

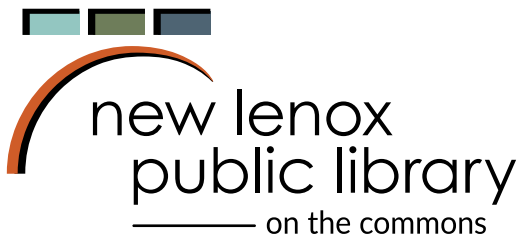


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June, July, and August 2023



Summer Learning Challenge

Kids, Teens & Adults
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Library Closures

July 4 Independence Day

Register for Programs

Online in the Event Calendar at
newlenox.librarymarket.com

Call the Library at 815-485-2605

Ask a staff member while you're
visiting the building

Looking back at renovations, forward to **expanded hours**

Over the past year, the Library reclaimed about 1,000 square feet of space for public use. The result is a beautiful space full of light, openness, and community connection. All of this has been made possible by you; thank you for voting YES three years ago!

We're thrilled to see you enjoying the new Patron Services department to get your favorite books, movies and more; The Studio for creating and sharing memories; the Conference Room to meet, study and socialize; and now the Book Sale room to take home books and other media "for keeps!"

But wait, there's more! We continue to carry through on our referendum promises with the expansion of Library hours. In September 2021, we opened on Sundays so that you can visit the library seven days a week. **Starting June 5, the library will once again increase hours!** Based on visitor feedback and data, hours will be updated to 9 AM–8 PM Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–4 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 12–4 PM on Sunday. We hope to see you bright and early.

Why should I register for "registration encouraged" programs?

There are other reasons to register other than just reserving your spot!

Built-in reminders. When you sign up for a program, the confirmation email gives you an opportunity to save that information directly to your personal calendar. The Library also sends out automatic reminders a day or two before the program.

Room changes. If you have been following along with our journey over the past few years, you know that things can change! Whether that is a planned renovation, a burst pipe, or a deer jumping through the window (all true stories), we want to be able to notify you if something is moved.

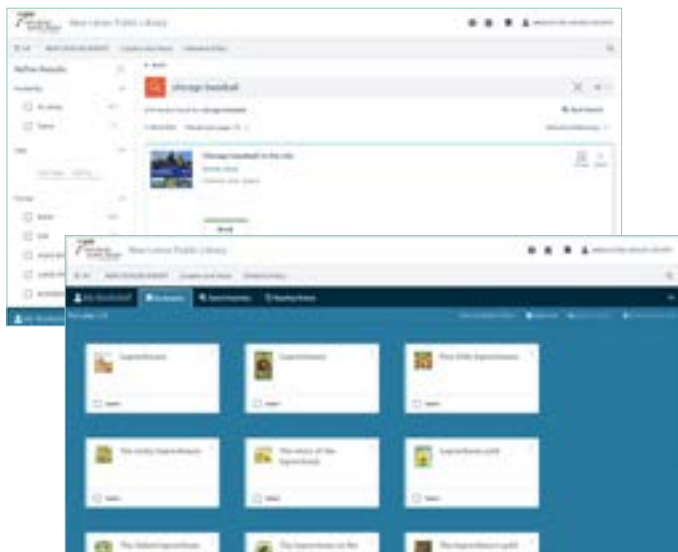
Cancellations or closures. Similar to things changing... things also happen! In the event a presenter cancels or we have an emergency building closure, we want to let you know right away.

Setup and supplies. Getting a headcount helps us set up to make you comfortable (and we can save you some goodies if there are any). Plus knowing how many handouts we need helps save paper.

Prevents sad librarians. The library staff gets sad when we think no one is coming to our awesome programs. Let us know if you're interested!

In short, "'tis better to have registered and canceled than not to have registered at all." Canceling is quick and easy; you can do it right from your confirmation email or call the Library any time to let us know.

New Vega catalog



We are excited to share that our catalog is getting a new look and some new features! The new catalog is called Vega, and it's currently in development. We're ready to publicly release a test version of the catalog, and we'd love for you to try it out. You can now find the OverDrive digital collection in the Vega catalog!

- **Simplify Your Search:** The new catalog rolls up formats and editions into one search result. Physical books, large print books, and audiobooks are all displayed in one result together.
- **Series Lists:** When searching for a title that is part of a series, the new catalog shows more titles in the series! Just select the title to see the series list.
- **Read-a-Likes:** Once you select a title, scroll down for recommendations, related topics, and reader reviews.
- **Browse by Reading Level:** After selecting a juvenile book title, scroll down to view the reading level. Select "Browse by Reading Level" to search by Lexile measure, Accelerated Reader, or age/grade range.
- **My Bookshelf:** Log in to view reading history, create and share custom lists, save searches, manage holds, and manage your account.

To try it out, go to newlenoxlibrary.org/vega!

This is a test, so it's still in development. You won't be able to pay fees through Vega yet. We're not switching away from the current catalog until Vega is ready.



The Barefoot
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All
Ages!



The Barefoot Hawaiian

Saturday, June 3, 10:30–11:15 AM

All Ages

Explore the islands as The Barefoot Hawaiians whisk you away to Hawaii, Tahiti and New Zealand. Enjoy the soft Hawaiian Hula, the Poi Ball Dance from the Maori, and the mesmerizing drum beats and dances of Tahiti. The event will take place outdoors behind the Library (weather permitting). Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Registration is required and begins May 20. This event is for all ages to enjoy as part of our Summer Learning Challenge 2023 Kickoff. **All ages can sign up for the Summer Learning Challenge while you're here!**

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The Book Sale is back!



On April 29, the new Book Sale room opened! We're so excited to see the Sale up and running again. Be sure to pop in and browse through good-condition used hardcover books, paperbacks, movies and TV shows, music, and puzzles to your heart's content.

Do you have items to donate?

Starting May 1, you can bring items to the Receiving Door at the back of the building during Library hours. Ring the bell for staff assistance. Do not put donated items in the book drop or leave them outside of the building. Library staff and the Friends of the Library review all material donated and determine whether it should be added to the collection, used in the Book Sale, or discarded.

