



# Books & Bytes

Cary Area Public Library • March-May 2025

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## Event Registration

View complete event descriptions on our online Events Calendar. Registration begins Thursday, February 20 at 9 am online ([caryarea.librarycalendar.com](http://caryarea.librarycalendar.com)), in person at the Service Center, or by phone (847-639-4210, press 0) and is required for programs noted with an RR. Registered patrons' spots may be given to those on the waitlist if they are 10 minutes late.

The Library makes every effort to ensure our events can be enjoyed by all. A sensory bin that includes noise-cancelling headphones, a small weighted lap pad, and a visual schedule is available upon request during our events. Please contact us if you have any concerns about accessibility or need to request specific accommodations.

Photos and videos may be taken during events for publicity purposes. Notify Library staff if you do not wish to be photographed.

## Calling All Little Free Library Owners!

If you own and maintain a LFL in the Cary Area Public Library District, and would like to be included in our LFL Directory, please send your name, your LFL's address, and a picture of your LFL to our email [news@caryarealibrary.info](mailto:news@caryarealibrary.info) with the subject line "LFL Directory."

## Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL)

Spring meeting dates: Thursdays, March 6, April 3, and May 1, all at 7 pm at the Library.

A cart with free books, movies, and music, sponsored by FOCAL, is in the Library. A donation box is there if you'd like to help support FOCAL and CAPL in between used book sales.



FOCAL would like to thank the Cary Park District for building and re-installing the Little Free Library at Kaper Park (pictured at left). Find the other FOCAL Little Free Libraries at the former Kraus Senior Center and the Park District Community Center.



### Open

Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm  
Friday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm  
Sunday 1-5 pm

### Closed

April 4 Closed 9-1, Open 1-5  
April 20 Easter  
May 11 Mother's Day  
May 25-26 Memorial Day

### Contact Us

847.639.4210 phone  
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[caryarealibrary.org](http://caryarealibrary.org)

### Stay Informed

Sign up for news and events emails  
[caryarealibrary.org/newsletters](http://caryarealibrary.org/newsletters)

### Get Carded

Apply for a library card online or in person at the Service Center. Find the requirements to apply online  
[caryarealibrary.org/getcard](http://caryarealibrary.org/getcard)

### Drive-up Window & Returns

Pick up your holds at our Drive-up Window (on the east side of the building). Return materials into the slots just past the Window 24/7  
[caryarealibrary.org/driveup](http://caryarealibrary.org/driveup)

### Homebound Delivery

We'll bring the Library to CAPL cardholders who are homebound due to age, illness, or physical disability  
[caryarealibrary.org/homebound](http://caryarealibrary.org/homebound)

### Newsletter

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Do you have a story to share for a future issue? Questions or comments about the newsletter? Let us know.  
[news@caryarealibrary.info](mailto:news@caryarealibrary.info)

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## Our Partnerships Help Us Serve You Better

Over the years, we have worked hard at establishing and maintaining partnerships with other area organizations, and two of our most impactful partners are the Cary Park District and School District 26.

We have hosted Storytimes at Hoffman Park and the Kaper Park Splash Pad (which will be returning summer 2025!) and collaborated on a Sunburst Bay Day where the Library conducted poolside Storytimes and was on hand for library card sign-up (also returning in summer 2025). Sunburst Bay passes are available to cardholders for checkout through our Library of Things collection, and, last but not least, we put in place the StoryWalk at Jaycee Park in Cary. In fact, last fall the Cary Park District and CAPL won the Intergovernmental Cooperation Award from the Illinois Association of Park Districts (pictured above).



Speaking of the StoryWalk, it's installation was not possible without our partnership with D26 through grant funding awarded them. That same grant

resulted in our Let's Talk Kits for families to help with difficult conversations, and funding for some of our @ Home Kit supplies.

Every fall, over the course of a few weeks, we host all D26 4th grade classes so that students can learn hands-on about how to use the Library and take advantage of our resources as students and (hopefully) life-long readers. We take part in the Deer Path STEM Expo each year, and just last year began hosting Family Literacy Night, to promote the benefits of reading for school readiness, which we will again host on March 4 (see the center bar for details).

