



## Greetings!

This year the McHenry Public Library is helping with the 2020 census as part of the McHenry County Complete Count Committee. The census is very important, as its data helps determine political representation, as well as funding for services and infrastructure in our community, including health care, senior centers, jobs, roads, schools and businesses, and libraries. More than \$675 billion in federal funding flows back to states and local communities each year.

For the first time in census history, you will be invited to respond to the census *online*. Soon after March 12, each household will receive a customized letter from the U.S. Census Bureau containing a census I.D. number. You'll have three options to submit your responses — online, phone or paper form.

United States  
**Census**  
2020

Your personal information is kept confidential by the U.S. Census Bureau, which is a nonpartisan government agency. Your responses can only be used to produce statistics; they cannot be shared with immigration enforcement agencies or law enforcement agencies.

Libraries are uniquely positioned to help ensure that communities are accurately counted. Because libraries/librarians are trusted and welcoming, we play an important role in reaching out to groups often missed by the census — like the elderly, non-English speaking people, young children, people experiencing homelessness, people with low incomes, people of color, and recent immigrants, to name a few.

Libraries are a great place for people to complete the census questionnaire online — especially those who don't have internet access at home or on their phones — and to get accurate information about the census. We will have several laptops with secure wifi connections available for you to use.

In the next few months, the library will focus on educating people about the census by hosting some special events (see them at right). You'll also see plenty of promotional materials around the area encouraging people to "Be Counted" in the 2020 Census.

April 1, 2020 is the big date for being counted. Make sure you count everyone living in your home as of April 1. So come on in to the library to learn more about the 2020 Census, or use one of our public computers to complete your census questionnaire.

As always, if you have questions or comments, you can come talk to me in person, send me an email, write a letter or drop a note in our in-house suggestion box. Thanks for being a McHenry Public Library patron — we work hard to serve you in many different ways.

Jim Scholtz, Executive Director

**Registration for most programs starts Monday,  
February 17 at 9 a.m.**

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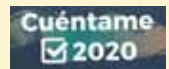
## Census Events at the Library

### Are You Ready for the 2020 Census? Community Briefing Monday, March 9, 7-8 p.m.

A representative from the Census Bureau will explain the census process, timeline, methods of responding and answer questions. Learn why the Census is important and how your participation benefits your community. **R**

### Cuéntame 2020 -- ¿Estás listo para el censo? domingo, 22 de marzo, 1-2 p.m.

El Censo de los Estados Unidos es un conteo de toda la población que vive en los Estados Unidos, independientemente de su estado migratorio. Un representante de Mano a Mano estará aquí para decirle lo que necesita saber acerca de El Censo y responder preguntas.



### "Hole"-y Census Sunday! Sunday, March 29, 12-4 p.m.

Come to the library to complete your census questionnaire and get some free donut holes from Riverside Bakery. Bring your official census letter with you because you'll need the Census ID on it! **R**

### It's Census Day, and That's No Joke!

### Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Come to the library to complete your census questionnaire and get some free SWAG! Bring your official census letter with you because you'll need the Census ID on it! **R**

### Changes to Hold Slips

When picking up your holds recently, you might have noticed something different. We've made some changes to hold slips that include adding the last four digits of your library card number and adding more letters to your name to help you better identify your hold.



These changes have been initiated throughout our consortium as a way to protect your privacy. If you have any problems finding your hold, please see the Circulation Staff. We're happy to help you.

### Half Price Fines

It's here again! Announcing our spring Half Price Fines Program from **May 3 through May 16**. We will gladly cut your late fees in half during that time period for any overdue McHenry items. This does not include items that have not been returned, or collection fees.



The late fees we collect this time will be donated to CASA of McHenry County, a volunteer organization that serves as an advocate for children in the foster care system. If you have any questions about our Half Price Fines Program, please call or ask someone at the Checkout Desk. We're happy to help.

### Roku Ultras Available to Check Out

Missing out on shows and movies because you don't have a streaming service? Want to try one out before you buy one? Don't worry — Roku Ultras are here!

The library is offering Roku Ultras loaded with Netflix, Hulu, and Disney+ for checkout. All you need is an internet connection, a TV and a McHenry Public Library card!



Rokus can be checked out for three weeks, and you can put a hold on one if all of them are checked out. Stop by the Questions Desk to check one out or place a hold!

## Week of the Young Child April 13-17

*We're celebrating Week of the Young Child! Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.*



**Drop in to any of the programs below for infants to children age 6 with adult.**

### Music Monday

**When: Monday, April 13, 10-10:45 a.m.**

Join us for a storytime incorporating instruments and songs. Afterwards we'll make our own homemade instruments for a fun dance party!

### Tasty Tuesday

**When: Tuesday, April 14, 10-10:45 a.m.**

Bring your appetites because we'll be measuring and making some delicious snacks together!

### Work Together Wednesday

**When: Wednesday, April 15, 1:30-2:15 p.m.**

Get ready for some serious fun as we play, build, and learn together!

