



# MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA NEWSLETTER



Messenger Public Library

## SUMMER CHALLENGE

Explore • Discover • Renew  
June 1-July 31, 2024

**Ages 0-100+** North Aurora, take the summer challenge to read and participate in fun activities! Everyone is invited to join the fun and earn prizes with challenges for every age. Pick up reading and bingo trackers at the library and log reading/activities online at messengerpl.beanstack.org or via the Beanstack Tracker app. Stop by the library all summer to enjoy scavenger hunts, guessing games, the Literacy Investigation Station, special prize drawings, and more!



### Summer Challenge Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 1 • 10-12:30 pm

- 10 am Crafts for all ages
- 11 am Foam Party (kids 0-18)
- 11:30 am Foam Party (teens & adults 11+)
- 11:30 am Kona Ice Treat

**Ages 0-100+.** Join us to kick off the Summer Challenge with your family or friends.

### Help Fill the Pantry at Mutual Ground

MPL is collecting items for Mutual Ground **during the months of June and July.** Look out for a collection table in the library entrance and check the library website for a list of most needed items. Mutual Ground provides services to families and individuals impacted by domestic violence and substance use disorders.



## NORTH AURORA CRUISE NIGHT

**Village of North Aurora Cruise Night**  
Friday, August 23  
7-8:30 pm

Toot your horn for Cruise Night! We'll be revving our engines and checking out all the cool cars here at Messenger Public Library in partnership with the Village of North Aurora. Join us for music, food, and fun. This is a family friendly event.



### Dry Ice Demonstration Station at North Aurora Days

**Saturday, August 3 • 6-9 pm**  
Head over to Riverfront Park for North Aurora Days on Aug. 2-3. Visit the library's booth for a special surprise (while supplies last). On Saturday evening, play with dry ice at the Science Heroes' Demonstration Station sponsored by MPL.

# YOUTH SERVICES

Registration **R** is required for all programs beginning on Monday, May 20, via the online events calendar at messengerpl.org, by phone (630) 801-4340, or in person. For drop-in program reminders, use the **Remind Me** or **Add to My Calendar** buttons on the calendar.

## BABIES-PRESCHOOL

## ALL AGES

### Baby Storytime **R**

Tuesdays,  
June 4 & 18, July 9 & 23  
9:30-10 am OR 10:15-10:45 am  
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver. Enjoy stories, songs, and movement to help foster early literacy skills.

### Busy Bee Collages **R**

Saturday, July 27  
10 am  
Ages 3-5 with caregiver. Create your own collage of busy bee art with art teacher, Mrs. M!



### Family Storytime **R**

Thursdays, June 6-27 & July 11-25 • 10-10:30 am  
Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Enjoy stories and songs with your family while building pre-literacy skills and learning about the world around us.

### Preschool STEAM Storytime **R**



Fridays, June 14 & 28, July 19  
10-10:45 am  
Ages 3-5. Explore the wonder of amusement parks with STEAM challenges for you to discover, learn, and create! This program is in partnership with the DuPage Children's Museum.



### Family Tie-Dye **R**

Saturday, June 29  
10-Noon

For families. Bring a white cotton t-shirt or fabric item to tie-dye! Register online for a timeslot.

### Make and Take Crafts

Fridays, June 7 & July 5,  
Mondays, June 24 & July 22  
10-11 am

Stop by the library to make a summer art project and take it home!

### Lego Club

Thursdays, June 13, July 11,  
August 8 • 6-7 pm

All ages. Visit Youth Services to build a Lego creation to display for all to enjoy.

### Summer Book Subscriptions **R**

Ages 0-18. Enjoy a new selection of books every month! Pick up your books on the 10th of June, July, and August. Messenger Library card required.



## SUMMER PLAYTIMES

For child with participating adult. All playtimes will be outside, weather permitting.