We look forward to deepening our existing partnerships and forming new ones over the coming years. •

### Family Literacy Night

Tuesday, March 4, 6-7 pm  
Join the Cary Area Library and Cary School District 26 for a night all about literacy! Learn the ways that reading together as a family can set kids up for success and discover library resources that can help in your literacy journey. After the presentation, we'll do a picture book read aloud and end with a library tour. The presentation will be in English and Spanish.

### Noche de alfabetización familiar

Martes 4 de marzo, 6-7 pm  
¡Únase a la biblioteca de Cary Area y al Distrito Escolar 26 de Cary para una noche dedicada exclusivamente a la alfabetización! Conozca las formas en que leer juntos en familia puede preparar a los niños para el éxito y descubra recursos de la biblioteca que pueden ayudarlo en su camino hacia la alfabetización. Después de la presentación, leeremos en voz alta un libro ilustrado y finalizaremos con un recorrido por la biblioteca. La presentación será en inglés y español.





# Seed Library

Opens March 3 • [caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary](http://caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary)

## What it is

We make a wide variety of seeds available to CAPL cardholders for free to grow at home. Growing helps increase biodiversity in our area, increases health benefits to our patrons, and allows you to save money in the process.

## How it works

Visit our website to view our 2025 seed catalog. Each household may request up to 10 non-duplicate seed packets from a variety of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers. This year, each seed type has a corresponding number, so when placing your order, you can easily indicate your choices by number instead of by name. Please note that the links in the seed catalog go to outside sources and are for growing reference only—you do not place an order through those sites for our seeds.

Beginning Monday, March 3 at 9 am, the order form will open online and be available at the Service Center. Once you've placed your order, we'll pack it and have it ready for you to pick up within four business days (and we'll hold it for four more days for you).

*This year we'll have a selection of donated native prairie plant seeds available!*

On June 2, the order form will close and the Seed Library cart will be accessible in the Library for cardholders to choose from what is left. Please be mindful of sharing in the bounty of seed packets!

## Learn more

You can sign up for our periodic Growers newsletter which will give you tips and best practices throughout the important stages of the growing season: planting, harvesting, and seed saving. You'll also find helpful resources for your gardening adventure, whether you're a beginner or experienced grower | [caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary](http://caryarealibrary.org/seedlibrary)

Paris Market carrots



## Adult Events

RR = registration required

### Soap-Making 101

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-8 pm

Learn about the history of soap and modern soap-making methods with Soapy Roads of Lombard. Using the materials provided, each participant will make their own bar to take home. Limited to 20 participants. RR

### Financial Steps to Take When You Have Children

Saturday, March 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Join Gary Freund, local author of *The Financial Compass: How to Navigate Money With Confidence*, for a presentation on essential financial decisions for current and prospective parents. RR

### Get Started with Kanopy!

Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 pm

Saturday, March 22, 11 am-12 pm

Learn how to set up Kanopy, our free streaming movie service. Please bring your intended viewing device, if possible. RR

### Storm Science Presents: Weather & Storm Chasing 101

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30-8 pm

Delve into local climatology, learn about previous tornadoes, gain severe weather safety knowledge, and participate in a Q&A. Part 2 is on April 16! RR

### Jeopardy!

Thursdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 1:30-2:30 pm

Best for ages 60+. Exercise your brain and connect with others during this trivia game. Four teams of up to four. Winning team will each get a \$5 gift card. RR

### Senior Services Drop-In

Thursdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 2-4 pm

A Senior Services Associates specialist will be available to answer your questions about local, state, and federal services and benefits available to adults aged 60+, those with disabilities, and caregivers.

### DNA Made Simple

Sunday, March 23, 2-3 pm

Get answers to some basic questions about using DNA tests as a genealogical research tool. RR

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### Great Decisions

Thursdays, March 6, April 3, May 1, 6:30-8 pm

Discuss foreign policy issues led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Read a chapter prior to each meeting from the briefing book (\$15; no refunds). RR

### Adult Book Discussion Groups RR

Books are available each month at the Service Center. \*The April meetings will be offsite, location TBD.

