

# Technology Classes

## Passwords, Passkeys & Password Managers <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, January 6 | 5:30 pm

## Armchair Adventures: Explore the World Online <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, February 3 | 5:30 pm

## Finding Affordable Internet <sup>R</sup>

Tuesday, March 3 | 5:30 pm



## Bulldog Storytime

Select Thursdays | 6–6:45 pm

January 15 | February 12 | March 12

Join the library in welcoming local Riverside Brookfield High School students and future educators as they host an extra-special storytime—packed with stories, songs, and plenty of fun activities!

# Family Programs

## Besties Ball <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, February 14 | 11–12:30 pm

A celebration of friendship!

## Ali's Reptile Den Day <sup>D</sup>

Saturday, March 21 | 10:30–4:30 pm

Join us at the North Riverside Parks and Recreation Department for Reptile Den Day!

## Hollywood Hit Flicks <sup>D</sup>

Last Friday | 4 pm

Snacks provided.

January 30 — *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* (2024) 109 minutes

February 27 — *The Bad Guys* (2022) 100 minutes

March 27 — *Lilo & Stitch* (2025) 108 minutes



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## Coffee & Conversation with the Director

**3rd Tuesday | 10 am**

January 20 | February 17 | March 17

Share a cup, a snack, and open conversation about the library and your ideas.

## North Riverside Library Foundation

Interested in joining a dynamic group who are excited to partner with the Library and create new opportunities for North Riverside residents?

The North Riverside Library Foundation & Friends group is located and meets at the North Riverside Public Library. Meetings are regularly held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Next meeting: January 20 at 6:30 pm.



## Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10–7 pm

Friday: 10–6 pm

Saturday: 10–4 pm

Sunday: Closed

## Upcoming Closures

December 24, 25 & 31 —

Holiday Observances

January 1 — Holiday Observance

January 9 — Staff In-service

## Board of Trustees

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The NRPL Board of Trustees invites you to attend its meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 6 pm.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, March 13 from 11–4 pm**

Save a life! Make an appointment now:  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-RED CROSS



## Reserve Our Makerspaces

Build Guild • Studio 2400 • Digital Preservation  
Mon–Thu: 11–5 pm | Fri: 11–4 pm | Select Saturdays **Certification required for Saturday appointments.**



**Scan our QR code to find out more information on library services and programs!**



NORTH RIVERSIDE  
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# The Bookmark

WINTER EDITION

2400 S. DES PLAINES AVE., NORTH RIVERSIDE, IL 60546



## A Warm Welcome for Winnie the Snake!

A very ssspecial visitor is spending the winter with us! Thanks to *Ali's Reptile Den*, Winnie will be keeping warm at the library as our new silent reading buddy. You're invited to slither in for a scavenger hunt as we celebrate Winnie's arrival! Everyone—kids, adults, and families—is welcome to stop by, say hello, take a closer look, or even read aloud to Winnie (she never interrupts!).

And don't miss another chance to see more of Ali's reptiles **March 21st** from **10:30 to 4:30 pm** at the North Riverside Parks & Recreation. This free and educational event will feature opportunities to interact with snakes, reptiles, and bugs—all brought to you by *Ali's Reptile Den*!



# Youth Programs

## STORYTIMES

### Morning Munchkins Storytime <sup>R</sup>

**Mondays | 10:30 am**  
January 5–February 23  
Stories, songs, and playtime.  
Ages 5 and under with an adult.

### Wintertime Fireside Pajama Storytime <sup>R</sup>

**Select Tuesdays | 6 pm**  
January 27 | February 24 | March 24  
Wear cozy PJs, bring a stuffed friend, and enjoy extra-chill picture books before bedtime. Ages 5 and under with an adult; older kids welcome.

### Tales for Tots Storytime <sup>R</sup>

**Wednesdays | 10:30–11 am**  
January 7–February 25  
Songs, movement, and stories.  
Ages 5 and under with an adult.

### Baby & Me (Bilingual) <sup>R</sup>

**Select Fridays | 10:30–11 am**  
January 16 & 30 | February 13 & 27  
Read, sing, and play with baby in this English/Spanish bilingual storytime.  
Ages 0–24 months with an adult.