<b>Babies</b> (ages 0-2)	Tuesday, June 11 Tuesday, July 16	10-10:45 am 10-10:45 am	Wet 'n Wild Parachute Play
<b>Toddlers</b> (ages 2-3)	Tuesday, July 2 Tuesday, July 30	10-11 am 10-11 am	Chalk Art Tape Town Car Play
<b>Preschool</b> (ages 3-5)	Wednesday, June 19 Wednesday, July 10 Wednesday, August 14	10-11 am 10-11 am 10-11 am	Parachutes & Scarves Water Fun Chalk Art
<b>Sensory</b> (ages 0-4)	Tuesday, June 25 Saturday, July 20 Monday, August 19	10-11 am 10-11 am 10-11 am	





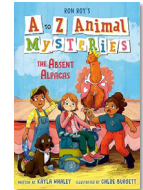
**BenAnna Band Concert**  
**Saturday, June 15 • 2 pm** **R**  
*For families.* Kids will go bananas for this high energy musical duo that will have everyone singing, dancing, and playing along on instruments! Bring your dancing shoes and big smiles to make this a musical performance to remember.

**Early Reader Book Club**

**Saturdays • 10-10:45 am** **R**  
*Ages 5–7 with caregiver.* Just starting to read or exploring early chapter books? Let's read together, talk books, and do crafts. Books provided.



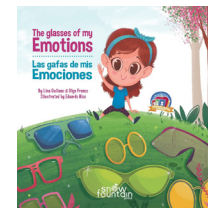
**JUNE 8**  
**Cornbread & Poppy**  
 by Matthew Cordell



**AUGUST 3**  
**The Absent Alpacas**  
 by Ron Roy

**Cuentos / Emotions Storytime**

*Ages 4–8 with caregiver.* Join us for storytime and a craft on healthy ways to handle emotions with NAMI KDK, the local National Alliance on Mental Illness affiliate.  
**Edades 4 a 8 años con adulto.**  
 Acompáñanos a leer y a realizar una actividad de arte con NAMI KDK (apoyo, educación y defensa a familias e individuos afectados por la salud mental).



**SATURDAY, JULY 6**  
**10–10:30 am**  
**Las gafas de mis emociones**  
**10:45–11:15 am**  
**The Glasses of My Emotions**



**THURSDAY, AUG. 1**  
**10–10:30 am**  
**Las gafas de mis emociones**  
**10:45–11:15 am**  
**My Calming Backpack**

**CAD & 3D Printing Workshop**

**Wednesday, July 10**  
**10:30–Noon**  
*Ages 8–11.* Discover the foundational principles of computer-aided design (CAD) and master the art of turning your ideas into vibrant, lifelike creations.



**KIDS (AGES 5-12)** Programs with a **R** require advance registration.

**Creativity Lab** **R**  
**Mondays • 5–5:45 pm**  
**June 3 • Reverse Tie-Dye**  
**June 24 • Egg Drop Challenge**  
*Ages 8–12.* Art, science, and technology, oh my! See online calendar for details and requirements.

**Reading Buddies** **R**  
**Fridays, June 7–July 26**  
**11:30–Noon**  
*For ages 5–10.* Build confidence and fluency by reading aloud with a teen buddy. Bring a favorite book or come early to choose something new.



**Adventure of the Lost Treasure** **R**  
**Saturday, June 22 • 10 am**  
*Ages 6–10 with caregiver.* Science Heroes take us on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle! Don't miss this exciting and interactive STEM learning adventure.

**Junior Library Helpers** **R**  
**Training: Saturday, June 15**  
**11–11:30 am**  
*Ages 9–11.* Too young to be a Teen Volunteer but still want to help around the library? Attend training, then help with simple tasks on your own schedule.

**STEAM Park** **R**  
**Fridays, June 21, July 12 & 26**  
**10–11 am**  
*Ages 5–10 with caregiver.* Explore the wonder of amusement parks with engaging STEAM challenges to discover and create. Sponsored by the DuPage Children's Museum.



**Read with Rover** **R**  
**Sundays, June 16, July 21, August 18 • 2–3 pm**  
*For readers.* Love reading? Or dogs? Practice reading aloud with a licensed therapy dog from the Fox Valley Therapy Dog Club. Each attendee will get 10–15 minutes to read with a dog.





**Chalk Pastel Sunflowers R**  
**Saturday, July 20 • 2–3 pm**  
*Ages 9–12.* Create your own sunflower-inspired pastel artwork with art teacher, Mrs. M!



