Pizza
Created in Be the Chef
JOIN US FOR WINTER READING
DECEMBER 19–JANUARY 31

TOGETHER AT THE TABLE
Monday, January 16 // noon–8 pm
In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, join a conversation with fellow community members as we break bread together. Everyone is welcome here.

FAMILY SCIENCE EXPO
Sunday, January 29 // 1–3 pm
Come to our fourth annual Family Science Expo for an afternoon of science fun, including hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations with library staff and other local science enthusiasts and experts.

KNIT AND CROCHET ALL THE WAY
Tuesdays (except February 28)
4–6 pm
Bring your own needles or hooks and yarn.

FAMILY BINGO
Wednesday, January 4 // 7–8 pm
Grades preK–5
Head to the library for a night of family bingo. Winners will have a choice of prizes.

OPEN SEW
Fridays, January 6 and February 3
5:30–7:30 pm
Use the library's sewing machines and embroidery machine to work on projects or practice your sewing skills. Supplies are limited.

FAMILY MOVIE
THE BFG
Friday, January 13 // 7–8:30 pm

EDE2 DANCES JOHN LENNON'S PIANO
AND OTHER TALES OF MAGICAL THINKING
Saturday, February 4 // 3 pm
The piano on which John Lennon composed “Imagine” went on a world tour to sites of tragic events. Many who went to see, touch, and play that piano left with feelings of relief, calm, and peace. This type of “magical thinking” is more norm than rarity among humans—we seem to be hard-wired to see a universe where even our own small actions and thoughts can control unrelated events. See the talented young dancers of ede2 explore why we believe in things that don’t make logical sense and why we seem to need to.

FAMILY MOVIE
EXPO
ede2 Dances John Lennon’s Piano and Other Tales of Magical Thinking

DROP-IN HOURS
Mondays, 4–8 pm
Tuesdays, 3:30–6 pm
Wednesdays, 4–8 pm
Thursdays, 3:30–6 pm
Saturdays, 1–5 pm
Sundays, 1–5 pm
All drop-in hours are for children in kindergarten through adults. Families are welcome, and children under age eight must be accompanied by an adult.

MICRO WORKSHOPS
These 15–30 minute mini lessons feature group activities or discussions designed to help participants delve deeper and learn to use the BOOMbox tools and resources.

BOOMbox DESIGN
January 2–April 15
Favorite tools and resources related to art and design are making a reappearance. In January, the focus is on rapid prototyping using cutting-edge 2D and 3D design tools. In February, we shift to sewing for fast fashion, along with textile experiments. In March and April, we’ll explore drawing, painting, and photography through hands-on activities and experiments.

Mondays at 4:30 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
RAISING CHILDREN IN BILINGUAL HOUSEHOLDS

Wednesday, February 15 // 6:30–7:30 pm
What are the myths about bilingualism and its effects on language development? Megan Riordan, speech-language pathologist, busts the myths and shares information about speech and language development in bilingual children, along with recommendations for parents and caregivers raising children in bilingual households of any languages. Limited to 30 parents and caregivers of young children.

CHINESE CLASSICAL AND TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCES

Sunday, February 19 // 3 pm
The Phoenix Dance Group and the Flying Fairies present classical and traditional Chinese dances showcasing the Chinese culture. The dances feature Chinese music, costumes, and movements with extended long sleeves, ribbons, umbrellas, and more to present unique performances.

LANTERN FESTIVAL

Wednesday, February 22 // 6–7:30 pm
Join us as we mark the end of the Lunar New Year celebration with traditional Chinese arts and skills, including calligraphy, paper cutting, and storytelling against the backdrop of lovely, illuminated lanterns. Drop-in event for families.

FAB 2.0!