At your request, Library staff can provide you with a letter of receipt that you may fill out for tax purposes. The library staff is not qualified to determine the value of your donation.

We welcome the following items in good condition:

- Recent and popular fiction and non-fiction books
- Paperbacks in like-new condition
- Cookbooks and classic books are particularly desirable (We accept classic books even in used condition to give out to teens for their school reading requirements.)
- Audiobooks on CD, music CDs, DVDs and Blurays
- Puzzles (please make sure they have all pieces)

We do not need:

- Extra issues or old runs of magazines or newspapers
- Textbooks, encyclopedias, phone books, or directories
- Dated books, particularly computer and medical books
- Water-damaged or mildewed books
- Books with missing covers, tears, or other damage
- Pamphlets
- Cassettes, record albums or VHS tapes

Calling all volunteers

From sorting books to getting crafts ready for storytime, tasks tackled by our volunteers help to further the mission of the Library. Help is needed with all kinds of jobs, some simple and some more technical.

Opportunities include:

- Registering our community for the Summer Learning Challenge
- Helping prepare and host special events, like Maker Day and Ghouls & Golf
- Regular library tasks, like helping prepare for programs and dusting shelves (no one needs a dusty library)
- Walking in local parades (yes, you get to throw candy!)

The Library happily accepts teen volunteers in 7th-12th Grade and adult volunteers. During the summer, teens going into 7th Grade can start volunteering! Distance volunteering opportunities are also available for teens. Court-ordered community service is not accepted.

Apply today at newlenoxlibrary.org/volunteer.

Show off your cool stuff

For Kids

The Library has 4 display cases downstairs in the Youth Services Department. These display cases are open to kids in 8th Grade and younger, as well as organizations focusing on children, and may be reserved for one month to display any of the following:

- Collections
- Art Exhibits
- Information on Local Organizations

To apply, ask for a Display Case Agreement Form at the Youth Services Desk or download a PDF at www.newlenoxlibrary.org/events/exhibit-art-collections.

Contact Youth Services by phone at 815-485-2605 ext. 350 or by email at youth@newlenoxlibrary.org if you have any questions.

For Adults

What is your prized possession? What is the oldest, weirdest, or most treasured item you own? Join us for Things That We Keep: The Stories Behind Your Stuff on June 27 (page 18)!

FIN
YOUR
VOICE



Summer Learning Challenge

Kids, Teens & Adults
June 3–July 29

This year's theme is **Find Your Voice!** Finding our voices is not only about the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movement we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world.

Sign up starts Saturday, June 3. The Challenge is for all ages, from birth through adults. The first week, June 3–11, is for registration only. Prize bags for kids' first completed log and weekly raffles for adults and teens start June 12.

At the end of the Challenge, one teen and one adult participant will win a Grand Prize. Teens can win a Samsung Galaxy Tab A8. Adults can win an iRobot Roomba i4 EVO!

Download the Beanstack app or use the website to register! Registration, which is all done through Beanstack, is also available at the Library.

Go to newlenoxlibrary.org/summer for more!



Logs & Activity Lists

Logs and activity lists for the Birth–8th Grade, Teen, and Adult Challenges can be found at the Library and at newlenoxlibrary.org/summer starting Saturday, June 3.

Teen & Adult Find Your Voice! Programs

Participating in the following programs in this Guide counts towards your Summer Learning Challenge activity list!

- The Barefoot Hawaiian, page 3
- Summer Visual Art Contest, page 6
- Find Your Voice Visual Art Gallery & Reception, page 6
- Any teen or adult program in The Studio, pages 16–17
- Open Mic Night for Teens & Tweens, page 17
- Sticker by Letter Art, page 17
- Things That We Keep, page 18

Summer Visual Art Challenge: Find Your Voice!

Visual Art Challenge

Adults & Teens

Sunday, June 11–Sunday, July 2

Adult & Teen Reference Desk

Find Your Voice and express yourself by entering our Summer Visual Art Challenge. We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate our community's creativity!

Our voices include not only the sounds we make, but the words we write, the art we create, the movements we perform, and the actions we take each day to impact our world. We use our voices to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. We welcome you to use The Studio as a workspace, and use the lockers to store your supplies.

We encourage you to use this year's theme as inspiration to create and submit your paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, digital art and more! Full details, rules, and submission forms can be found at newlenoxlibrary.org/artcontest.



Summer Visual Art Challenge

Visual Art Exhibit, Gallery & Reception

Adults & Teens

- View the Challenge art exhibit upstairs from July 3–25
- Attend the Gallery & Reception on Thursday, July 27, 6–7:30 PM in Meeting Room AB

Join us for a formal gallery showing of 2023 Visual Art Contest entries as we announce the winners! Enjoy refreshments and entertainment as you peruse the beautiful art created by members of your community and library staff.



11th Annual ATLAS Multi-Library Geocache Event

All Ages

Monday, June 5–Monday, August 7

Join us for the 11th Annual ATLAS Multi-Library Geocaching Event! All library patrons are invited to use clues and geographic coordinates to find hidden “geocaches” at numerous participating area libraries. For each listed geocache you discover, you earn a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card.

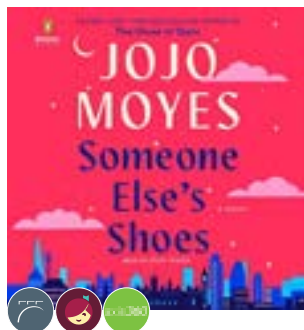
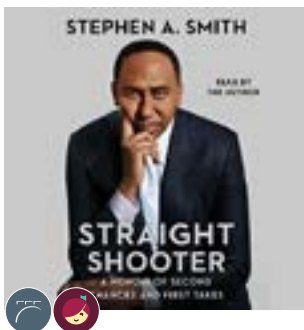
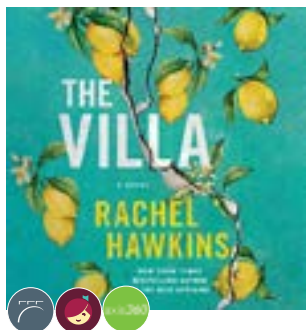
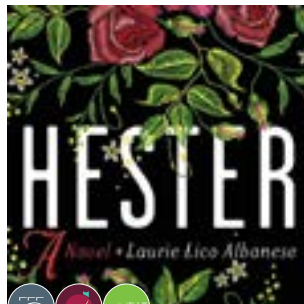
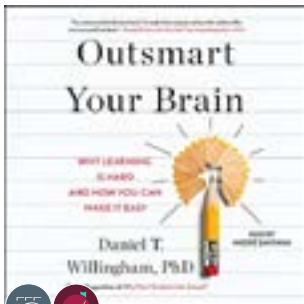
To be eligible for the prize drawing, your library card from a participating library must be in good standing.