### Artsy Thursday

**When: Thursday, April 16, 1:30-2:15 p.m.**

Explore your artistic side as we create process-based art projects, as well as a giant mural that we will all create together to display in the library for everyone to enjoy! Be sure to bring a smock or old shirt because we may get messy!

### Family Friday — Week of the Young Child Celebration

**When: Friday, April 17, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

Join us for a storytime about families where we will read a story and make a craft that celebrates your family! Refreshments will be served by Oberweis Dairy.

**Register for programs at [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org), by phone at 815-385-0036 or in person.**

## Spring Storytimes

March 2-17 & April 20 - May 12

Children learn through stories and music lead by Youth Services staff. Kids use their minds and bodies in interactive play. Staff also promote a variety of great books in Storytimes, so parents and children can learn about new authors and illustrators. See online calendar for specific dates and locations. No older siblings, please. No programs on days the library is closed. All of the storytimes above (plus Family Story and Playtime) are day-of registration.

Starting 30 minutes before the program begins, parents will sign up on the sheet posted on the program room door. We will admit those who sign up on a first-come-first-served basis until the program limit is filled. **R**

Name	Age	Day	Time
Little Tots	6-19 mos.*	Monday	9:30-10 a.m.
Terrific Toddlers A	20-36 mos.*	Monday	10:15-10:45 a.m.
Terrific Toddlers B	20-36 mos.*	Tuesday	9:30-10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime	3-6 years	Tuesday	1-1:30 p.m.
Bilingual	2-6 years	Tuesday	4:30-5 p.m.

Parents/caregivers are required to remain in the library during storytimes.

\* Parent/caregiver must accompany child.

### Mini Masterpieces

**When:** Wednesdays, 2-2:45 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

**March 4:** Line Art

**April 1:** Marble Paintings

**May 6:** Beaded Butterflies

Make art, make crafts, and make friends at this program for creative kids. **R**

### Preschool Playtime

**When:** Thursdays,  
9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 2-5 w/adult

**March 5:** Balloon Games

**April 2:** Gross Motor Skill Games

**May 7:** Obstacle Course

Join us for fun activities that will get preschoolers up and moving! **R**

### Wiggles & Giggles

**When:** Fridays: March 6 & 20, &  
May 1 & 15, 9:30-10 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 6-23 mos. w/adult

Enjoy fun and active stories, rhymes & songs. **R**

### Parachute Play for Toddlers

**When:** Fridays: March 6 & 20, &  
May 1 & 15, 10:30-11 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 2-3 1/2 w/adult

Join us for a storytime and activities using our indoor parachute! **R**

### Family Story and Playtime

**When:** Wednesdays: March 11 &  
25, April 8 & 22, &  
May 13, 1-1:45 p.m.

**Who:** All ages

Join us for a new flexible program that includes an informal playgroup and concurrent storytimes. Children will have the choice to either play with the library's collection of toys and manipulatives, or take part in an all-ages storytime, or come and go between the storytime and playgroup as they please!

### Happy Birthday, Bill Martin Jr.!

**When:** Thursday, March 12,  
6-7 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 18 mo. - 4 yrs. w/adult

Celebrate the author Bill Martin Jr. with us as we read and do activities incorporating the books *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?*, and many others! **R**



### Storytime at Panera Bread

**When:** Wednesdays: March 18,  
April 15 & May 20,  
10-10:30 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

Listen to stories, songs and fingerplays while you enjoy milk and cookies at the McHenry Panera, 1711 N. Richmond Rd. (Caregivers must remain in the restaurant during the program.) Register just the child. **R**

### Won't You Be My Neighbor? Day

**When:** Saturday, March 21,  
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 yrs. w/adult

Throw on your favorite cardigan and get ready to learn about generosity and kindness. After storytime, help us create kindness boxes that we will share with the community. **R**

### Stories at Hidden Pearl Coffee

**When:** Thursdays, March 26. April 23 &  
May 28, 1:30-2 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

Come for an intimate storytime at the recently reopened Hidden Pearl Coffee at 1250 N. Green St. **R**



### Little Explorers

**When:** Fridays, 2-2:45 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

**March 27:** Towers

**April 24:** Marshmallow Launchers

**May 22:** Lego Buildings

Let's learn about the world around us through these activities. **R**

### Baby Art: Cookie Cutter Painting

**When:** Monday, March 30,  
9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 18 mos. & under w/adult

Let your baby get messy at the library! This month they'll use cookie cutters or just their fingers to create simple paintings, so dress for a mess! **R**

### Why, Tickle Me Pink! It's National Crayon Day!

**When:** Tuesday, March 31,  
11-11:45 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

Celebrate National Crayon Day by reading Crayon related stories, completing activities, and coloring! **R**

### Toddler Art: Cotton Masterpiece

**When:** Friday, April 3,  
9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 19 mos. - 3 yrs. w/adult

Your toddler will have a good time making a masterpiece with paint, cotton swabs, and cotton balls! Dress for a mess! **R**

**R = Registration required**



**Zumba for Kids with Fitness 120**

**When:** Monday, April 6

**Who:** Toddlers (18 mos. - 2 yrs.) from 9:30-10 a.m.  
Preschoolers (2 ½ -6) from 10:15-10:45 a.m.



Join us at one of these sessions for a morning of fun and creativity through fitness! An adult must accompany the child. **R**

**“Block” Party**

**When:** Saturday, April 11, 10-11 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 2-6 w/adult

Playing is learning! Join us to have a great time playing and building with the library’s block collection. No registration is required, but sign up if you would like a reminder call.