**Summer Zentangle Animals R**  
**Saturday, July 27 • 11:15 am**  
*For ages 6–8 with caregiver.*  
 Create your own Zentangle artwork using the Zentangle Method with Mrs. M!

**Kid Librarian**

*Ages 7–10.* Create a book display for the library! You choose the theme and select books with a librarian. To apply, visit Youth Services and fill out an entry form. One Kid Librarian is selected each month.



**TEENS**

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**Teen Volunteers**

Students ages 11–18/grades 7–12 are welcome to volunteer at the library year-round! **Applications are open for the summer until June 30.** Visit [messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers](http://messengerpl.org/teenvolunteers) to apply.

**Teen DIY R**

**Thursdays • 2–3 pm**  
**June 6 • Bleach Tie-Dye**  
**Aug. 8 • Hobbit Door Wreaths**  
*Ages 11–18.* Create with your friends this summer! For bleach tie-dye, bring a dark cotton shirt, shoes, bag, etc. to dye. We will provide the rest. Tie-dye will be outdoors, weather permitting.



**Teen Yum Club: Ukraine R**  
**Thursday, June 27**  
**7–8 pm**  
*Ages 11–18.* Like to try new things? Wish you could travel around the world? The Yum Club is a place to explore new places through food! Space is limited.



**Sun Mandalas R**

**Saturday, July 20**  
**3:15–4:15 pm**  
*Ages 13–18.* Create your own sun-inspired mandala artwork with art teacher, Mrs. M!



**Teen Taste Test: Sub Sandwich Battle R**

**Thursday, July 25 • 7–8 pm**  
*Ages 11–18.* Where is the best place to get a sub sandwich? Let's compare different sandwich shops to determine the best of the best. Come hungry!

**SCIENCE HEROES**  
*Experiment with adventure!*

**Science Heroes: Actions and Reactions Lab R**

**Saturday, June 22 • 11:30 am**  
*Ages 11–18.* Come explore and investigate amazing science concepts using confetti cannons, soda bottles, nail polish remover, and more!

**Teen STEAM: 3D Print Your Own Design R**  
**Thursday, July 11**  
**6:30–8 pm**

*Ages 11–18.* Bring your imagination to life by designing a 3D printed creation of your own. Presented by Ready, Set, Code.





# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## Wits Workout <sup>®</sup>

Fridays • 10:30–11:30 am

Learn about brain health and participate in activities to



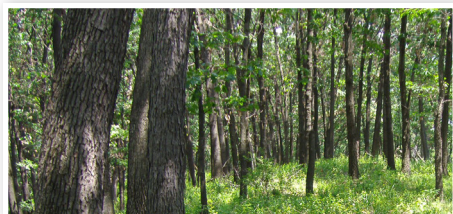
**WITS**  
WORKOUT

strengthen your memory and increase your brain power!

**June 14 • School Days (intellectual challenge)**

**July 12 • America's Pastime (exercise)**

**August 9 • Apple a Day (diet)**



## Wetlands Discovery Walk <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, June 15  
10–11 am

Join us for another nature walk

with the Kane County Forest Preserve. We'll explore the watershed and water cycle and discuss the sources and impacts of pollution on our waterways while hiking along the Fox River.



## Drop-In Crochet and Knit Club

Thursdays, June 27, July 18,  
August 15 • 6–8 pm

Come relax and work on making something cozy with others who are interested in the fiber arts! All skill levels are encouraged to attend.

## Advanced Crochet Class: Amigurumi <sup>®</sup>

Tuesdays, June 11 • 6–8 pm

OR August 6 • 10–12 pm

Amigurumi ("crocheted or knitted stuffed toy") is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures.

Must have some crochet knowledge. Yarn and hook included. *Teens and adults 16 and older are welcome.*



## DIY Green Cleaners <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, June 29  
2:30–3:30 pm

Make your own eco-friendly cleaning supplies while learning about the benefits of toxin-free cleaners. All materials are provided for each participant to make two cleaners to take home.

## Learn to Make Native Wildflower Seed Bombs <sup>®</sup>

Monday, July 15  
7–8:30 pm

Learn to cultivate your world one native wildflower plant at a time with these do-it-yourself seed bombs. All materials provided. Come prepared to get dirty.