*Hooked on Books* • Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

March 26: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

\*April 23: *We Were Never Here* by Andrea Bartz

May 28: *Bear* by Julia Phillips

*Turning Pages Together* • Thursdays, 7-8 pm

March 27: *Murder by Degrees* by Ritu Mukerji

\*April 24: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

May 29: *House of Glass* by Sarah Pekkanen

### Books on Tap @ Cary Ale House

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, May 20, 7-8:30 pm

Socialize and discuss the chosen title with others in their 20s-30s. To join email [jking@caryarealibrary.info](mailto:jking@caryarealibrary.info).

### True Crime Book Group

Thursday, May 22, 7-8:30 pm

Adults and teens 16+. We'll discuss *Hell's Princess: The Mystery of Belle Gunness, Butcher of Men* by Harold Schechter. RR

### Cary Area Writers Group

Second Saturday of each month, 12-3 pm

Writers ages 21+. Bring copies of your writing to pass around for gentle, constructive critiques. Questions? Email [kurterickwalters@gmail.com](mailto:kurterickwalters@gmail.com).

### Mallory Mortillaro: The Discovery of a Masterpiece

Wednesday, March 26, 6-8 pm

Join us virtually or on-site as we Zoom with Mallory Mortillaro, noted art historian and educator, who uncovered a masterpiece by Auguste Rodin that had been lost to the art world since the 1930s. RR

### 3D Printing Pens

Saturday, March 29, 10-11:30 am

Create 3D art with your own hands! You'll be able to choose from a variety of Spring-themed designs that you can make to celebrate the season. RR



### Book an Expert Office Hours

Sunday, March 30, 2-4 pm

If you'd like a quick intro to our ebook apps, a run-down of one of our databases, or to go over some Gmail basics, reserve a 15-minute time slot and bring your questions and device. [RR](#)

### Zelda Fitzgerald: This Side of Paradise...Her Story

Wednesday, April 2, 7-8 pm

Lynn Rymarz returns to explore Zelda's views on her love story with F. Scott, lifestyle among the rich and famous, and influence on her famous husband. [RR](#)

### AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, April 9-Thursdays, April 10, 10 am-2 pm

For motorists aged 50+. Registration and attendance both days is required. Bring your driver's license, your AARP card (if you're a member), and cash or a check payable to AARP on the first day. \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. [RR](#)

### Monarchs on Milkweed

Wednesday, April 9, 7-8 pm

The decline of the Monarch butterfly became apparent in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Learn about this amazing migrator who travels over 1,000 miles yearly to overwinter in Mexico. [RR](#)



### Uncommon Facts About Common Birds: An Evening with Author & Naturalist Stan Tekiela

Wednesday, April 9, 7-8 pm

Luecht Auditorium at McHenry County College

Meet naturalist, wildlife photographer, and author Stan Tekiela. Stan is the originator of the popular state-specific field guides such as *Birds of Illinois Field Guide*. Stan will challenge your preconceived ideas about some common birds such as the European Starling, the American Crow, and much more. A *McHenry County public libraries collaboration*. [RR](#)

### Storm Science Presents: Weather & Storm Chasing 102

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30-8 pm

Uncover the crucial environmental components for severe weather, analyze local climatic patterns, and listen to storm chasers recount their experiences. This builds off of the 101 event, but is not a prerequisite. [RR](#)

### Plastic Bag Flowers

Saturday, April 19, 10-11 am

Celebrate Earth Day by learning to transform grocery bags into beautiful plastic carnation flowers! [RR](#)

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

### Ending the Silence

Tuesday, May 6, 7-8 pm

Parents will learn about warning signs, facts, and stats related to mental health, how to talk with middle or high schoolers about mental health, and how to work with school staff to provide additional support. Presented by NAMI McHenry County. [RR](#)

### Parent's Night with the GPF Foundation and the Lake County Health Department

Tuesday, May 20, 6:30-8 pm

Learn how to keep you, your family, and friends safe from recreational substances. Join us for our no-judgement, stigma-free, no nonsense presentation. [RR](#)

