ginko, navigating loneliness, jobs, and growth toward independence.



Senseless by Ronald Malfi

Detective Renney investigates mysterious desert murders connected by dark secrets, while unsettling figures like Landon and Toby disrupt lives in Ronald Malfi's tense, suspenseful thriller.

8114 by Joshua Hull

Paul returns home to investigate a friend's suicide, uncovering haunting memories and dark secrets tied to his childhood and the land.

Strange Houses by Jim Rion Uketsu

A writer and architect uncover eerie "strange spaces" in a Tokyo home's floor plan, unraveling a terrifying mystery behind the vanished former resident.

Among Friends by Hal Ebbott

During a weekend birthday gathering, two intertwined families face envy and betrayal, unraveling decades of friendship and exposing hidden resentments and shattered illusions.

Non-Fiction with Monica

Yoga for Osteoporosis: The Complete Guide

by Loren Fishman, MD & Carol Ardman

Yoga offers safe, effective therapy for osteoporosis by strengthening bones without harming joints. This guide provides instructions and adaptations for all experience levels.

Unmasking for Life: The Autistic Person's Guide to Connecting, Loving, and Living Authentically by Devon Price, Ph.D.

Unmasking for Life helps Autistics navigate life beyond self-acceptance, offering practical tools for advocacy, relationships, and overcoming ableism to live authentically.

The 5 Types of Wealth: A Transformative Guide to Design Your Dream Life by Sahil Bloom

The 5 Types of Wealth teaches building a fulfilling life through time, social, mental, physical, and financial wealth, balancing all five for true success.

Slither: How Nature's Most Maligned Creatures Illuminate Our World by Stephen S. Hall

In *Slither*, Stephen S. Hall explores snakes' biological traits and cultural symbolism, revealing why these feared, fascinating creatures captivate science, art, and human imagination across time and civilizations.



Plants for the Winter Garden: Perennials, Grasses, Shrubs, and Trees to Add Interest in the Cold and Snow by Warren Leach

Discover how to design vibrant winter gardens with colorful plants, bold structures, and expert tips from gardener Warren Leach.

Baking Across America: A Vintage Recipe Road Trip by B. Dylan Hollis

Join B. Dylan Hollis on a vintage-style road trip exploring 100 classic American dessert recipes.

Save the Date!

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

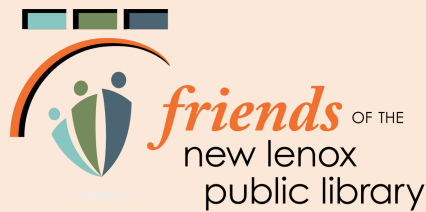


Saturday, October 18

Meeting Room AB

10 AM - 3 PM

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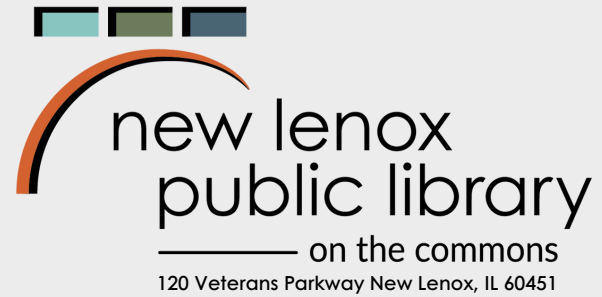
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Upcoming Closure Dates

Sunday, August 31	Sunday before Labor Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Friday, September 19	Staff Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28	Day After Thanksgiving