## Yum Club <sup>®</sup>

Tuesdays, July 23 and  
August 27 • 7–8 pm

Join us for the Yum Club, where foodies come together to taste snacks and treats from a different country each month. Those with food allergies should proceed with caution.

## Detox Your Mind Through Meditation <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, August 1  
6:30–7:30 pm

Join long-time meditator Umesh Bhatia and learn how to implement a simple yet powerful meditation technique that can be life changing.

## Game Night at Brother Chimp Brewing

Tuesday, August 13  
6:30–8:30 pm

Join us at Brother Chimp Brewing in North Aurora for a night of board games. We provide the games and light snacks, so come on out and enjoy the fun!



# ART CLUB FOR ADULTS

Beginners welcome! Register **R** in advance. For adults and teens over 16 (with registered adult).

## Patriotic Wreath **R**

**Saturday, June 8 • 10–Noon OR  
Tuesday, June 18 • 6:30–8:30 pm**  
Celebrate the spirit of America by crafting a patriotic wreath, perfect for the 4th of July, Memorial Day, or Veteran's Day. *Registration starts May 1.*

## Hot Air Balloon Ornament **R**

**Saturday, July 13 • 10–Noon OR  
Tuesday, July 16 • 6:30–8:30 pm**  
Upcycle a light bulb into a beautiful vintage hot air balloon ornament. *Registration starts Jun. 1.*

## Sharpie Tie-Dye Painting **R**

**Saturday, Aug. 10 10–Noon OR  
Tuesday, Aug. 20 6:30–8:30 pm**  
Paint a bright, colorful painting using Sharpie markers and alcohol on canvas. *Registration starts July 1.*

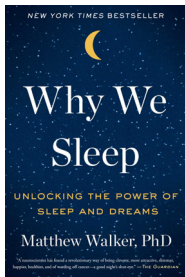


**NOTE: Sept. Art Club–Project TBA. Registration starts August 1.**

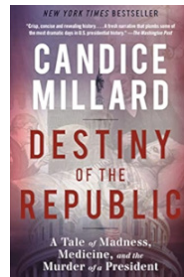
# ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Digital copies of book discussion titles may be available on Hoopla, Libby, or Boundless; print copies are available for checkout at the User Services Desk. Please register **R** in advance.

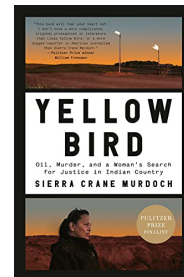
## Narrative Nonfiction Book Club **R** | Mondays • 7-8 pm



**June 10**  
*Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams* by Matthew P. Walker



**July 8**  
*Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard

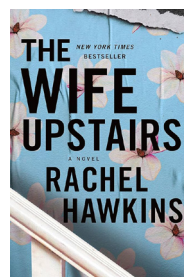


**August 12**  
*Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and a Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country* by Sierra Crane Murdoch

## Morning Book Discussion Group **R** | Wed. • 10:30-11:30 am



**June 5**  
*The Secrets We Kept* by Lara Prescott



**July 3**  
*The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins

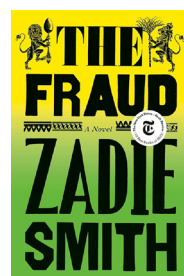


**August 7**  
*Flying Solo* by Linda Holmes

## Evening Book Discussion Group **R** | Thursdays • 7-8 pm



**June 6**  
*One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle



**July 11**  
*The Fraud* by Zadie Smith



**August 1**  
*The Last Flight* by Julie Clark



# Music @ Messenger

Select Tuesdays  
6:30 - 8 pm

**The Music @ Messenger summer concert series** returns for a third season, with even more shows highlighting the talents of local Fox River Valley artists. Bring your lawn chair and picnic for an outdoor show on the rear lawn of the library. All shows are outdoors as weather allows.