All ages welcome! Find all the official clues at multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com starting Monday, June 5 or pick them up at your local participating library. The competition ends Saturday, August 7, so let the adventure begin!

See the website for clues on information on cache locations.

Staff Picks with Adult & Teen Services

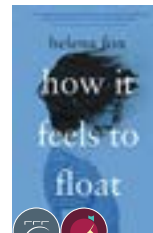
Audiobooks with Annette



-  Find it in the Library
-  Find it in Libby/Overdrive
-  Find it in Hoopla
-  Find it in Axis360

Young Adult with Melissa

How It Feels to Float by Helena Fox. A Chicago Public Library Best of the Best of the Year. A stunningly gorgeous and deeply hopeful portrayal of living with mental illness and grief, from an exceptional new voice.



The Thread Collectors by Alyson Richman and Shaunna J. Edwards. A beautiful and touching story of two couples and the Civil War. A look at freedom and how we must treasure it..

Outsmart Your Brain: Why Learning is Hard and How You Can Make It Easy by Professor Daniel T. Willingham. Uses fascinating brain science to help you study more efficiently and effectively, shrug away exam stress and make learning a skill you can master and enjoy. Smart, enlightening and immensely practical.

Hester by Laurie R. King. Meticulously researched, evocatively imagined—a timeless tale of art, ambition, and desire that examines the roots of female creative power and the men who try to shut it down.

The Villa by Rachel Hawkins. An engrossing tale about betrayal, sisterhood, and the power of telling your own story. A brilliant new gothic suspense story set at an Italian villa with a dark history.

Straight Shooter: A Memoir of Second Chances and First Takes by Stephen A. Smith. Provocative, moving, and eye-opening, this book is the perfect gift for lovers of sports, television, and anyone who likes their stories delivered straight to the heart.

Someone Else's Shoes by JoJo Moyes. Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope—she doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers. *Monster* tells the story of Steve Harmon, a teenage boy in juvenile detention and on trial. A multi-award-winning, provocative coming-of-age story that was the first-ever Michael L. Printz Award recipient, an ALA Best Book, a Coretta Scott King Honor selection, and a National Book Award finalist.



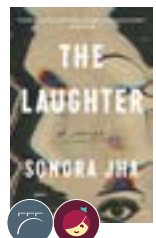
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang. A 2006 National Book Award Finalist, 2007 Eisner Award Winner, and 2007 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year. Three apparently unrelated characters' lives and stories come together with an unexpected twist in this action-packed modern fable.



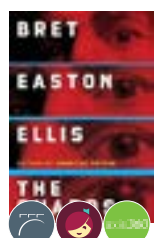
Fiction with Monica & Juliana



Episode Thirteen by Craig DiLouie. From the macabre mind of a Bram Stoker Award-nominated author, this heart-pounding novel of horror and psychological suspense takes a ghost hunting reality TV crew into a world they could never have imagined.



The Laughter by Sonora Jha. “A deliciously sharp, mercilessly perceptive exploration of power, *The Laughter* explores how ‘otherness’ is both fetishized and demonized, and what it means to love something—a person, a country—that does not love you back.”
—NYT Bestselling Author Celeste Ng



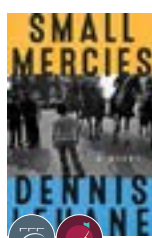
The Shards by Bret Easton Ellis. A novel of sensational literary and psychological suspense from the best-selling author of *Less Than Zero* and *American Psycho* that tracks a group of privileged high school friends in a vibrantly fictionalized 1980s Los Angeles as a serial killer strikes across the city.



Ghost Girl, Banana by Wiz Wharton. Set between the last years of the “Chinese Windrush” in 1966 and Hong Kong’s Handover to China in 1997, a mysterious inheritance sees a young woman from London uncovering buried secrets in her late mother’s homeland in this captivating, wry debut about family, identity, and the price of belonging.

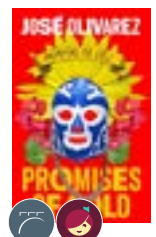


Salvage This World by Michael Farris Smith. A young woman returns home with her child to her ghost-haunted father, while a religious extremist hunts the stormridden territory to find the girl who may be the region’s savior.



Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane. An all-consuming tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set against one of the most tumultuous episodes in Boston’s history.

Non-Fiction with Monica & Juliana



Promises of Gold by José Olivarez. In this groundbreaking collection of poems, José Olivarez explores every kind of love—self, brotherly, romantic, familial, cultural. Grappling with the contradictions of the American Dream, he lays bare the ways in which “love is complicated by forces larger than our hearts.”



And Yet: Poems by Kate Baer. Baer dives deeper into the themes that are hallmarks of her writing: motherhood, friendship, love, and loss. *And Yet* demonstrates the remarkable evolution of a writer and an artist working at the height of her craft.



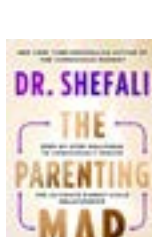
The White House Plumbers by Egil “Bud” Krogh and Matthew Krogh. The true story of The White House Plumbers, a secret unit inside Nixon’s White House, their ill-conceived plans to stop the leaking of the Pentagon Papers, and how they led to Watergate and the President’s demise.