**World Book Day**

**When:** Thursday, April 23, 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 3-6 w/adult

Dress up like your favorite children’s book character, listen to stories, and complete book-themed activities! **R**

**May the 4th Be With You**

**When:** Monday, May 4, 1-2 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 2-6 w/adult

Celebrate Star Wars Day with a storytime that’s out of this world! Costumes welcome. Aimed at padawans ages 2-6. **R**

**Mom & Me Storytime**

**When:** Saturday, May 9, 10-10:45 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 5 & under w/adult

Enjoy an afternoon listening to stories, singing songs and creating a special gift! **R**



**Pajama Storytime**

**When:** Thursday, May 28, 6-7 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 1-4 w/adult

Wear your pajamas for stories, songs, crafts, and a bedtime snack. We’ll celebrate Margaret Wise Brown’s birthday by reading *Goodnight Moon*, along with other bedtime tales. **R**

*Children under age 10 MUST have an adult caregiver remain in the library during events.*

**STEM Me a Story**

**Who:** Grades K-1 w/adult

**When:** Thursday, March 12, 3-4 p.m.

Experience the story and then enjoy a hands-on STEM activity that relates to the story. This month we will read *Galapagos Girl* by Marsha Diane Arnold. Then create your own Galapagos turtle habitat. **R**

**An Evening with Children’s Author Lisa Graff**

**Who:** Ages 6 & up

**When:** Wednesday, March 18, 6-7 p.m.



The library is excited to welcome Lisa Graff, the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of *Far Away*, *The Great Treehouse War*, *A Clatter of Jars*, *Absolutely Almost*, and more! Lisa’s books have been named to more than 70 state award lists and have been touted as best books of the year by booksellers, teachers, and librarians. Lisa will talk about herself and her books, with a book signing to follow. Books will be available to purchase from Read Between the Lynes Bookstore. **R** Funded by the Friends of the Library.

**The Who Was? What Was? Trivia Contest**

**When:** Tuesday, March 24, 2-3 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 3-5

You have read and memorized the *Who Was and What Was* book series,



now it’s time to test your knowledge against your friends! You’ll be placed in trivia teams for this epic history showdown! **R**

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**“Minute to Win It” Family Challenge!**

**When:** Wednesday, March 18, 10-11 a.m.

**Who:** Grades K-4 w/adult

Join us as we challenge ourselves in the “Minute to Win It” Challenge! From stacking cups to balancing marshmallows, get ready for a fun-filled morning! **R**

**Sensory Saturday**

**Who:** Grades K-12 w/adult

Join us for a sensory event designed for children with autism, sensory processing or other developmental needs, their families, and friends! **R**

March 21, 2-3 p.m. — Over the rainbow!

May 16, 10-11 a.m. — Beautiful butterflies and more!

**T-Rex-ploers Hear me ROAR!**

**Who:** Grades K & up w/adult

**When:** Monday, March 23, 1-2 p.m.

Join us as T-Rex-ploers take you on an adventure straight from the world of dinosaur science and paleontology. See dinosaur fossil types from numerous species close up and hands on! **R**

**Family Game Night**

**When:** Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Who:** Grades K-8 w/adult

Get an early start on your Board Game Day celebration with this Family Game Night. Come to the library to play some cards, dice, and board games as a family! **R**

**Family Book Club at Culvers!**

**When:** Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 1-4 w/adult

Join us at the McHenry Culver’s for our Family Book Club! This month’s book will be *A Boy Called Bat* by Alana Arnold. **R**



**Mulan Movie, Lanterns & More!**

**When:** Thursday, March 26,  
10-11 a.m.

**Who:** Grades 3-5

Get ready for the live action release of Disney's "Mulan" with some fun crafts while we talk about the movie!

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**Lots and Lots of Llamas Craft Extravaganza!**

**When:** Friday, March 27, 12-1 p.m.

**Who:** Grades K-3

Do you love llamas? Then you will love this nonstop llama craft extravaganza! Get ready to create everything from spring wool llamas to fiesta llamas and more! R

**Polskie Bajki/Polish Storytime**

**When:** Saturdays, March 28, April 25 & May 23, 3-3:30 p.m.

**Who:** Children of all ages

Posłuchajcie bajek, zaśpiewajcie piosenki i bawcie się dobrze! Dzisiejszy program będzie w języku polskim i angielskim. Dzieci w każdym wieku są zaproszone!

