Library Regular Hours
Mon. & Wed.
11:00 am -7:00 pm
Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 am-7:00 pm
Fri. 11:00 am-5:00 pm
Sat. 9:00-5:00 pm

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JOIN US FOR OUR OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING!!

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Ceremony 2:00 pm
Open House until 4:00 pm

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Have you ever wondered what the Friends of the Library do? Join them for a Planning Meeting Monday October 5, 5:00 pm

The Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers to conduct a patron count from Oct. 19-24

Back by Popular Demand: The Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Gift Basket Raffle. They are now accepting donations of completed gift baskets, as well as individual gift items and baskets to help create the raffle baskets. All donations need to be in by the end of October.

We are excited to announce a new program

Indoor Walking Club for Adults. Every Wednesday, beginning October 14, 7:30-8:30 am.

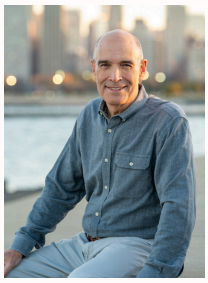
Walk at your own pace while enjoying conversation, or listen to an audiobook while you walk! Audiobooks are encouraged, but not required.
Please note: The Walking Club takes place before regular library hours, so regular library services will not be available during this time.

ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Perserving History with Geoffrey Baer

Tuesday Oct. 20, 7:00 PM

Virtual program with author Geoffrey Baer in conversation with Sherman "Dilla" Thomas



scan the QR code to register for the program link

or join us for a watch party at the library.

Upcoming programs:

Watch for info about a Scrapbooking program in November.

Adult Ongoing Programs

Book Club

Thurs., Oct. 8 , 12:30
The Ride of Her Life
by Elizabeth Letts

Thurs., Nov. 12, 12;30
Oceans Apart
By karen Kingsbury

Copies of the book are available for checkout. New members always welcome.

Crochet and Knitting Group

Every other Tuesday
Oct. 6 & 20
6:30-8:00 pm
Bring a current project or try something new. Share your skills with others. For ages 8 & Up

Euchre Club

Wed. 2:00-4:00 pm
Oct. 7,14,21,28

All skill levels are welcome
For adults and high school age students

English Language Learners Class

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm
No class Oct. 29

FREE for adults and kids 5th grade and up

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Join us for our annual Halloween Party
October 29, 5:30 pm
Pigeon from the Mo Willems books will be our special guest!!
costumes encouraged but not required

WE ARE PAINTING PUMPKINS AT THE LIBRARY!!

Bring your pumpkin, we'll have the supplies! We will have 20 pumpkins available while supplies last!

Monday October 12 10am-12pm it will be outside

Come join us for:

The Merchant Trick or Treat on the Square at our old building, Friday, Oct. 30 from 3-5 pm
and
The Trunk or Treat at The Lake Hill Winery, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 1:30-3:00 pm

Halloween Costume Swap
October 12, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Have a gently used kids' costume to pass along? Bring it in and swap it for another! Don't need to swap?

Donations are welcome, too! Costume donations will be accepted through October 12 at 10:00 AM.

The Costume Swap will be held during our Pumpkin Painting Program.

1000 Books Before Kdg

We're always seeking new participants. Children receive a rubber duck and a free book for each 100-book milestone.

https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org

Youth Programs

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Craft included. Great for ages 3-5 but younger children are welcome.

(There will no storytime on Oct.6)

Move and Groove
Wednesdays 9:30 AM

This is perfect for your littlest movers and shakers

(There will no Move and Groove on Oct 7.)

STEAM Club
Tuesdays 3:15-4:14 PM

K-6th grade
Younger kids may attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

(There will no STEAM Club on Oct. 6.)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Register your infant to 5-year-old child to receive a free book in the mail each month.

www.imaginationlibrary.com