### QPR Suicide Prevention Training

Wednesday, May 28, 7-8 pm

In this one-hour training with NAMI McHenry County, individuals will learn an evidence-based public health model for how to recognize when someone may be contemplating suicide. [RR](#)

## More mental health resources at CAPL

- **Let's Talk Kits** for families & **Memory Care Kits** for caregivers that can help guide discussions and activities related to emotions and memory.
- **Teen & Parent Resource Binders** that can connect you or your loved ones to the information, stats, and social services you need.
- Get outside in nature and **visit our StoryWalk** at Jaycee Park in Cary—reading books and walking are both great for your mental health!

### Medicare 101

Wednesday, April 30, 6-8 pm

Join Susan Grossinger, a Senior Health Insurance Program counselor, to learn how to become a smart consumer, whether you are new to Medicare or not. [RR](#)

### Making the Most of Social Security

Saturday, May 3, 11 am-12:30 pm

Stacy Bromann, of The Dala Group, will provide details on the filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. [RR](#)

### Nellie Bly: Around the World in 72 Days

Wednesday, May 7, 7-8 pm

Presented by Debra Ann Miller, Nellie will recount her adventures as a reporter, war correspondent, and world traveler as she awaits permission to return to the US at the end of The Great War. [RR](#)

### Soup, Egg Roll, Stir Fry and Fried Rice: Hidden Messages in Chinese Food

Wednesday, May 14, 7-8 pm

Why is it served in a specific combination? What's the story behind fortune cookies? Yvonne Wolf returns to teach us the meaning behind Chinese food. [RR](#)

### Google 101: Intro to Google Drive

Saturday, May 17, 10:30 am-12 pm

We'll go over Google Drive and some of its apps, such as Docs and Sheets. Laptops will be provided for those that don't bring their own device. [RR](#)

### Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Dr. Ada Cheng: Our Words, Our Truths: Storytelling for Collective Identity and Community Engagement

Wednesday, May 21, 7-8 pm

This eclectic presentation will map out Dr. Cheng's journey as an Asian American and immigrant storyteller and delineate how their personal stories reflect the social concerns of our time. [RR](#)



### Hidden but Heard: Tales from Anne Franks' Secret Annex

Saturday, May 31, 10:30 am-12 pm

Through historical presenter Michelle Gibbons, Anne's diary comes alive, speaking to her courage, faith, and hope. [RR](#)

## ONLINE EVENTS

### Classroom Kitchen Seasonal Series

Zoom. Each class is a cook- or bake-along in your kitchen as chef Kristyn Slick works in hers. Recipes will be provided via email prior to the class. [RR](#)

### A Taste of Ireland

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30-8 pm

### Light & Bright Spring Dinners

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-8 pm

### Mediterranean Feast: Flavors of the Sun

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30-8 pm

### Illinois Libraries Present

Zoom. These online events are made possible by a statewide public library collaboration. [RR](#)

### 9 to 5: The Story of a Movement

Friday, March 21 (1 pm)- Sunday, March 23 (11:59 pm)

### The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nicole Nelson

Thursday, April 10, 7-8 pm

### Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, May 13, 7-8 pm

### Financial Fitness 2025

Zoom. Financial Fitness is a free financial literacy series presented by BIG (Business Interest Group), a group of business librarians in the Chicago suburbs. [RR](#)

### Planning for Retirement

Thursday, April 3, 7-8:30 pm

### Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options

Monday, April 7, 7-8:30 pm

### Terry Savage Talks Money

Wednesday, April 23, 7-8:30 pm

### Board Game Arena Virtual Game Night

Monday, May 5, 6:30-8 pm

Zoom. Play games together online. First-timers will need to create a free Board Game Arena account. [RR](#)

## Teen Events

RR = registration required

### Dungeons & Dragons: Character Workshop

Monday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Create your own D&D character—you'll receive a printed copy and it will be saved in our system if you register for one of our Library games. RR

### Magic the Gathering

Thursday, March 13, 6:30-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Play Magic the Gathering. Are you an experienced MTG player? Great! Never played before? We'll teach you! RR

### Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, March 15, April 19, May 17, 1-4

Zoom; grades 6-12. New and returning players welcome for this fantasy role-playing game. Register for the first program and you will be automatically registered for the following two. RR

### Build-A-Robot

Sundays, March 16, May 18, 1:30-4 pm

Grades 6-12. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. RR

### Paint and Sip

Tuesday, March 18, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Follow along a guided painting session that walks you through the painting process. A great way for beginners to try art! RR

### Third Fridays Club

Fridays March 21, April 18, May 16, 2-3 pm

This relaxed, daytime club is perfect for homeschoolers in grades 6-12 to hang out and try new activities each month. RR

### Teen Gaming

Tuesdays, March 25, May 27, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Play board games and video games, including a selection of Nintendo Switch and Wii U games that will be projected. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

### Robotics Basics

Monday, March 31, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robot's hardware and software. You will learn how to program the robots to move straight and turn. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. RR

### Pressed Flower Art

Tuesday, April 15, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Create a bouquet or wall art using pressed flowers. RR

### Teen Volunteer Board

Tuesday, April 22, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 6, 7-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Join this fun service club to help with Library projects. Participants will get volunteer hours for every meeting they attend. During the April session we will assist FOCAL with the book sale setup. RR

### Robotics Workshop

Monday, May 12, 6:30-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Develop programming skills with the LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. Each workshop will have different challenges. You must have attended the Robotics Basics to attend these workshops. RR

### Macrame Key Chain

Tuesday, May 20, 7-8:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Learn basic macrame knots to create a stylish key chain. Any skill level invited! RR

## @Home Kit

### Crochet Flower Bag Charm [with video]

Pickup begins Friday, March 21 at 10 am

Grades 6-12. Get all of the supplies to make your own plush flower bag charm or key chain. This fun craft is suited to beginners and experienced crocheters. RR

## Scholarship Opportunity

This spring, the Friends of the Cary Area Library will award two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who live within the CAPL District. Requirements can be found on the application which will be available February 10 online or in the Library. The application deadline is April 28 | [caryarealibrary.org/focal](http://caryarealibrary.org/focal)

## Multi-Age & Family Events

RR = registration required

### Coin Basics and Appraisals

Saturday, March 1, 10 am-12 pm

Peter Spizzirri will highlight US silver coins dating up to 1964, US gold bullion, and international gold bullion. Peter will discuss the coin certification process and ways to maintain your collection. After reviewing the basics, Peter will take individual appointments to give you a better sense of the value of your coins. RR

### Family Game Night

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 1, 6-7:30 pm

Children must be school age or older. Join us for an evening playing board games with other area families. Bring a game or choose from our selection. Snacks will be provided. Registration preferred (register under one name then list number in your group), but not required.

### Trivia Night

Trivia Showdown: Thursday, March 20, 7-8:45 pm

Earth Day Trivia: Thursday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 pm

Compete in teams of up to 4 people. Bonus points for coming dressed in green, two bonus points if you come in dressed in all green for March; bonus points for coming dressed in green/Earth Day clothes, two bonus points if you come in full Earth Day costumes. Register under one name but enter your total group number. RR

### Miss Jill's Vintage Storytime

Thursday, May 15, 6:30-7:15 pm

Families, best for school-age children. Miss Jill has vintage children's books that you might not hear elsewhere. Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

### Craft Swap Drop Off & Event

Donation drop-off: Thursday, May 22, 9 am-8 pm and Friday, May 23, 9 am-4 pm

Event: Saturday, May 24, 9 am-12 pm

Donate clean, usable, and good quality craft supplies (please, no books or magazines). Everyone, whether you brought donations or not, is then welcome to shop during the swap. Donations will not be accepted on the Swap Date, May 24.

Create your own Peeps world in a shoe box and enter solo or as a group in the following categories: Family, Youth (grades 5 and under), Teen (grades 6-12), and Adult. Entry forms and rules can be picked up at the Service Center or found on our website. Entries will be displayed in the Library and the best entries in each category will win Peep prizes.