Listen to stories, sing songs, and have fun! This bilingual storytime will be in Polish and English. R

**NatureKids: Eggcellent Adventure!**

**When:** Thursday, April 2,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades K-3

It's spring and the birds are back! Join us as we explore the outdoors to learn how to identify native area birds' eggs, and learn how they build their nests to withstand the elements of the

season. Our program will then continue indoors where we will create our own birdhouse to hang in the backyard! R



**Big Bang Family Science Club: The Science Behind Kites Challenge**

**When:** Saturday, April 18, 2-3 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 6-10 w/adult

Explores the science behind kites through simple experiments and hands-on activities. During the program, families will create their own kites and, weather permitting, we will continue outside to fly our kites in the family kite challenge! R

**Create with Snapology!**

**When:** Saturday, April 4

Join us as we celebrate National Robotics Week with Snapology!

**Create Robopals**

**Grades K-3**

**10-11:30 a.m. —**

Create your own animal inspired robotic model! From insects to alligators and so much more, you'll have a wild time as you build, learn and play. R



**Create Megamachinery**

**Grades 4-8**

**1-2:30 p.m. —** Create your favorite motorized vehicles! From trucks to space rovers and so much more, you'll be sure to have fun as you build, learn and play. R

**Read "Fur" Fun**

**When:** Saturday, April 25,  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Who:** Ages Pre-K — Grade 2

Bring a book, cuddle up and read to the dogs! Licensed therapy dog owners will be present. Sign up for a time slot at the Questions Desk. R

**Trash to Treasure Craft Extravaganza!**

**Who:** Grades K-3

**When:** Wednesday, April 29,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Earth Day by joining us for a trash filled craft event! We will recycle everyday household items and create beautiful crafts! Trash has never looked so good! R

**Make a Baby Yoda Keychain**

**When:** Monday, May 4,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 3-5

Make a cute Baby Yoda keychain to celebrate Star Wars! R

**Note: Programs are for children only, unless "w/adult" or "all ages" is indicated.**

**Razzle Dazzle Unicorns**

**When:** Monday, May 11,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades K-3

Do you love unicorns? Then you'll love this nonstop unicorn extravaganza filled with stories, crafts, games and more! R



**Snacks with the Chief**

**When:** Wednesday, May 27,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades K-3

Join McHenry Police Chief Birk as he reads us a story and explains his role in McHenry's Police Department. Then enjoy a snack as Chief Birk answers any questions you may have about police work. R

**After School Supper Program**

**When:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
3:30-5 p.m. in our Meeting Room



Come to the library for a quick meal. While you're here get started on your homework or work on a mind-bending activity. Any student age 18 and under receives a free meal provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

**Take-Home Craft**

Stop in to pick up a theme-related craft, while supplies last. All ages.

March 15-21 Dragon Craft  
May 10-16 Paper Bag Butterfly

**I Spy Display**

Check out our life-sized I Spy display from April 12-25! Will you be able to spy the hidden objects?

**Game On!**

**When:** Monday, March 23,  
3:30-5 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-8

Join us at the library for a fun afternoon of games featuring Nintendo Switch and Xbox One, board games and puzzles. **R**

**Paint & Sip: It's Raining Watercolors!**

**When:** Wednesday, March 25,  
2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-8



Creativity and juice boxes will be free flowing when you use watercolors to create a rainy day scene. **R**

**Money Smart Tweens & Teens**

**When:** Tuesday, April 7, 6-7 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-12

Join us as we celebrate Money Smart Week with a representative from First Midwest Bank. You'll learn the concepts of saving, spending, how to set up a savings account and more! Parents are encouraged to attend. **R**

**Tween D.I.Y. — Recycled Crafts**

**When:** Monday, April 20,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-8

Celebrate Earth Day with recycled crafts. Come to the library to make a bracelet out of pop tabs! **R**

**Tween D.I.Y. — Spring Blossom Tree Paper Quilling**

**When:** Wednesday, May 6,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-8

Make a a spring blossom tree using watercolor and paper quilling techniques. **R**



**Build Your Own Droid**

**When:** Thursday, May 14,  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-8

Do you love Star Wars? Are you as excited about The Mandalorian as we are? Then come in and build your very own droid! Use R2D2 or BB8 as inspiration or create something new — it's up to you! **R**



**WE NEED YOU!!**

*Interested in volunteering this summer? Contact Youth Services or stop by the Questions Desk. Applications available starting May 1.*

**Summer Teen Volunteer Training**

**When:** Saturday, May 23,  
10:30-11:30 a.m. OR  
Thursday, May 28,  
4-5 p.m.

**Who:** Ages 13-18

Whether you're looking for volunteer hours over the summer or just want to be awesome, summer volunteering at the library is just the thing. Sign up for this training to learn all you need to be a volunteer this summer and earn your ticket to the volunteer party in August! Please pick up and complete your summer volunteer application before the training session. **R**

**FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**  
SATURDAY, MAY 2



**Stop by the Questions Desk and pick out a free comic book. One to a customer!**

**McHenry High School Student Art Shows @ the Library**

**April 20-26: East Campus AP & Honor Students Art Show**

**April 27-May 3: East Campus All-Student Art Show**



**Chat 'n Chew Book Group**



**When:** Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 4-6

**Where:** Jimano's Pizza on Rt. 31

**March 5:** *The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff (first 10 to sign up get a free copy)

**April 2:** *Read & bring a Science Fiction book*

**May 7:** *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (first 10 to sign up get a free copy)

Join us at Jimano's Pizza for good eats and to chat about the books above. Bring your book! **R**

**Reader's Dozen Book Group**



**When:** Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Who:** Grades 6-8

**Where:** Dunkin' Donuts on Rt. 31 & Oak Ave.

(The first 10 to sign up at the Questions Desk will get a free copy of the book.)

**March 20:** *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff

**April 17:** *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

**May 15:** *Keeper of the Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger

Join our book group just for middle schoolers! Enjoy delicious donuts while spending time discussing books. **R**

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**LGBTaQ Rainbow Reads****When:** Sundays: March 8, April 5 & May 10, 1-2 p.m.**Who:** Grades 6-12

Hang out with your rainbow fam at our monthly LGBTQ+ casual book club and support group. Sip some tea or coffee and tell us what you've been reading or watching, and whatever else might be on your mind in an open and accepting environment.

**Dungeons & Dragons****When:** Tuesdays: March 10, April 21 & May 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**Who:** Ages 11-21

Make a character and join an experienced Dungeon Master in this fantasy role playing game. We will be playing the 5th edition. **R**

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)****When:** Wednesdays: March 11, April 8 & May 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**Who:** Grades 6-12

Teens, join our Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Help make the library better for teens while earning volunteer hours for school! No need to register.

**Book Exchange Party****When:** Saturday, March 14, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**Who:** Grades 6-12

Got books you don't want? Want new-to-you books? Bring a book you don't want anymore and leave with one you do at our Book Exchange Party. Pizza and drinks provided while you talk with everyone about the books you're trading.

**Write On! Teen/Tween Writing Club****When:** Thursdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21, 6:30-8 p.m.**Who:** Grades 6-12

Need more writing in your life? Join our new writing club, where you can face our

monthly writing challenge, work on your personal stories, and hang out with your friends! Feel free to bring your own device or use one of the library's computers. **R**

**Crazy Good Book Club****When:** March 23, April 27 & May 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Jimano's**Who:** Grades 9-12**March 23:** *We Set the Dark on Fire* by Tehlor Kay Mejia**April 27:** *Watch Us Rise* by Renée Watson**May 26:** *Dealing in Dreams* by Lilliam Rivera**R****Anime & Manga Club****When:** Wednesdays, March 25, April 22 & May 27, 7-8 p.m.**Who:** 6th Grade & up

Fans of Anime and Manga can get together to talk about their favorite manga, watch anime and enjoy other fun activities. **R**

**Teen Crafternoon****Who:** Grades 6-12

Come make some stuff with Miss Emma! Here's what we're doing:

**Hot Glue Geodes** —

Thursday, March 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

**Spring Chandelier** —

Friday, April 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Pocket Koi Pond** —

Wednesday, May 20, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**R****Roll the Dice!****When:** Wednesday, April 15, 6-8 p.m.**Who:** Ages 11-20

Tired of checkers and Chutes and Ladders? Try rooting out who wants to overthrow an Orwellian government in Resistance, stop Cthulhu before he ends the world in Elder Sign, or simply try not to topple a Jenga tower! Great games to change your definition of board gaming. **R**

**Finals Relief****When:** Saturday, May 16, 1-3 p.m.**Who:** Grades 9-12

You've been running yourself ragged studying for and stressing over your upcoming finals. Time to let go and relax just a bit. Join us for pizza, tea, games, and fun in an absolutely study-free zone!

**SAT Math Prep****When:** Tuesday, March 10, 7-8:30 p.m.**Who:** Grades 9-12

The SAT Math Test is divided into four content areas: Heart of Algebra, Problem Solving and Data Analysis, Passport to Advanced Math, and Additional Topics in Math. Come to this prep class to learn more and find out some tips and strategies. Presented by Sylvan Learning. **R**

**SAT Critical Reading and Grammar Prep****When:** Tuesday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m.**Who:** Grades 9-12

The SAT Critical Reading Test has students read and analyze passages from US Literature, a US Founding document, and science and the social sciences text. While there is a lot to cover it is very doable with the right approach on how to pick out critical information and use the accompanying infographics to support your work. Presented by Sylvan Learning. **R**