Beautiful Trauma: An Explosion, an Obsession, and a New Lease on Life by Rebecca Fogg. A compelling account of surviving a freak accident, and a fascinating exploration of the science of trauma and recovery.



The Last Cold Place: A Field Season Studying Penguins in Antarctica by Naira De Gracia. a dramatic, captivating window into a once-in-a-lifetime experience: a season living and working in a remote outpost in Antarctica alongside seals, penguins, and a small crew of fellow field workers.



The Parenting Map by Dr. Shefali Tsabary. Every parent is capable of raising happy, healthy, and emotionally grounded children. Despite this, too many of us struggle along the journey. This step-by-step guide disrupts toxic inherited patterns and replaces them with authentic connections that allow us to see and respond to our children for who they are and who they can become.

2024 Illinois Lincoln Award

AISLE's Teen Readers' Choice Award Master List of Nominees



The Illinois Teen Readers' Choice Award encourages teens to read for pleasure and to become lifelong readers. Named after former President Abraham Lincoln, an avid reader and noted author, the Lincoln Award is sponsored by the Association of Illinois School Library Educators.

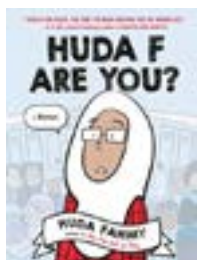
Each year, a panel of high school librarians, teachers, public librarians and students determines the final master list of twenty titles. Student of program-registered schools who have read four or more titles are eligible to vote. The Lincoln Award is given to the book that earns the highest number of student votes.



Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo



Kate in Waiting by Becky Albertalli*



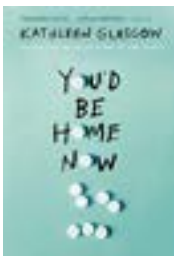
Huda F Are You? by Huda Fahmy



Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder



You Know I'm No Good by Jessie Ann Foley



You'd Be Home Now by Kathleen Glasgow



Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry*



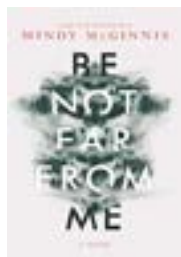
The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson



We Are Not Broken by George M. Johnson



Fat Chance, Charlie Vega by Crystal Maldonado



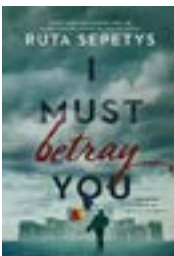
Be Not Far From Me by Mindy McGinnis*



#murdertrending by Gretchen McNeil



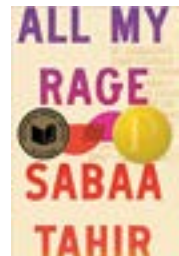
I Kissed Shara Wheeler by Casey McQuiston



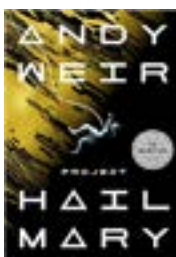
I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys



The Girls I've Been by Tess Sharpe*



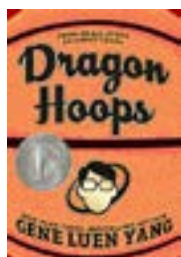
All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir



Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir



The Assignment by Liza Wiemer



Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang



In the Wild Light by Jeff Zentner

*Indicates a Teen Reading Panel selection

Find out more about the AISLE Illinois Teen Readers' Choice Lincoln Award at www.aisled.org/lincoln and www.aisled.org.

2024 Illinois Monarch Award

AISLE's K-3rd Grade Readers' Choice Award Master List of Nominees



The Association of Illinois School Library Educators chose Monarch for this award because of the butterfly's familiarity to Kindergarten to 3rd Grade children, and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings.

Avocado Asks: What Am I? by Momoko Abe

There's a Skeleton Inside You! by Idan Ben-Barak & Julian Frost

Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us by Lauren Castillo

Swashby and the Sea by Beth Ferry and Juana Martinez-Neal

Not Quite Snow White by Ashley Franklin & Glenn Ebony

Capibara is Friends with Everyone by Maddie Frost

How to Find a Fox by Kate Gardner & Ossi Saarinen

Stormy: A Story About Finding a Forever Home by Guojing

Set Your Alarm, Sloth: More Advice for Troubled Animals from Dr. Glider by Jess Keating & Pete Oswald

Ducks Run Amok! by J. E. Morris

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o & Vashti Harrison

Meesha Makes Friends by Tom Percival

Pizza: A Slice of History by Greg Pizzoli

Ship in a Bottle by Andrew Prahin

This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowth by Sean Rubin

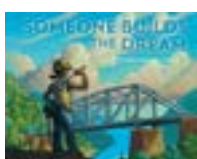
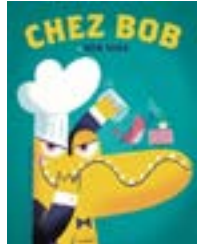
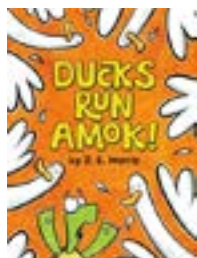
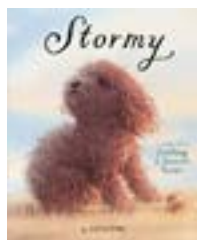
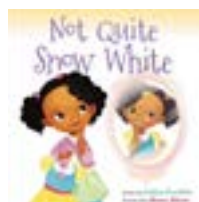
Chez Bob by Bob Shea

Mel Fell by Corey R. Tabor

Ogilvy by Deborah Underwood & T. L. McBeth

Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler & Loren Long

Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang & Charlene Chua



Find out more about the AISLE Illinois Monarch Award at www.aisled.org/monarch and www.aisled.org.

2024 Illinois Bluestem Award

AISLE's 3rd–5th Grade Readers' Choice Award Master List of Nominees



Designed for students in 3rd–5th Grade ready for longer titles than the Monarch list, but not quite ready for some of the Caudill titles. Named in honor of Big Bluestem, the state prairie grass, the list may include classics, current titles, and books that have appeared on Monarch and Caudill lists.

Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

The Magical Imperfect by Chris Baron

Opening the Road: Victor Hugo Green and His Green Book by Keila V. Dawson & Alleanna Harris

Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing & Christine Almeda

Long Distance by Whitney Gardner

Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza

The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal by Kathleen Krull & Alexandra Bye

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd & Michelle M. Nutter

Everything Awesome About Sharks and Other Underwater Creatures! by Mike Lowery

Shelter by Christie Matheson

Chunky by Yehudi Mercado

The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem by Colleen Paeff & Nancy Carpenter

The Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters

The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field by Scott Riley, Nguyen Quang & Kim Lien

The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead

Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behr

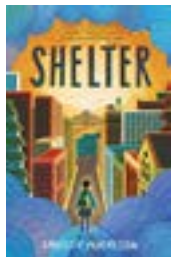
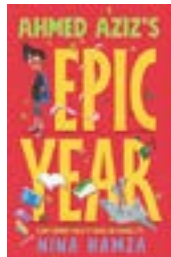
The Elephants Come Home: A True Story... by Kim Tomsic & Hadley Hooper

Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable & Stephanie Yue

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson & Nina Mata

New from Here by Kelly Yang

Find out more about the AISLE Illinois Bluestem Award at www.aisled.org/bluestem and www.aisled.org.



2024 Illinois Caudill Young Readers' Award

4th-8th Grade Illinois Readers' Choice Award Master List of Nominees



The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by 4th-8th Grade students in participating Illinois schools. The award is named in honor of Rebecca Caudill who lived and wrote in Urbana, Illinois, for nearly 50 years.

Stamped (for kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You by Sonja Cherry-Paul et al.

My Life in the Fish Tank by Barbara Dee

Frankie & Bug by Gayle Forman

Alone by Megan E. Freeman

Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Ophie's Ghosts by Justina Ireland

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

The Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters

City Spies by James Ponti

A Game of Fox & Squirrels by Jenn Reese & Jessica Roux

Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan

I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Stever Sheinkin

Barakah Beats by Maleeha Siddiqui

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

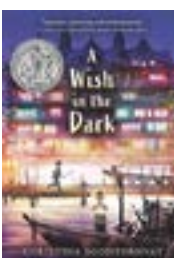
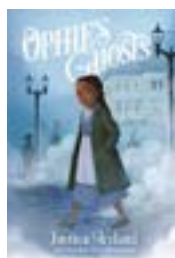
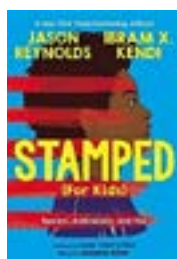
The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga

Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein

Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee

City of Dragons 1: The Awakening Storm by Jaimal Yogis & Vivian Truong

Find out more about the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award at www.rebeccacaudill.org.



Track it on  **beanstack**

Soon, kids can join Award Book Challenges on Beanstack! Read at least 5 to vote for your favorites at the Library next Spring!

Storytimes for Kids

Tuesdays

Park Pals

All ages with a caregiver

Freedom Park at 300 Charleston Drive

Tuesdays in June: June 13, 20, 27

Tuesdays in July: July 11, 18
9:30-10:30 AM

We're bringing the Library to you this summer! Join Ms. Liz at Freedom Park for songs, stories, and other summer fun. Bring your own blanket or chair and arrive ready for laughs, silly dances, and a few read-alouds. Weather permitting. Registration not required.



Wednesdays

Make Some Noise!

Ages 0-6 with a caregiver

Outdoor Naturescape

9:30-10 AM

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets for our outdoor storytime. Dance around, listen to stories, sing songs, and hang out with us in our backyard. Siblings welcome. Registration is required.



DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
June 14	Registration starts June 7
June 21	Registration starts June 14
June 28	Registration starts June 21
July 5	Registration starts June 28
July 12	Registration starts July 5
July 19	Registration starts July 12

Thursdays

Arty Party

Ages 4-8 years with a caregiver

Meeting Room AB

1-1:30 PM

It's time to sing and dance to a song or two, make some colorful art, and enjoy sunny tales. Dress for mess. Registration is required.

DATE	REGISTRATION STARTS
June 15	Registration starts June 8
June 22	Registration starts June 15
June 29	Registration starts June 22
July 6	Registration starts June 29
July 13	Registration starts July 6
July 20	Registration starts July 13

Kids Programs

Session Programs

Let's Go Fishin'!

Ages 6-12 with a caregiver

Meet Outside the Café

June Session: Monday, June 12, 19, and 26, from 6-7 PM

July Session: Thursday, July 6, 13, and 20, from 8:30-9:30 AM

In this 3-week class, kids will learn to cast, bait, and take fish off the hook. Fishing poles and bait are supplied. Class occurs rain or shine.

An adult must be present and will need a fishing license if they are planning to assist their children (16 and under do not need fishing licenses). A signed waiver is also required.

Register for one session only (June or July). Registration starts May 29 for June, and June 22 for July. Registration is for a 3-week session and attendance is required for all 3 weeks.



Sunday

Summer Paint Party

All Ages

Sunday, July 9, 2-3 PM

Outdoor Naturescape

We hope you're ready to get messy! The Library invites you to our outdoor Summer Paint Party!

We will be painting with squirt guns, spray bottles, and possibly a few other messy—yet fun—tools. We'll bring the supplies and you bring the creativity. Dress for mess. Registration is required and starts June 25.



Traveling kids need travel kits!

Going somewhere soon? Request a Travel Kit! Let us know your child's favorites and interests, and we'll put a selection of materials together for you.

Visit newlenoxlibrary.org/kids/travelkit to request items for up to 4 children on one form. (More than 4 children for one trip? Submit more than one request. Easy-peasy!)

We'll tailor your kit to best suit a car trip or an airplane/bus trip.

Please request your Travel Kit at least 7 days in advance of your desired pickup.