Diorama drop-off: March 29-April 6

Display and voting: April 7-17

Winners announced: April 18

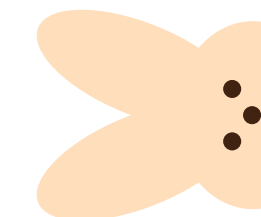
Diorama pickup: by April 21

### Peeps Diorama Kick-Off!

Saturday, March 29, 1-3 pm

Kick-off our 11th annual contest with a family-friendly crafting event. Bring along your shoe box, building supplies, and creativity. We will have some Peeps on hand, while supplies last, and some crafting supplies such as tape, scissors, glue, and construction paper.

11th Annual  
Peeps  
Diorama  
Contest



## Illinois Libraries Present

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### Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4, 7-8 pm

### Art and Adventures with Dan Santat

Saturday, May 3, 2-3 pm



Coralie Adam



Dan Santat



## Grade-schooler Events

RR = registration required

### LEGO Club

Sundays: March 2, April 6, May 4, 2-3:15 pm  
Grades 1-5. Create and build your own design that we'll display in the Library. Register children only. RR

### Kids Game Night

Grades 2-3: Mondays, March 3, April 7, May 5  
Grades 4-5: Mondays, March 17, April 21, May 19  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Make friends and discover new screen-free games! RR

### First Fridays Club

Fridays, March 7, May 2, 2-3 pm  
Grades 1-5; ages 8 and under should attend with an adult. This club is perfect for homeschoolers. Each month we'll do a different activity. RR

### Dungeons & Dragons: Character Workshop

Monday, March 10, 6-7:30 pm  
Grades 4-5. Create your own D&D character—you'll receive a printed copy and it will be saved in our system if you register for one of our Library games. RR

### Magic the Gathering

Thursday, March 13 @ 6:30-8 pm  
Grades 4-5. Play Magic the Gathering. Are you an experienced MTG player? Great! Never played before? We'll teach you! RR

### Build-A-Robot

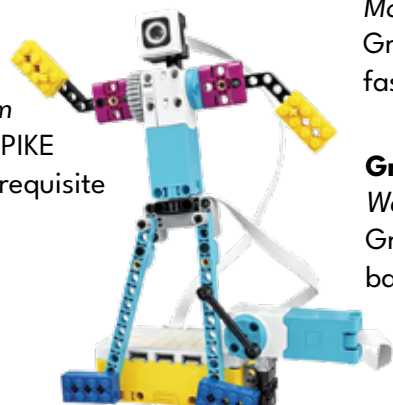
Sundays, March 16, May 18, 1:30-4 pm  
Grades 3-5. Build one of the LEGO EV3 robot designs and then download the program to activate it. RR

### Andertoons

Saturday, March 22, 2-3 pm  
Grades K-5. Look, up in the sky! It's a dog! It's a cat? A bearded dragon?! Why are they wearing capes?! Learn how to draw the Power Pets! RR

### Robotics Basics

Monday, March 31, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Grades 3-5. Intro to our LEGO SPIKE Prime robot. This class is the prerequisite for the Robotics Workshops. RR



### Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, April 14, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Grades 4-5. Join in on this popular fantasy role-playing game, no experience necessary! RR

### Green Over Screens: Earth Day Collage

Wednesday, April 16, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Grades K-1. We'll make a collage to celebrate Earth, and to remind us to handle it with care. RR

### Burpee Museum: Arthropods

Friday, April 18, 11 am-12 pm  
Grades 1-5. Insects, arachnids, crustaceans, and other arthropods are amazing in a million ways. The Burpee Museum will explain why, while you see real specimens and handle live insects! RR

### We Love Graphic Novels Book Club

Monday, April 28, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 3-5. Talk about your favorite graphic novels, discover new ones, meet friends, and have snacks! RR

### Green Over Screens: Lion Mixed Media Masks

Wednesday, April 30, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Grades 2-3. We'll make lion faces to celebrate the coming of Spring! RR

### SCARCE: Three Rs and Paper Making

Friday, May 9, 2-3 pm  
Grades 1-5. SCARCE, an environmental education group, will host an interactive class to learn about the difference between, and importance of, each "R" through creative trash to treasure items. We'll also learn about paper recycling by making our own paper to take home. RR