**Making Your Dream College a Financial Reality****When:** Thursday, April 23, 7-8 p.m.**Who:** Grades 9 & up

This unique workshop covers methods not revealed in other college planning seminars. Don't miss the opportunity to learn new strategies available to families for planning, saving and paying for college that can save thousands of dollars while also optimizing admissions and scholarship opportunities. Both students and parents are encouraged to attend this free seminar presented by experts from My College Planning Team. **R**

*Women's History Month*

**Women in Astronomy  
Monday, March 2, 7-8 p.m.**

Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about the role women have played in astronomical discoveries over the centuries. Michelle Nichols-Yehling from Adler Planetarium presents. **R**

**The Great Decisions Series  
Led by Professor Gary Midkiff**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Pick and choose among the different sessions or attend all of them! We're already on Chapter 2.



You'll read the Great Decisions Briefing Book (available at the Questions Desk), watch the DVD and meet as a group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

**Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.**

**March 24 — Chapter 2: India and Pakistan**

**April 28 — Chapter 3: Red Sea Security**

**May 26 — Chapter 4: Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**

**Research Your World War II Ancestry**

**Sunday, March 29, 1-2:30 p.m.**  
In this workshop, we'll cover compiled service records, pensions, draft registrations, and any other related genealogical material. **R**

**R = Registration required**



**Emerging Adult Events  
(ages 18-29)**

**Media & Me**

**When: Tuesdays, March 3, April 7 & May 5, 7-8:15 p.m.**  
Bring a friend to Panera in McHenry to talk books, movies, music and more! In March, share your favorite Manga; in April we'll talk about science fiction; in May the topic is romance books. Enjoy bakery items provided by the library. **R**

**Table-Top Game Night**

**When: Thursdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21, 6-8:30 p.m.**  
Bring your friends and tabletop games. Start a campaign, or add more party members to an existing campaign. Learn a new game. The possibilities are endless! **R**

**Community Shredding Event  
Saturday, April 11,  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**



Bring up to four boxes/bags of personal (no business) documents to be shredded by a commercial service in our parking lot. Staples can be left in, but no binder clips, x-rays, hanging folders or ring binders.

**Buying a Home: Get Your Questions Answered**

**Tuesday, April 14, 7-8 p.m.**  
Prequalified, preapproved, points, home inspection, appraisals, mortgage choices. Nancy from First Midwest Bank, Tracy from Cherry Creek Mortgage, a consumer credit counselor, and a realtor explain the process, whether you're a first-time buyer or need a refresher. **R**

**The Ins and Outs of Personal Bankruptcy**

**Monday, April 20, 7-8:15 p.m.**

Learn about the bankruptcy process, the requirements for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcies, and the pros and cons of each option. Presented by Ed Beckstrom from the Consumer Counseling Credit Service. **R**



**Coffee With the Chief**

**Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Want to know what's going on in McHenry? Join McHenry Police Chief John Birk and a city official for a presentation and discussion. **R**

**Going SOLAR 101**

**Wednesday, April 22, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Thinking of going green? Learn about the benefits and incentive programs for solar energy. **Tours of the library's solar panels will be given from 6-7 p.m. weather permitting.** (To view the panels you must be able to climb a 2-story staircase.) Presented by Paul LaBarbera, UL-Certified PV Solar Expert. **R**

**All Things British**

**Monday, May 11, 7-8 p.m.**

Ever wonder why the flag is called the Union Jack but is the Union Flag, or why the Queen reigns but doesn't rule? Confused about the United Kingdom, Great Britain, and the British Isles? John Gowing, a London Blue Badge Tour guide for eight years, will explain this and more. **R**



**AARP Safe Driver Course**

**Monday & Tuesday, May 18 & 19, 12-4 p.m.**

This is a two-part program. Registration automatically enrolls you for both parts. The cost is \$15 for AARP members (must bring card); \$20 for non-members. The fee covers both sessions and should be paid with a personal check on the first day of class. Completion of the course may entitle you to an auto insurance discount. **R**



## Book Discussion Groups

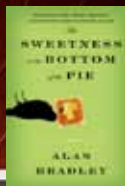
For ages 18 and up. No registration required. The books are available for checkout at the Checkout Desk.

Mystery Group meets at 7 p.m. on:

March 5 — *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley

April 2 — *How It Happened* by Michael Koryta

May 7 — *Broken Places* by Tracy Clark



Contemporary Group meets at 7 p.m. on:

March 9 — *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann

April 13 — *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

May 11 — *I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows



Classic Literature Group meets at 7 p.m. on:

March 16 — *Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trimbo

April 20 — *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas

May 18 — *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf



## In the Spotlight!

Did you know that we offer online resources that help you shop, sharpen your technology skills, prepare for tests, fix your vehicles, look up medical information, do your taxes, or learn a new language?



The electronic resources we subscribe to — available free, and some 24/7 — include reference materials, articles, images and interactive tutorials. These tools provide reliable information, peer-reviewed articles and citations.