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES & PROGRAMS

### Preschool Yoga & Storytime <sup>R</sup>

**Select Wednesdays | 1–1:30 pm**  
January 14 | February 11 | March 11  
Themed program with stories, yoga, and songs. Ages 2–5 with an adult.  
Funding provided by Foundation & Friends.

### Playdough Playdate <sup>R</sup>

**Select Wednesdays | 10:30–11:30 am**  
January 15 & 29 | February 12 & 26  
Play, create, and socialize.

### ZAP! Storytime with the Zoo <sup>R</sup>

**Thursday, February 19 | 10:30 am**  
Join us for a Winter themed storytime and interactive stay and play in collaboration with Brookfield Zoo Chicago!

### Drop-In Storytime <sup>D</sup>

**Thursday, March 19 | 10:30–11 am**  
Stories, songs, and open play.  
Ages 5 and under.

### Baby Rave <sup>R</sup>

**Friday, March 27 | 10:30–11:30 am**  
Baby friendly music, lights, glow sticks, and so much fun! For children ages 5 and under with an adult.

## PROGRAMS FOR 2ND GRADE & UNDER

*(with an adult)*

### Silly Science <sup>R</sup>

**Select Mondays | 4–5 pm**  
Dress for a mess—things that pop, fizz, and splat!  
• January 5 — Foaming fake-snow buddies  
• February 9 — Salt-dough conversation hearts

### Art Discoveries <sup>R</sup>

**Select Thursdays | 4–5 pm**  
Use different paints and materials to create art.  
• January 8 — Night-sky painting  
• February 12 — Polar bear diorama

### Fandom Club Jr. <sup>R</sup>

**Select Thursdays | 4–5 pm**  
Pop-culture themed crafts and activities.  
• January 22 — Bluey “Unicorse” puppet  
• February 5 — Pokémon popsicle-stick puppets

### Winter Funtime Crafts <sup>R</sup>

**Select Mondays | 4–5 pm**  
• January 19 — Glittery snow globes  
• February 16 — Lovebug critters

### Kids' Kitchen Little Edition: Apple Donuts <sup>R</sup>

**Wednesday, March 18 | 4–5 pm**

### Bead It Up! <sup>R</sup>

**Monday, March 23 | 4–5 pm**

## PROGRAMS FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS

### Fandom Club <sup>R</sup>

**Select Thursdays | 4–5 pm**  
• January 29 — Galaxy light + Steven Universe  
• February 26 — Mini origami stars + Disney short films

### Art Escape <sup>R</sup>

**Select Thursdays | 4–5 pm**  
• January 15 — Puffy-paint winter night  
• February 19 — Polar bear footprint art

### STEM Explorers <sup>R</sup>

**Select Mondays | 4–5 pm**  
Fun, hands-on experiments for curious minds!  
• January 26 — Exploding winter creatures  
• February 23 — Challenge your STEM skills with fun exploration kits.



### Perler Bead Creations <sup>R</sup>

**Friday, March 6 | 4–5 pm**

### Mario Day <sup>R</sup>

**Thursday, March 12 | 4–5 pm**

# Youth Programs

## Kids' Kitchen: Apple Pie Bites <sup>R</sup>

Friday, March 13 | 4–5 pm

## Trinket Trading Fun <sup>R</sup>

Monday, March 30 | 4–5 pm

Bring a trinket to trade or turn one of your favorites into a keychain!

## Creative Writing Club <sup>R</sup>

Every Tuesday in February | 4–4:45pm

### PROGRAMS FOR 5TH GRADE & UNDER

*(Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult)*

## Take & Make Tuesday <sup>D</sup>

A new craft every week. While supplies last.

## Chess Club <sup>D</sup>

Select Wednesdays | 4–5 pm

January 14 | February 11 | February 25



## Cozy Fort Reading <sup>D</sup>

Friday, January 16 | 4–5:30 pm

Build it then read in it! Snacks included.

