

March
2025

FOOTNOTES

Newsletter of the Dunlap Public Library District
Connecting people to a lifetime of learning and discovering.

Presented by the Friends of the Dunlap Library and
Aqua-Tots Swim School

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

MINI GOLF

Fundraiser

at the Dunlap Public Library

You're invited to the Library for 18-holes of
mini golf for the whole family!

Join Alice and friends for golf,
snacks, and fun!

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HERE!**

**MUST REGISTER
IN ADVANCE.**



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**TEE TIMES
AVAILABLE
11:00A-3:00P**

\$5 PER PLAYER, ALL AGES!

SAFESITTER Workshop

Designed to prepare students
in grades 6-8 to be safe when
they're home alone, watching
younger siblings, or babysitting.

The Instructor-led class is filled
with fun games and role-playing
exercises. Students even get to
use manikins to practice rescue
skills like choking rescue and CPR!



**Tuesday
March 25
10:00a-4:15p**

**Registration
required.**

Details inside!

YOUTH SERVICES

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Email aedgar@dunlaplibrary.org for Zoom meeting invites to youth programs or with any questions.

Requests for registration links will be accepted until 60 minutes before program begins.

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KIDS

Book Babies

Mondays, 9:30a

No book babies on March 10.

This is a short storytime designed for parents and caregivers with babies 0-23 months old. Join us for some gentle baby bounces, songs, and rhymes. L

Storytime with Ms. Amy!

Wednesdays, 10:00a

Join us at the library each week for a new storytime theme with books, songs, rhymes, playtime, and a craft. L

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00p

Join us in the Children's Area where we will put out our collection of LEGOs! Free build or take our building challenge. L

Afterschool Drop-In

Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00p

Stop in each week after school for a different activity - snacks, crafts, board games, or movies! L

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March 19: Make some creations with air dry clay.

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Alice in Wonderland Winter Reading

Challenge Tea Party

Saturday, March 1, 10:00a

Kids who complete the Alice in Wonderland Winter Reading Challenge will have received an invitation to attend this celebratory tea party in their 600 minutes completed bag! L

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, March 4 & 18, 11:30a

Join Communication Junction for an in-person storytime at the library that is designed to engage your child and encourage their love of books. Each Sign & Sing is created around a theme and filled with stories, songs, movements, and new signs. L

Music + Movement

Thursday, March 6, 10:00a

Join us for music, a story, and fun activities to get your little ones up and moving! Therapists from Way to Grow Pediatric Therapy + Enrichment Center will be hosting the class. L



Ag in the Classroom: Hydroponics

Thursday, March 6, 1:30p

Join us for this special monthly youth education program about agriculture, presented by the Peoria County Farm Bureau. Each month will focus on a different topic. Perfect for homeschool families! Soil is not necessarily needed for growing a bountiful crop. In this lesson students will learn the history of hydroponics and the research agronomists are conducting to improve the process. They will identify 3 key nutrients that plants need and exactly how the plants use those nutrients to grow. Students will investigate the importance of nutrients for plant growth by growing and observing plants in a 2-liter bottle hydroponic system. L

Growing Readers

Tuesday, March 11, 10:00a

This program will offer early literacy stations for preschoolers to play, learn, and develop early reading skills. Stations will include fun activities like collage art, play dough shaping, and practice cutting with scissors to help 3-5 year-olds develop hand strength and fine motor coordination. L

Music Sprouts with Ms. Lydia

Thursday, March 13 & 27, 10:00a

Join Lydia Olson, music therapist and early childhood music instructor, for this 30-minute music class for babies and toddlers and their accompanying adults. Each class provides opportunities for movement, learning, and music exploration. L

Coffee & Crayons

Monday, March 17, 10:00a

Come join other parents and caregivers at the library for coffee and snacks, plus coloring and toys for the babies and preschoolers. L

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***Registration required.** Call the library at 309-243-5716 or email aedgar@dunlaplibrary.org to register. There is an \$85 fee for this class due the day of the program. Cash or checks made out to the Hult Center. Bring a sack lunch! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Geared for students in grades 6-8. ***Registration required.** L

Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 25, 6:00p

Do you love to check out books to read at the Library? Or maybe you love to come here to play video games or make art projects with friends? If you're a kid between the ages of 9 and 12, we want you to join our club and share your ideas about how to make our Library even better. Come check out KAB! L

Pokémon Project

Thursday, March 20, 3:00-5:00p

Meet up with other Pokémon fans to trade your cards and do Pokémon activities while watching a Pokémon movie! L



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Teen Advisory Board

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Do you want a say in the materials and programs offered by the library? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Middle and high schoolers welcome. TAB meetings and activities count toward student volunteer hours. L

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Mah Jongg Monday!