### Featured Resource:



## creativebug is Here!

Get “making” with “creativebug,” which gives you unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft video classes and instructions.

New content is added weekly, and there are projects for all skill levels.

creativebug is free through our website when you create an account. You can use this online resource from home, too.

creativebug is available on our website under FIND IT /Library Databases.

## Free Movies @ Your Library

Starts promptly at 1 p.m. Sundays on:



March 15 — “Downton Abbey” Rated PG. Focus Features.

April 19 — “Blinded by the Light” Rated PG-13. New Line Cinema.

May 17 — “The Peanut Butter Falcon” Rated PG-13. Lions Gate Films.



For ages 18 & up. No registration needed. This program is funded by the Friends of the McHenry Public Library.

## Tax Forms and Tax Help

We don't receive paper tax forms or booklets, but you can use our public computers and printers to print tax forms at 10 cents per page. To download and print forms from your own computer, or to get a paper copy of an IRS instruction booklet mailed to you, go to: [irs.gov/forms-instructions](https://irs.gov/forms-instructions). AARP offers free tax prep help to eligible residents. For appointments at our library, call Crystal Lake Senior Services at 815-356-7457.



**You must have a valid MPLD card and register by phone (815-385-0036) or in person.**

**Intro to iPhone and iPad  
Sunday, March 8, 1-3 p.m.**

Have an iPhone or iPad and don't know how to use it? Bring your device(s) to this free course to get started. **R**

**Basic Microsoft Word 2013  
Saturday, May 16, 2-4 p.m.**

Learn how to create, edit, save and print a document. **R**

**Intermediate Excel 2013  
Sunday, May 17, 1-3 p.m.**

Learn simple formulas and functions. Basic Excel knowledge is required. **R**

**Talk to McHenry County Department of Health/Hable con El Departamento de Salud  
Friday, April 17, 2-4 p.m.**

Stop by the lobby to talk to representatives from the McHenry County Department of Health and learn about various resources: Women Infant Children (WIC), and health screenings. MCDH's mission is to promote health, safety and prevent disease.

Visítenos para hablar con representantes de el Departamento de Salud del condado de McHenry para aprender sobre recursos como WIC y chequeos de salud. La misión de MCDH es promover la salud, seguridad y prevenir enfermedades.

**Eventos para adultos**

**Computación: lo básico de Excel**

**sábado el 7 de marzo, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. y jueves, el 9 de abril, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

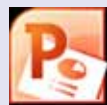
Las clases repasarán conceptos generales como crear una tabla y fórmula.



**Computación: lo básico de PowerPoint: parte 2**

**jueves, el 12 de marzo, 6:30-8:30 p.m. y sábado el 23 de mayo, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Las clases repasarán conceptos generales, como utilizar el programa de Microsoft PowerPoint y crear una presentación, con práctica y conceptos adicionales.



**Computación para principiantes: parte 2**

**jueves el 26 de marzo, 6:30-8:30 p.m. y sábado, el 25 de abril, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Las clases repasarán conceptos generales, como utilizar una computadora, con práctica y conceptos adicionales.



**Computación: las redes sociales**

**jueves el 23 de abril, y el 7 de mayo, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Las clases repasarán conceptos acerca de las redes sociales: Facebook, Twitter e Instagram.



**KISS ME KATE BUS TRIP**

**Sunday, May 3, 11:15 am - 4:15 pm.**

**REGISTRATION STARTS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

A hilarious backstage romantic comedy, *Kiss Me Kate* combines the humor and sophistication of William Shakespeare and Cole Porter.



The cost is \$60 and includes a ticket, transportation to and from the Marriot Lincolnshire Theater, and a boxed lunch. Tickets are NONREFUNDABLE.

For details, visit the Questions Desk or call the library at 815-385-0036. Space is limited! Register and pay in person with cash or check — no credit cards. For ages 18 & up.

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**Register online ([www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org)) or call 815-385-0036**

**Es necesario registrarse para todos los eventos, comenzando lunes el 17 de febrero a las 9 a.m., en persona, en línea en nuestro sitio de Web, o por teléfono en 815-385-0036.**

**Hora de cuentos bilingüe | los martes, el 3, 10 y 17 de marzo, el 21 y el 28 de abril, y el 5 y el 12 de mayo, 4:30-5 p.m. | Para niños de 2-6 años y sus padres o proveedores de cuidado**  
¡Haremos cuentos bilingües, rimas, música, baile y más para niños que quieren escuchar los dos idiomas!



## marzo

**Noche de Película Aladino | miércoles, el 4 de marzo | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | para toda la familia!**  
Ven a la biblioteca para ver a Aladdin y comer bocadillos.



**Casa de Aves | sábado, el 7 de marzo | 2-3 p.m. | para niños en grados 2º-5º**  
Ven para decorar una casita para los pájaros para la primavera.