## Lego Free Build <sup>D</sup>

Select Wednesdays | 4–5 pm

January 28 | February 18 | March 4

## Drop-In Shrinky Dinks <sup>D</sup>

Wednesday, January 21 | 4–5 pm

## Drop-In Valentine Cards <sup>D</sup>

Wednesday, February 4 | 4–5 pm

## Spring Equinox Celebration <sup>D</sup>

Thursday, March 19 | Drop-In 3–5 pm

# Teen Programs

GRADES 6 - 12

## Video Game Tournament – VR Headsets <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, January 17 | 1:30 pm

Compete in a tournament using VR headsets!



## Mindful Doodles <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, January 24 | 1:30 pm

Relax, draw, unwind, and explore calming art prompts.

## Timed Puzzle Tournament <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, January 31 | 1:30 pm

Race the clock and each other—fastest puzzle solver wins!

## Blind Date with a Book <sup>R</sup>

Entire Month of February

Pick a wrapped mystery book and enter the raffle!

## Writing Club <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, February 14 | 1:30 pm

Try creative prompts and share your writing with others.

## Butterflies in a Jar <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, February 21 | 1:30 pm

Create beautiful butterfly-in-a-jar décor.

## History of Pop Punk: 2005–2011 <sup>R</sup>

February 25 | 6 pm

Explore iconic bands, festivals, and behind-the-scenes drama.

## Watercolor Bookmark <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, February 28 | 1:30 pm

## Message in a Bottle <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, March 14 | 1:30 pm

## Morse Code Keychain <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, March 21 | 1:30 pm

## K-Pop Karaoke <sup>R</sup>

Saturday, March 28 | 1:30 pm



# Adult Programs

## Take & Make Craft Kit **D**

### January 5–10: Painted Deer

One per person | While supplies last  
*Funding by AgeOptions.*

## Sewing Kit of the Month **D**

### February 16–21: Gardening Knee Pad

One per person | While supplies last  
*Funding by AgeOptions.*

## Spice Club **D**

### March 30–April 4: Potato Seasoning

One per person | While supplies last.

## Crafternoon **R**

### Select Saturdays | 1:30 pm

January 10 — Winter Terra Cotta Pots  
February 14 — Heart Coasters  
March 14 — Floral Paper Garland  
*Funding by AgeOptions.*

## Crafterdark **R**

### Select Thursdays | 6 pm

January 29 — Stained-Glass Mason Jar  
February 26 — Framed Spring Scene  
March 26 — Macramé Bunnies  
*Funding by AgeOptions.*

## Classic Movie Afternoon **D**

### Select Tuesdays | 12 pm

January 27 — To Kill a Mockingbird (1962, NR)  
February 24 — The First Wives Club (1996, PG)  
March 24 — Gaslight (1944, TV-PG)

## Yoga **R**

### Select Mondays | 6 pm

January 12 & 26 | February 9 & 23 |  
March 9 & 23  
All skill levels welcome.  
*Funding by AgeOptions.*

## Zumba Gold **R**

### Thursdays | 4:30 pm

January 15 | February 19 | March 19  
Low-intensity dance fitness fun.



**Pictured Above:** Saddle Shoe Sisters performing classic hits

## Blind Date with a Book **R**

### Entire Month of February

Pick a wrapped mystery book and enter the raffle!

## Understanding Wills & Trusts **R**

### February 12 | 6 pm

### March 28 | 1:30 pm

## Canva Basics **R**

### February 19 | 1 pm

Learn how to make an account and basic tools to create projects.

## History of Pop Punk

### 2005–2011 **R**

### February 25 | 6 pm

## Get to Know the Library of Things! **R**

### March 21 | 1:30 pm

Tour the new collection and learn what's inside!

## Club de Lectura **R**

### Select Fridays | 10:30 am

January 30 — *El club de los acertijos* — Samuel Burr  
February 27 — *Primer Amor* — Colleen Hoover  
March 27 — *Tras la Puerta* — Freida McFadden



## Fireside Book Club — Winter Edition: "Beginnings" **R**

### Select Thursdays | 6 pm

A cozy discussion group exploring stories of new starts.  
January 13 — *The House in the Cerulean Sea* — T.J. Klune  
February 10 — *The Story of Arthur Truluv* — Elizabeth Berg  
March 10 — *The Guncle* — Steven Rowley