Kids Programs

Monday

Art Club

1st–4th Grade

Video posted on YouTube & Facebook at 4:30 PM

Create awesome art with a step-by-step video to help you create a masterpiece! Registration is required only if you need a supply bag. Registrants will be emailed when bags are ready, and can be picked up at the Youth Services desk. Videos are posted on YouTube and our website and can be viewed by everyone.

June 19: Airplane Skywriting Art

Registration starts June 5

July 17: Shark Art

Registration starts July 3



Garden Buddies

Ages 4–8 with a caregiver

Monday, June 12, 10–10:30 AM

Outdoor Naturescape

Come dig in the dirt and help plant herbs and flowers in the Library's garden boxes. Then, we'll make some garden art. Dress for mess. Registration is required and starts May 29.

Tuesday

Geek Out! Graphic Novel Club: *Cub*

4th–8th Grade

Tuesday, June 27, 6–6:45 PM

Storytime Room

Geek out over graphic novels, talk about this month's book, have a snack, and make geeked out art. Pick up books at the Patron Services Desk. This month's book is *Cub* by Cynthia L. Copeland. Registration is required and starts May 30.

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New! Kindness Club

Ages 7–13

Tuesday, July 11, 5–5:45 PM

Storytime Room

Make the world a better place with fun projects and activities that will help spread kindness and leave smiles along the way. July's project is making kindness rocks. Registration is required and starts June 27.

Wednesday

Art Attack! with Rainbow Ceramics

4th–8th Grade

Wednesday, June 14, 4:30–5:30 PM

The Studio

Your imagination mixes with art in this creative class just for tweens. Paint your own handmade cereal bowls with a guest artist from Rainbow Ceramics. Registration is required and starts May 31.

Thursday

LEGO Club

1st–5th Grade

Thursday, June 22, 5–5:30 pm

Meeting Room A

We supply the bricks and you bring your imagination! Come build your own creations with friends. Registration is required and starts June 8.



Animal Quest

Ages 3–13

Saturday, July 8

10:30–11:30 AM

Meeting Room AB

Saturday

Plant the Seed for String Instrument Playing!

Ages 6–9 with a caregiver

Saturday, June 17, 10:30–11:30 AM

Meeting Room A

Join the Suburban Youth Symphony Orchestra as they present a string instrument petting zoo. Read a story about the orchestra, hear how a violin, viola, and cello sound, try out the instruments, and get your very own book to take home! Registration is required and starts June 3.



Family Firefly Theatre: Under the Stars

Ages 2–7 with a caregiver

Saturday, June 24, 10:30–11:30 AM

Meeting Room AB

Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a summer night in Firefly Grove. Sing songs around the campfire, listen to the noises of the forest and watch the stars with friends. Puppets, original music, interactive movement and lots of summer fun for families! Registration is required and starts June 10.

Meet and discover fun facts about ten furry, feathery and scaly animal friends in this interactive show presented by Animal Quest. Registration is required and starts June 24.

Kids Programs

Friday

Friday Flicks

Ages 2-12 with a caregiver
 Fridays, 1-3:30 PM
 Meeting Room AB

Grab your blanket, pillow, and snacks and come sing-along with these family-friendly films! Registration is required.

June 16



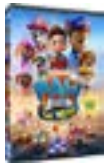
Encanto
 Walt Disney Pictures
 (PG) 99 mins
 Registration starts June 9

June 23



Sonic the Hedgehog
 Paramount Pictures
 (PG) 99 mins
 Registration starts June 16

June 30



PAW Patrol: The Movie
 Paramount Pictures
 (G) 88 mins
 Registration starts June 23

July 7



Moana
 Walt Disney Pictures
 (PG) 113 mins
 Registration starts June 30

July 14



Disenchanted
 Walt Disney Pictures
 (PG) 1 hr. 59
 Registration starts July 7

July 21



Sing
 Universal Pictures
 (PG) 108 mins
 Registration starts July 14

little sprouts
 play. grow. read.



Did you know that reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing help your child develop brain connections for early literacy?

Little Sprouts Early Learning Backpacks provide fun, hands-on and engaging imaginative play activities. They are take-home backpacks with different themes designed for ages 2-5 that embrace our High Five! early literacy initiative.

Bags can be checked out for 2 weeks, and are not renewable. Only one kit can be checked out on a library card at a time. The bag must be returned to the Youth Services Desk.

Check out a
STEAM Kit!



Promote discovery and exploration at home! STEAM is short for **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math**. A STEAM kit is a take-home bag that comes with themed activities. One of our most popular collections!



The Studio Programs

New! Sewing with Rachael

3rd Monday of the Month
5:30-6:30 PM

Adults

The Studio

Learn to sew with Rachael as she teaches a different project each month, helping you gain different skills when it comes to sewing with a machine or by hand. Please bring your own sewing machine or reserve one of ours ahead of time by contacting Sam at ssliwa@newlenoxlibrary.org.

June 19: Beginning Hand Sewing & Mending, Registration required and starts May 19.

July 17: Make Your Own Pincushions, Registration required and starts June 16.

August 21: Beginning Clothing Alterations, Registration required and starts July 20.



TinkerCAD 3D Printing Challenges Kids, Teens & Adults (4th Grade & Up)

Video posted on YouTube & Facebook at 10 AM on the first day of the month

Create your design in TinkerCAD, then submit it to the Library for a free print in the color of your choice!

Challenges are online, on-demand and at your own pace. Videos are posted at 10 AM on the first day of the month. Our YouTube channel has a playlist with all of our TinkerCAD Challenges.

Registration is required to access the TinkerCAD classroom. Registration for each Challenge opens on the first of the month. If you need one-on-one help, please make an appointment with Sam in The Studio.

June: Code a Charm Bracelet

Virtual Challenge runs June 1-30
Video tutorial & TinkerCAD classroom

July: Create a Derby Car

Virtual Challenge runs July 1-31
Video tutorial & TinkerCAD classroom

August: Code a Basket

Virtual Challenge runs August 1-31
Video tutorial & TinkerCAD classroom

Code Your Own Video Game

Tweens & Teens

Thursday, June 8, 6-7 PM

The Studio

Learn how to use Scratch and create your own platform game. Use the skills in this program and take your coding skills to a whole new level. Registration is required and starts May 8.