**Cozer: hacer una almohada" | lunes, el 9 de marzo | 4:30-6 p.m. | para adolescentes en los grados 5º-12º.**  
Aprende hacer una almohada y llevatela a tu casa.

**Cuéntame 2020 — ¿Estás listo para el censo? | domingo, 22 de marzo, 1-2 p.m. | para adultos**  
Un representante de Mano a Mano estará aquí para decirte lo que necesita saber acerca de El Censo y responder preguntas.

**Aprendiendo Inglés: padres e hijos | lunes, el 23 de marzo, 6-7 p.m.**  
Usted y su hijo/a quieren aprender inglés? entonces venga a la biblioteca con sus hijos para aprender inglés juntos.

**Clase de Dibujo por The Krayon Brothers | martes, el 24 de marzo, 10-11 a.m. | Para niños en grados 2º-8º**  
Aprende a dibujar con los Hermanos Krayon y diviértete!

**TAG en español | miércoles, el 25 de marzo, el 22 de abril y el 27 de mayo, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | para adolescentes en grados 9º-12º**  
Acompáñanos por refrescos y la oportunidad de hablar de como puedo mejorar los servicios de la biblioteca para los adolescentes hispanohablantes.

**Cuentos de dinosaurio | viernes, el 27 de marzo, 10-11 a.m. | para niños en grados K-2**  
Ven a escuchar increíbles cuentos de dinosaurios y haz una manualidad.

## abril

**Cuentos de Pascua | lunes el 6 de abril, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | para niños en grados K-2**  
Ven a la biblioteca para escuchar cuentos de la pascua y para hacer una manualidad.

**Cozer: hacer una bolsa | viernes, el 10 de abril | 9:30-11 a.m. | para adolescentes en los grados 5º-12º.**  
Ven a la biblioteca para aprender hacer una bolsa de libros y usarla para los libros que tomes prestados.

**Fiesta de Selena: Lotería | lunes el 13 de abril, 6:30-8 p.m. | para toda la familia!**  
Ven a la biblioteca para celebrar el cumpleaños de Selena. ¡Gana premios increíbles!

**Hacer una marca con flores | jueves, el 16 de abril, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | para adolescentes en los grados 5º-12º.**  
Aprende hacer marcas con flores en un cuadro de lona para decorar tu cuarto.

**El día de los niños/El día de los libros | lunes, el 27 de abril, 6-7 p.m. | ¡Divertido para toda la familia!**  
¡Ven a la biblioteca para celebrar el día del niño con nosotros! Tendremos a Sones de México este año para enseñarnos sobre la historia y cómo bailar, el baile de los viejitos. También vamos hacer máscaras. *Patrocinado por los Amigos de la Biblioteca de McHenry.*



## mayo

**Celebración del Día de las Madres | miércoles, el 6 de mayo, 7:30-8:30 p.m. | para toda la familia!**  
¡Ven a celebrar el día de las madres y hazle un regalo!



**Ozobots | lunes, el 18 de mayo, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | para niños en grados 1º-5º**  
Diviértete jugando con los Ozobots y hacer carreras.

**Cada martes y jueves, 3:30-5 p.m. en el Sala de Reuniones. Ven la Biblioteca para comer una merienda rápida. Mientras que estás aquí puedes empezar en su tarea o trabajar en una actividad desafiante. Cada estudiante de 18 años y menor recibirá una merienda gratis proporcionada por Northern Illinois Food Bank.**



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### HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday - Noon to 4 p.m.

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Online: [www.mchenrylibrary.org](http://www.mchenrylibrary.org)  
In person: At the Questions Desk  
By Phone: Adult: Choose Option 2  
Youth: Choose Option 3

### CLOSINGS

April 10 Close at 12 for staff training  
April 12 Closed for Easter  
May 25 Closed for Memorial Day

### Library Board

Bradley Schubert, President  
Jackie Fogleman, Vice President  
Monica Leccese, Secretary  
Margaret Carey, Treasurer  
Chuck Reilly  
Del Grala  
Jill Stone

Board meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

Jim Scholtz, Executive Director  
Kathy Lambert, Editor

### Photo Policy

The library reserves the right to photograph and videotape program participants. These photos/videos may be used in library publications and publicity including the library's website. Notify staff if you don't want to be photographed/videotaped.



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### Celebrate National Library Week With Us April 19-25

"Find Your Place at the Library" is this year's theme for National Library Week. Check out a program, book or just stop by to tell the library staff how much you appreciate their service!



## Imagine Your Story

That's the theme of this year's Summer Reading Program.

Stop by the Questions Desk starting Monday, **June 1** to sign up!

We have great prizes for all age levels! You don't have to have a MPLD library card to participate.

### Friends of the Library Upcoming Sale

BIG Spring Book Sale: Saturday & Sunday, **May 16 & 17** in the library's warehouse. Details on the library's website: [mchenrylibrary.org](http://mchenrylibrary.org). The next Friends' meeting is Thursday, February 20.