Mondays, 1:00-3:00p

Let's play this ancient Chinese tile-based game! All skill levels welcome, including those who just wonder what Mah Jongg is and want to learn about it. **We are playing the 2024 National Mah Jongg League card.** If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along! **L**

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 3:30p and Wednesdays, 8:30a

Interested in trying yoga, but don't think you can do it? You may join us at the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. In-person: chairs provided, no mat needed, no registration. Joining our class from home: grab an armless chair and your device. If you have a strap/belt, block/books, and a ball/round object, we may use them during our practice. Instructor led. **L Z**



Yoga

Tuesdays, 5:30p and Thursdays, 8:30a

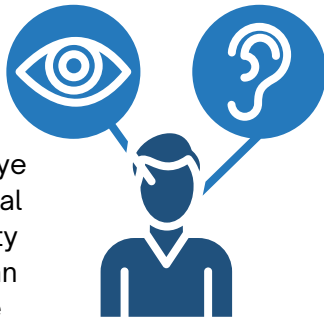
No yoga on Thursday, March 13.

Enjoy the diversity of yoga. Join our yogi masters for a live yoga practice! You may join us in the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. **L Z**

Health Check

Tuesday, March 4, 8:30-10:30a

It's time for a well check! Wondering if you need hearing aids? Have a free hearing screening provided by HearingLife. Also, the Illinois Eye Center will be performing Visual Acuity Screenings. Visual acuity refers to how well a person can see clearly at a given distance which determines results such as 20/20, 20/40, etc. Their machine is similar to what is used at the DMV. It is preferable to wear the glasses or contacts that you usually wear as the screening will help to determine how well your current prescription is working. No appointment necessary. Just walk in. **L**



ILP: Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7:00p

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam. She'll be joined in conversation by Renae Kerrigan, Curator of Science and Director of the Dome Planetarium at Peoria Riverfront Museum.



Born and raised in Illinois, Coralie holds a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and Astronomy from the University of Illinois, and an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering Sciences from the University of Colorado. She leads the multi-mission Optical Navigation team at KinetX Aerospace, the first privately held company to provide deep space navigation and flight dynamics expertise to NASA. At KinetX, Coralie has had lead roles on the navigation teams for NASA's New Horizons, OSIRIS-REx, Lucy, and OSIRIS-APEX missions. Coralie's work enabled the first exploration of the Pluto system and the historic sample collection of near-Earth asteroid Benu. In addition to leading the OSIRIS-REx optical navigation team, she co-convened the scientific investigation of Benu's active particle ejection phenomena. Coralie is currently the Deputy Navigation Chief on NASA's Lucy mission to the Jupiter Trojan asteroids, as well as supporting several commercial and government exploration initiatives to the moon and beyond.



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Use the QR code or link to register and please indicate on the registration form that you learned about the presentation from the Dunlap Public Library District. Thank you! **Z**

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CACTUS

Friday, March 7, 9:30a

It's an artsy day! Meet in person and bring your unfinished projects to work on, meet others, and share ideas! Our challenge theme for March (should you choose to participate) is beads! CACTUS is an acronym for Creative Artists and Crafters Tackle Unfinished Stuff. **L**

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Social Security: Your Questions Answered

Tuesday, March 11, 10:30a

Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income.

Before you retire, it's important to understand your options regarding Social Security and the



impact your decisions have on your retirement. This virtual presentation will discuss how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, when you should start taking benefits, and tax considerations. Presented by Fran McKay of Edward Jones. Z

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, March 21, 10:00a-2:00p

Every 3rd Friday of the odd months in 2025. Help the Red Cross save lives by donating blood. May 16, July 18, September 19, and November 21. L



ILP: 9 to 5, The Story of a Movement

Friday, March 21, 2:00p thru Sunday, March 23, 11:59p

Enjoy a virtual screening of the 2020 PBS documentary. When Dolly Parton sang "9 to 5," she was doing more than just shining a light on the fate of American working women. Parton was singing the true story of a movement that started with 9to5, a group of Boston secretaries in the early 1970s. Their goals were simple—better pay, more advancement opportunities, and an



end to sexual harassment—but their unconventional approach attracted the press and shamed their bosses into change. Featuring interviews with 9to5's founders, as well as actor and activist Jane Fonda, *9to5: The Story of a Movement* is the previously untold story of the fight that inspired a hit and changed the American workplace.



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Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, March 27, 11:00a-12:30p

Get out your loom, wind a warp, work on a project. If you don't know what all of this means, join us and we'll show you how we creatively use up our yarn stash. L

Early Voting at Dunlap Public Library

Friday, March 28, 10:00a-6:00p

Saturday, March 29, 10:00a-1:00p

You may vote at any early polling site in Peoria County, regardless of your assigned election day polling site.

Coming Soon!