Sublimation Printing

Adults

Time slots available from
Monday-Wednesday, 10 AM-5 PM
Thursday, 12-7 PM

The Studio

We'll use the SawGrass500 to create a design in CreativeStudio, print it, and heat transfer onto an item. You're welcome to bring in images from your phone or flash drive. Register for the day and time you want to come in.

June 26-29: Keychain

Registration starts May 7. One keychain per registered patron.

August 7-10: Design on a Hat

Registration starts July 7. One keychain per registered patron.

Crafting with the Cameo: Paper Mandalas

Adults

Time slots available from
July 10-12, 10 AM-5 PM
July 13, 12-7 PM

The Studio

We'll use the Silhouette Cameo to make a paper, vinyl, or heat transfer project each month. This month you'll learn how to take a mandala design, cut, and layer each design with its own color to create a gorgeous work of art to hang on a wall. Register for the day and time you want to come in. Registration starts June 10.

Cosplay, Anime, and Art Club

Teens (7th-12th Grade)

The Studio

Saturday, June 3
Saturday, July 8
Saturday, August 5
12:30-3:30 PM



Bring your cosplay, art ideas, and love for anime! Work on projects and meet like-minded peers while geeking out about favorite shows, manga, games, and more.

We may teach a short skill to start, then host an open lab to work on projects. Bring a project with, or create one out of the materials we have here. Registration is encouraged and starts one month before each program.

The Studio Programs

Embroider Your Zodiac Sign

Adults

Tuesday, July 25, 6-7:30 PM

The Studio

“When the moon is in the Seventh House and Jupiter aligns with Mars...” Join us in the celebration of all the celestial uniqueness of zodiac signs.

We will be making a simple embroidery of our zodiac signs as they appear in the sky. All supplies included, one supply kit per registered patron. Registration starts June 27.

Pop Art Night (After Hours)

Adults in their 20s & 30s

Friday, August 11, 5:30-7:30 PM

The Studio

Pop in for a Pop Art night! Create a pop art-style community project. No artistic experience is required!

Enjoy a casual night of painting with refreshments like popcorn, pop rocks, and baby bottle pop. Finally, enjoy specialty soda pop tasting with flavors like “WarHeads,” “Hot Wings,” and “Apple Pie.” Come relax, create, and snack with us. It’ll be poppin’! Registration is required and starts July 11.

Looking for more programs and events just for 20- and 30-somethings? Special programming coming quarterly!

Intro to 3D Printing & TinkerCAD

Families

Thursday, August 24, 6-7 PM

The Studio

Learn the ins and outs of The Studio’s 3D printing process. What you can do to find something to print, submit, and then pick up a finished design. Sam will go over TinkerCAD and you can learn how to make your own keychain design!

Teen Programs

Inclusive Craft Night

7th-12th Grade

Thursday, June 15 4-5 PM

Meeting Room AB

Enjoy making art in a relaxed and inclusive environment. Choose from among various creative activities at one of our four art stations. This program will be sensory-friendly and targeted toward the needs of neurodivergent teens and those with developmental and learning disabilities. Caretakers, families, and allies welcome. Registration encouraged and starts May 15.

Open Mic Night (After Hours)

7th-12th Grade

Friday, June 30, 5-6:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Now is your opportunity to shine! The Library will be hosting its first EVER open mic night for tweens and teens. Let’s highlight your talents! We encourage a variety of performances: song, music, dance, comedy, poetry, or whatever else makes you shine! Come to perform or to support the performers. Just be sure performance content is Library appropriate! Refreshments will be served. Registration and a permission slip is required. Registration starts May 30.

World Chocolate Challenge

7th-12th Grade

Friday, July 7, 2-3 PM

Teen Scene

Taste chocolates from around the world and choose your favorite! Hang out with friends and make new friends, or if you’re short on time, just pop in to grab your chocolates!

Capture the Flag with Water Balloon Launchers

7th-12th Grade

Thursday, July 20, 4-5:15 PM

Teen Scene

Play “Pirate’s Battle” with water balloons! Two teams will challenge each other to capture the opposing team’s flag hidden inside a self-made pirate ship. Your only weapon? Water balloons! Join us for a fun time with ice cream at the end.

Rain date is Friday, July 21 at 2 PM. Bring a towel. Registration is required and starts June 20.



Sticker by Letter Art



Adults, Teens & Families starting June 1

Create a beautiful community artwork with our “Sticker by Letter” art project! Think of it as a giant paint-by-number except with stickers. Every participant will get us one step closer to revealing what the final masterpiece is!

The project will be located on the second floor of the library building, and stickers will be available at the Adult & Teen Services Desk.

Adult & Teen Programs

Take & Makes

Spice Club

Adults & Teens

Sumac kits start Monday, June 5, 4 PM

Dill kits start Monday, August 7, 4 PM

Pick up at Adult & Teen Services Desk

Variety is the spice of life, so let's try out a variety of spices! Every other month we will feature a different spice. Kits each include a sample of that month's spice, recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context. Extra booklets will be available in print, and interactive booklets will be linked in the calendar.

June's spice is Sumac. Pick up your kit starting at 4 PM on Monday, June 5 while supplies last.

August's spice is Dill. Pick up your kit starting at 4 PM on Monday, August 7 while supplies last.

Patriotic Rag Wreath

Adults & Teens

Kit pickup starts Monday, June 19, 4 PM

Pick up at the Adult & Teen Services Desk

Create a red, white, and blue star-shaped wreath using strips of colored fabric. No tools, adhesives, or experience are necessary for this easy take home craft! Available starting at 4 PM on Monday. No registration required, while supplies last.

Staycation Relaxation Kits

Adults & Teens

Kit pickup starts August 21 at 4 pm

Pick up at the Adult & Teen Services Desk while supplies last

Everything you need for a relaxing vacation at home in a bag. Each bag



is filled with activities and goodies to transport you to the destination of your choice: Australia, Brazil, Egypt, France, Greece, Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, United Kingdom. Get supplies to make your own lavender face mist.