## NORTH AURORA Community Group MEETINGS

### Fox Valley Writers Group

Alternating Tuesdays • 6:45 pm  
Contact:  
foxvalleywriters@gmail.com

### North Aurora Garden Club

1st Monday of each month • 6:30 pm  
Contact:  
Gail Wilke (630) 618-6467

### North Aurora Lions Club

2nd Tuesday of each month • 7 pm  
Contact:  
northauroralions@gmail.com

### Toastmasters: Timely Talkers

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month  
7 - 8:30 pm  
Contact: Dan Velasco at  
danvelasco123@gmail.com

### Toastmasters: Advanced Expressives

4th Saturday of each month  
10:15 am - Noon  
Contact:  
John Jerrard (630) 688-8438



### D.S. Wilson • June 4

D.S. Wilson is a Top 25 Chicago-based multi-instrumental jazz musician specializing in saxophones and piano/keyboards. Wilson's music is consistently in three Top 100 charts and has twice been featured on a variety of airwaves in our area.



### Katie Bogle • June 18

Katie Bogle is a LGBTQ singer/songwriter based out of the Northwest suburbs of Chicago donating a performance to us. The first time she touched a telecaster, she played it for six hours straight. Fast forward ten years and now she's putting out simple and fun pop music that will get stuck in your head. Her new single, "Swimming On Your Patio", is the perfect tune for a summer road trip or a backyard barbeque. All are welcomed to experience the joy of music.



### Trio • July 9

Pure, three part harmony is what makes them special! Blended guitar, harmonica and vocals to create unique performances of songs from all the great decades. You may even want to dance a little bit.



### Willard Wilcox • July 23

Willard Wilcox is a multi-talented artist with a long history of both bands and solo performances and will showcase a collection of originals and familiar favorites. He will bring smokey blues filled with voice, but also engage with his audiences with humor and kindness.



### Tina Paulus • August 6

Please join Tina, physics teaching superhero by day, as she explores her other passion – performing music! She learned at an early age that music is an outlet for emotions that can't be fully expressed by words, and started writing and covering songs as a form of "therapy". Tina's music is an eclectic mix of rock, folk, blues, and alternative.



### Jim Green • August 27

Having performed throughout the U.S., Billboard has hailed Jim Green as "one of the best independent artists in the Midwest." His unique style of guitar (even winning a Guitar Idol competition) and use of percussive techniques with carefully crafted vocals provide for a unique and enjoyable listening experience. A former resident of North Aurora, we are happy to "bring him home" for a local performance.



## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

MESSENGER PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NORTH AURORA | SUMMER 2024: JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

### LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday-Thursday**  
9 am - 9 pm

**Friday-Saturday**      **Sunday**  
9 am - 5 pm              1 - 5 pm

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Saperston, President  
Mary Steed  
Tanya Berley  
Peggy Carlson  
Elizabeth Cranford  
James R. Hicks  
Darlene Bailey

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Thursdays • 7-8 pm  
June 13, July 11, August 8

### THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Wednesday, July 3 (close at 5 pm)  
Thursday, July 4



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Here in the Midwest, we spend so many months indoors that when summer hits it is time to fully enjoy all our area has to offer. Live life to the fullest while the sun shines! At MPL we are gearing up for a season of programs, events, and prizes as our Summer Challenge starts. This season we have a full slate of Music @ Messenger concerts on our new backyard patios, with a variety of styles represented. Bring a picnic and enjoy tunes from our local Fox River Valley area artists.

Other library happenings will include new self-checks to replace our current units which have served us well, but aged out of life and are failing. As these are essential for operations and patron privacy, we expect installation shortly and will provide instructional materials. If you prefer our user services staff to check you out, we always welcome personally assisting our patrons.

As you head out for vacations, check out our small ongoing book sale. It replaced the prior yearly book sale as we simply have no storage space in our back areas, rented storage was very expensive, and we

do not have spry volunteers that can haul hundreds of boxes of books. As such, we are slowly emptying the rented storage, and as materials flow in and out (as we select and add fresh materials, we de-select according to data analytics, age, relevancy, and space demands), a small ongoing book sale is a more sustainable option. If you would like books saved for a charitable cause or need, please let us know and we will be happy to help. We regularly donate to our senior and service center agencies, local causes, and supply the Little Free Libraries around town. All book sale proceeds go to our Foundation.

Viva la summer, and enjoy your library!

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