ILP: The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7:00p

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her platforms, TikTok account @alexisnikole and Instagram page @blackforager, to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency. Z

Craft Swap

Friday, April 11, 12:30-5:30p

Start gathering items to bring to our annual craft swap! L

BOOK CLUBS

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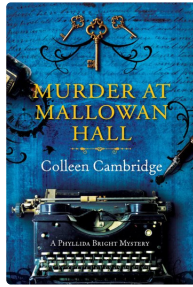
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Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, March 5, 11:00a

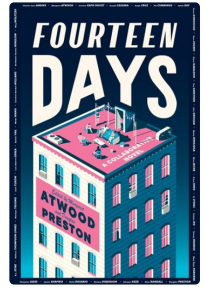
Do you like a light and entertaining read? We do too! This month's cozy book is ***Murder at Mallowan Hall*** by Colleen Cambridge. On April 2 we will discuss ***The Secret Book and Scone Society*** by Ellery Adams. [M](#) [Z](#)



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00a

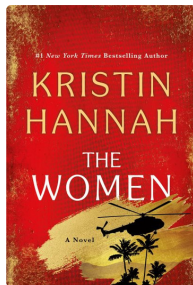
This month we will be discussing ***Fourteen Days: A Collaborative Novel*** edited by Margaret Atwood and Douglas Preston. Our book for April 15 will be ***The Dictionary of Lost Words*** by Pip Williams. [M](#) [Z](#)



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, March 6, 1:00p

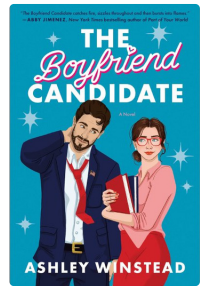
Join Dunlap Library's longest running book club and the only one that meets in-person in the Library! This month we'll discuss ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah. Our title for April 3 will be ***Poverty, By America*** by Matthew Desmond. [K](#) [L](#)



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, March 19, 1:00p

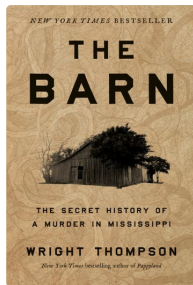
Romance is the theme for this virtual book club. Our title this month will be ***The Boyfriend Candidate*** by Ashley Winstead. On April 16 we will discuss ***A Love Discovered*** by Tracie Peterson. [M](#) [Z](#)



An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, March 10, 6:30p

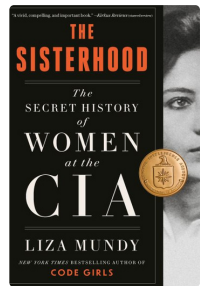
Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us to discuss ***The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi*** by Wright Thompson. On April 14 our title will be ***The Dante Club*** by Matthew Pearl. [K](#) [Z](#)



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, March 27, 10:00a

Let's get down to the facts. Our next nonfiction title will be ***The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA*** by Liza Mundy. Our title for April 17 will be ***The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians*** by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann. [M](#) [Z](#)



Inside Out Book Chat

Wednesday, March 12, 10:00a

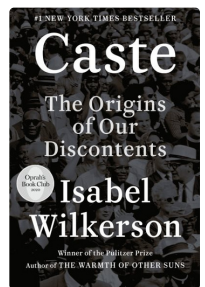
What have you been reading? There are so many books out there - it's time to share! You'll have a chance to talk about your recent reads...good, bad, or mediocre. [M](#) [Z](#)



I Like Big Books & I Cannot Lie Book Club

Friday, May 2, Noon

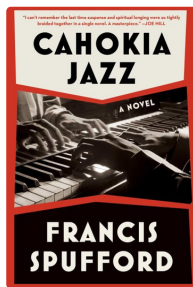
Join us to discuss books with 500+pages in this virtual book club. We will be discussing ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*** by Isabel Wilkerson. Our title on September 5 will be ***By Any Other Name*** by Jodi Picoult. [M](#) [Z](#)



*Artful Reads with Creative Soul

Wednesday, March 12, 5:00p

Creative Soul Gallery in Dunlap and the Library are joining together to discuss "arty"reads. This month we will be talking about ***Cahokia Jazz*** by Francis Spufford. Email to receive the Zoom invite to attend virtually or to be added to the in-person discussion. Please indicate how you wish to attend and include your phone number if attending in-person. On April 9 our read will be ***The Glassmaker*** by Tracy Chevalier. [M](#) [L](#) [Z](#)

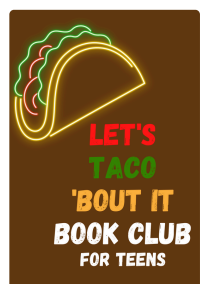


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A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library



Don't Be Late for an Important Date!

Come play 18 holes of mini golf in the library on Sunday, March 2!