### Robotics Workshop

Monday, May 12, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Grades 3-5. Develop your skills with our LEGO SPIKE Prime robots. You must have attended the Robotics Basics class to attend this workshop. RR

### Jr. Master Gardener

Monday, May 12, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 1-5. Get your hands dirty as we explore the fascinating world of plants. RR

### Green Over Screens: Night Garden Paintings

Wednesday, May 14, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Grades 4-5. Spring colors appear brighter on a dark background. We'll create our own night gardens. RR

### Book Buddies Book Club for Emerging Readers:

**Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo**  
Thursday, May 29, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 1-4. Check out a copy of the book to read and then attend our event to do related crafts and fun activities. Book pickup begins Monday, May 5. RR

### @Home Kits

#### Art Therapy

Kit pickup begins Tuesday, March 4 at 1 pm  
Grades K-3. This kit includes everything you need to connect with your inner artist and inner emotions! RR

#### Green Over Screens: March Hare

Kit pickup begins Friday, March 28 at 9 am  
Grades 4-5. These bunnies and teacups are super cute! As with previous kits, these too are zero waste. RR

#### Kids in the Kitchen: Light and Fluffy [with video]

Kit pickup begins Friday, April 11 at 10 am  
Grades 1-5. Learn how and why we sift ingredients. A sifter and 2 new recipe cards are included! RR

## Baby & Preschooler Events

RR = registration required

#### Green Over Screens: Ribbon Rainbows

Thursday, March 13, 10:30-11:30 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. Spring showers may give us rainbows, but you don't have to wait when you can make your own! RR

#### Sign with Katy

Saturdays, March 15, April 5, May 17, 10-10:45 am  
Ages 0-3 with an adult. Katy will teach different ASL vocabulary to you and your little one in each session. ASL is a great way for babies to learn to communicate before gaining the ability to speak. RR

#### Kick-Start Art: A Year of Chicken Soup with Rice!

Monday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. We'll be singing and painting so please dress for the mess! RR

#### Green Over Screens: Earth Day Transfer Paintings

Thursday, April 10, 10:30-11:30 am  
Ages 3-6 with an adult. We'll create Earth Day paintings that are refrigerator worthy! RR

## STORY TIMES

### Family Storytime

Ages 0-6 with an adult. Storytime content repeats each week for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday sessions. Drop in; get entry tickets at the Service Center.

Mondays, 10:30 am	Tuesdays, 10:30 am
March 3, 10, 17	March 18
April 7, 14, 21	April 29
May 12, 19	May 20, 27

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm  
March 5, 19  
April 2, 9, 16, 30  
May 14, 21, 28

### Toddler Storytime

Ages 18-36 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your active toddler. Drop in.

Saturdays, 10 am  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10

### Baby Storytime

Ages 0-18 months with an adult. Stories and songs for your littlest one. No older siblings, please. Drop in.

Saturdays, 12 pm  
March 8  
April 12  
May 10

### Spanish Storytime / Hora de Cuentos en Español

Wednesday, March 12, 6-6:30 pm  
Ages 0-6 with an adult. We'll read stories, sing songs, and have other activities in both English and Spanish. *Edades 0-6 con un adulto. Vamos a leer historias, cantar canciones, y tener otras actividades en inglés y español.*

### @Home Kit

#### Green Over Screens: Spring Birdies

Kit pickup begins Friday, May 16 at 9 am  
Ages 3-6 with adult supervision. Create your own species of a charming spring birdie! RR

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*Board meetings are the second  
Thursday of the month at 7 pm  
and are open to the public.*

### Executive Director

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*Welcoming all to connect and explore—checkout the possibilities!*



# FOCAL Spring Used Book Sale

Friday, April 25, 1-4 pm

Saturday, April 26, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, April 27, 1-4 pm

Find bargains on books and AV for all ages at the Friends of the Cary Area Library Spring Used Book Sale. Sunday's bag sale is \$5 per supplied bag. Special pricing for teachers with current ID (except for Bag Sale). Only cash and check accepted!