Evanston Dance Ensemble Dances the Beatles
Sunday, February 26 // 3 pm
The Evanston Dance Ensemble previews an entirely new show of original dances set to the music of the Fab Four. Enjoy a variety of dance styles as the polished performers present a taste of the show.
### Storytime and Early Literacy

Give the child in your life a great start in learning and reading with fun, interactive programs. Parents or another adult caregiver participate with children younger than three and stay in the library while 3-5 year olds attend independently. Unless noted, all sessions run the weeks of January 16 through February 24.

#### Mondays
- **Wonderful Ones** 12-23 months 10:30–11 am
- **Twos Adventures** 2 years 10:30–11 am
- **Rise & Shine Storytime** 3–5 years 10:30–11 am

#### Tuesdays
- **Toddler Time** 2 years 10:30–11 am
- **Preschool Storytime** 3–5 years 10:30–11 am

#### Wednesdays
- **Book Babies** 0–11 months 9:30–10 am
- **Together Time (ongoing)** 0–23 months 9:30–11 am
- **Wonderful Ones** 12–23 months 10–10:30 am
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#### Thursdays (except January 19)
- **Preschool Storytime** 3–5 years 1:30–2 pm
- **POP! Parents of Preschoolers Parents** 1:30–2 pm

#### Fridays
- **Toddler Time for Twos** 2 years 10:30–11 am

### Weekend Storytime

**Saturdays, January 7 and 28, February 4 and 25 // 10:30–11 am // Ages 2–6**

Start your Saturday with fun as we read, sing, and play together.

### Music and Movement

**WITH WENDY MORGAN**

**Monday, January 9 // 10:30–11 am // Ages 2–6**

Get ready to dance to the music! Children’s musician Wendy Morgan will have children dancing, jumping, clapping, and laughing along to delightful songs. Drop-in event for kids with an adult.

### Musikgarten

**Friday, January 13 // 10:30–11 am or 11:30 am–noon // Ages 0–5**

Parents and children develop a strong musical bond through singing, chanting, moving, dancing, listening, and playing simple instruments together. Join staff from the Music Institute of Chicago for activities that bridge the natural connection between music and movement, develop the child’s musical aptitude, and enhance focused listening abilities. Limited to 15 participants. For kids with an adult.

### Breakfast with Books

**Saturdays, January 14 and February 11 // 10:30–11:15 am // Ages 2–5**

Join us for our favorite stories and games while enjoying a light breakfast snack.

### Arabic Storytime

**Saturdays, January 21 and February 18 // 10:30–11 am // Ages 3–7**

Enjoy an Arabic-language storytime led by Dona Morado. Speakers of all languages are welcome.

### Pajama Storytime

**Wednesday, January 25 // 7–7:30 pm // Ages 2–5**

Gather under the library stars for our favorite stories. Pajamas are optional; fun is guaranteed. For kids with an adult.

### Science Club Jr.

**Tuesday, February 28 // 10:30–11 am // Ages 3–5**

Preschoolers, come learn about science with fun and interesting hands-on experiments. Don’t forget to bring your best tool for exploring how the world works: curiosity! Dress to mess. For kids with an adult.
LEGO CLUB
Mondays // 4-5:30 pm // Grades K-3
Come build with our vast collection of Legos. Create your own design or help build a joint Lego masterpiece.

SCRATCH BOOT CAMP
Tuesday-Thursday, January 3-5 // 2-3 pm // Grades K-2
Explore Scratch and learn some basic coding skills in this introduction to computer programming. Limited to 15 participants who commit to attending all three sessions.

WINTER THEATER BOOT CAMP
Tuesday-Thursday, January 3-5 // 3:30-5 pm // Grades 3-5
Learn from local performers in this introduction to all things theater. Limited to 15 participants who commit to attending all three sessions.

TECH TIME
Develop your tech skills with this guided monthly challenge.
EGGBOTS
Wednesday, January 4 // 4-6 pm // Grades 3-5
OZOBOTS
Wednesday, February 1 // 4-6 pm // Grades 3-5

BE THE SCIENTIST
RAPID PROTOTYPING
Tuesday, January 10 // 6:30-7:30 pm // Grades 3-5
Explore taking an idea and turning it into something real using technology tools.