Participate in the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library *Down the Rabbit Hole Mini Golf Fundraiser*, cosponsored by Aqua-Tots Swim School. Tee times are available from 11 am to 3 pm. Take a photo with Alice, the White Rabbit, or the Mad Hatter. The cost is \$5 per player and includes a snack and beverage. Tee time reservations are required in advance.

Register through the Library website (www.dunlaplibrary.org), at <https://forms.office.com/r/bTNRPqkh93>, or using the QR code below.



We are grateful to our cosponsor Aqua-Tots Swim School and our hole sponsors: Down the Aisle Bridal Shop, Green View, Thompson Electronics Company, Brasky's Bar & Grill, Knuckles Pizza & Sports Bar, Better Banks, Stanley Steemer, Hecht-Stout Insurance Agency, Creative Soul and Last Chance Bar & Grill for their support.

Upcoming General Membership Meeting

Speaking of dates, be sure to mark your calendar to attend our next monthly Board meeting, March 3 and the next General Membership meeting on April 10. Both are at 6 pm in the Meeting Room.

At our General Membership meeting we'll be addressing two important topics:

- Selecting gifts for the library
- Electing new board members

Are you interested in joining the Friends board and helping shape our program? Any member interested in joining the Board may apply. Applications open March 1. Watch your email and the Friends Facebook page for more information. Questions? Contact friends@dunlaplibrary.org.

All are welcome!

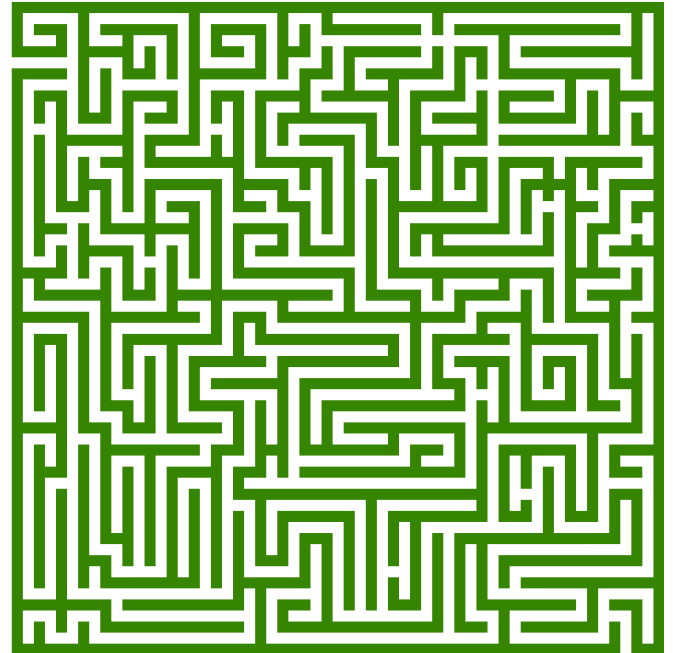
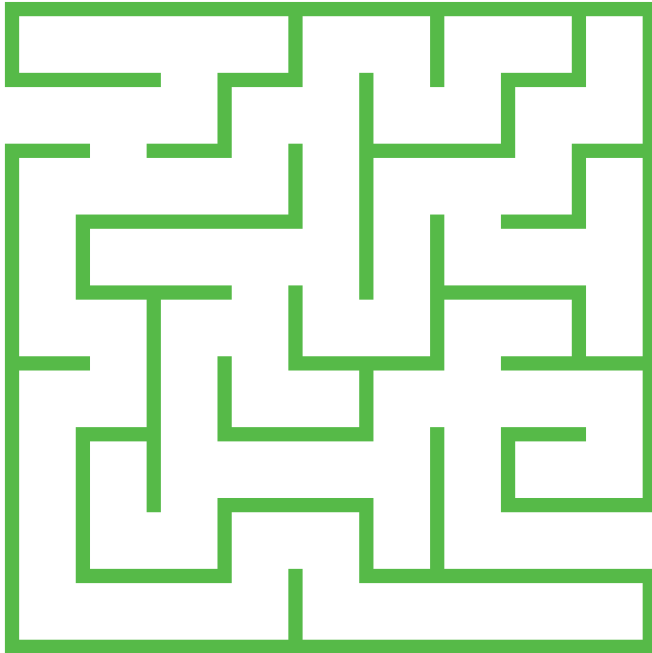
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Please visit our space on the Library's website (www.dunlaplibrary.org) to learn more about joining the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library group, and how you can provide support to the Library through volunteering and fundraising.

Library News

- The Youth Services department will be very appreciative of any donations of prepackaged snacks and/or juice boxes to be made available during our weekly afterschool programming. Thank you!
- If you notice that an item you have checked out needs a repair please do not attempt the repair yourself. Libraries have special supplies and techniques to make repairs, and home repairs often make this more difficult to accomplish. Please leave a note in the material or alert a circulation clerk to any needed repairs .

A-mazing March!



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