Reading

Reading Deeply: Bring-Your-Own-Book Yoga Adults & Teens

Monday, June 5, 6:30–7:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Reading Deeply is a Yin Yoga class designed for bookworms. Bobbi Pehle aka The Half Moon Yogi will lead students through carefully sequenced held poses for several minutes giving you uninterrupted time to read.

Bring your own yoga mat or blanket and a book to read—it's a self-care two-for-one! The class allows for stretching and modifications for individuals who need them. Registration is required and starts May 5.

Page to Screen Book Club

Adults & Teens

Wednesday, June 21

Wednesday, August 16

Meeting Room A

Join us every other month as we discuss books with recent or upcoming adaptations for the big and small screen. This book club will feature a variety of fiction, non-fiction, and graphic novel titles.

June's selection is *White Noise* by Don DeLillo. Registration is encouraged and starts May 21.

August's selection is *The Power* by Naomi Alderman. Registration is encouraged and starts July 16.

Trivia & Games

Trivia Night

9th Grade to Adults

Thursday, July 13, 6–8 PM

Beggars Pizza, 650 Maple St., New Lenox

Looking for something to do on a Thursday 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 play by yourself for prizes! Please help us get an accurate headcount by registering your team in advance. One representative from each team must register to reserve your table. Teams may wish to assign a Team Captain to ease registration. Tables can hold teams of up to 6 players. Registration is required and starts June 13.

Adult Programs

House & Home

Things That We Keep: The Stories Behind Your Stuff

Adults

Tuesday, June 27, 6–7 PM

Meeting Room B

We all have objects in our lives with stories to tell. Bring them in, show them off, and tell us why they have significance to you. What is your prized possession? What is the oldest, weirdest, or most treasured item you own? Come and share the stories behind your favorite stuff at this roundtable discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is encouraged and starts May 27.

Adult Programs

Home Buyer's Seminar

Adults

Tuesday, July 18, 6–7 PM

Tuesday, August 29, 6–7 PM

Meeting Room B

Thinking about buying a home? Get tips and tricks on finding and purchasing the right house, as well as how to insure and care for it, from industry leaders. Experienced local professionals will help you learn all the basics, including the difference between renting and owning, what you need to qualify for a mortgage, and the stages of the mortgage and underwriting process.

Meal Planning Basics

Adults

Tuesday, August 22, 6:45–7:45 PM

Meeting Room B

Make meal planning simple—don't overcomplicate it! Join Melanie of Mostly Under Control as we discuss the basics of meal planning. Learn strategies to save you time, energy, and money while keeping things fresh for you and your family.

Genealogy

Tracing Your Bartending, Saloonkeeping, and Tavernkeeping Ancestors Before Prohibition

Adults

Tuesday, June 13, 6–7:45 PM

Meeting Room B

Taverns and saloons have been a crucial American institution, and the folks behind the bar were the social rockstars of their era. This program will lead you through the pre-prohibition records and resources which will help you add an extra shot of flavor into your research. Registration is encouraged and starts May 13.

The National Archives (NARA)

Adults

Tuesday, July 11, 6–7:45 PM

Meeting Room B

Let's explore this national treasure and gain an understanding of how to use it both online and in person! Let's look at what records can be found there: records like the Census, Military Records and more.

This presentation will be invaluable to any researcher! There is so much to explore in this national resource that everyone should walk away with a very good understanding of the National Archives (NARA) and how to use it to research your family history. Registration is encouraged and starts June 11.

Polish Genealogy: Finding Records and Using Websites

Adults

Tuesday, August 8, 6–7:45 PM

Meeting Room B

Get advice on the best steps for finding Polish records. Learn about databases like FamilySearch, as well as how to access and navigate more specific resources like Geneteka, Metryki, the Polish Archives, and the Poznan Marriage Project. Registration is encouraged and starts July 8.

Seniors

The Leisurely Librarian Activity Packet, Summer Edition

Seniors

Available starting July 1

Adult & Teen Services Department

Grab the next edition of our now quarterly activity book designed just for adults! Features puzzles, reading

recommendations, recipes, games, and more. Packets are available on the second floor on the Adult Programs Display and the Senior Information Table. This is in large print.

Senior Coffee Breaks: Understanding Medicare

Seniors

Thursday, July 6, 10:30 AM–12 PM

Meeting Room B

Take your mid-morning break at the library with discussion, socializing, and, of course, plenty of coffee! Each coffee break will have a short talk or activity to get us started.

This month's topic will be on Medicare with Joyce Bonner, a community educator and licensed insurance representative, for Medicare coverage assistance.

This is a great opportunity to get a health insurance review and ask questions to determine the best choice of coverage that is right for you.

Teen Tech Tutors: Navigating Your Devices

Seniors

Monday, July 17, 3:30–5 PM

Conference Room

Learn to better navigate your personal devices, computers and apps with our Teen Tech Volunteers. You can register for a time slot in advance or drop in to receive one-on-one assistance.

Our staff and teen volunteers are here to help, but we cannot repair or troubleshoot damaged devices. Although we may not be able to answer every question or fix every problem, we will do our best to find solutions together.



Track your reading and participate in reading challenges on your mobile phone.

- ♥ Summer Learning Challenge for Kids, Teens & Adults
 - ♥ 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
 - ♥ Genre Challenge
 - ♥ Growing Readers Challenge
 - ♥ Winter Reading & Review to Win Challenges
- and more!*



New Lenox community members run **Fiction Book Club, Mystery Book Club, Fiber Arts Club, Writers We,** and **New Life for Old Bags** at the Library. The **Friends of the Library** meet here, too. Find these events and more on our online calendar at newlenox.librarymarket.com!

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New Hours Start Monday, June 5

- Monday–Thursday: 9 AM–8 PM
- Friday & Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM
- Sunday: 12–4 PM

Contact Us

- Call 815-485-2605
- Email info@newlenoxlibrary.org

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