KNOT TYING
Tuesday, February 14
6:30-7:30 pm // Grades 3-5
Explore the skill and tradition of Chinese knot tying.

YOUTH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP WITH NORTHSHORE HOSPICE
Thursdays, January 12 and February 9 // 5:30-7 pm // Grades K-6
Children who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to participate in this support group led by a certified child life specialist. At 5:30 pm, pizza will be served for children and their families. From 6-7 pm, children will meet with the specialist to build community, share stories, and learn coping skills.

CALDECOTT CLUB VOTING PARTY
Sunday, January 15 // 3-4:30 pm // Grades K-4
What makes an award-winning picture book? The Caldecott Clubs at Skokie and Evanston Public Libraries have been exploring this question all fall. In this voting party, we’ll evaluate our top illustrated books and choose our winner for the Mock Caldecott. This event takes place at the Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main Street, Evanston. Participants should have attended at least one Caldecott Club meeting in fall 2016. Limited to 30 participants.

RAINBOW THERAPY TIME
Sundays, January 15 and February 19 // 12:15-1:15 pm // Ages 7-12
Children with special needs are invited to enjoy the benefits of interacting with trained therapy dogs. Rainbow dog handlers will work with the children to strengthen motor skills, learn social skills, and improve language use. Parents remain in the library while children attend the program accompanied by trained volunteer aides.

CLUB WONDER
Saturdays, January 21 and February 18 // 10:30-11:30 am // Ages 3-8 with an adult
Children of all abilities are invited to join our club. Siblings welcome.

THURSDAY IS DROP-IN DAY
Thursdays, January 12–February 23 (except January 19) // 4-5 pm // Grades 3-5
BE THE CHEF
HOUR OF CODE
BE THE ARTIST
GAME DAY
**Fun with Science**
Saturdays, January 21 and February 18 // 3–4 pm // Grades 2–5
Join a professor from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northwestern University for experiments, games, and the joys of discovery. Enjoy learning about the wonders of science.

**Minecraft Mania**
Wednesdays, January 25 and February 22 // 5–6 pm // Grades 3–5
Minecraft is the game everyone is playing. Let’s get together, punch some dirt, and explore a world without limits. No account? No problem—use one of ours.

**School Night**
Faculty and staff from local schools read their favorite stories, followed by snacks.

**Adventures in Canada**
MCC Academy
Tuesday, February 7 // 6:30–7:30 pm // Grades K–5
Edison
Wednesday, February 8 // 6:30–7:30 pm // Grades K–5

**Sewing Machine Basics**
Thursday, February 9 // 6:30–7:30 pm // Grades 3–Adult
Learn how to use the library’s Janome HD3000 sewing machines in this introductory class. You will learn how to thread the machine, select stitches, and start sewing using fabric scraps.

**Mission BOOMbox Watercraft Design Challenge**
Saturday, February 25, // 1:30–2:30 pm // Grades K–5
Experience rapid prototyping by designing, building, and testing an unsinkable watercraft with limited supplies and time.

**Homework Help**
Tuesdays, January 17–February 21 // 4–5:30 pm // Grades 1–8
Looking for a quiet, productive space to work on homework? Have a few questions about an assignment? Drop by Homework Club to work independently, or sign up for a 15-minute consultation with a volunteer homework helper. Consultations provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Write Stuff Writing Club**
Wednesdays, January 18 and February 15 // 6:30–7:15 pm // Grades 4–5
Aspiring writers, bring a notebook and we’ll get your creative juices flowing with some writing exercises and games.
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### Events for families  
All Youth Services programs are FREE and open to the public. Online registration requires a current library card. To register, visit calendar.skokie.info or call the Youth Services Department at 847-324-3149. For ticketed events, attendees must be present to receive a ticket.

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