

Happy Spring



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.

KIDS

Book Babies

Mondays, 9:30a

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**

Top Secret Book Club

Monday, April 1, 5:00p

Seeking new agents for our Top Secret Book Club! Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to read *The School for Whatnots* by Margaret Peterson Haddix and join us for a discussion. **L**

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, April 2 & 16, 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**

Growing Readers

Tuesday, April 9 & 23, 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**

Ag in the Classroom, Topic: Gardening & Herbs

Tuesday, April 11, 1:30p

You do not have to own several acres or have a large space in your backyard to grow delicious, nutritious food. Growing your own food can start small and simple with a few key components and steps. Students will uncover just how simple and rewarding it is to plant a seed and harvest a crop that can add



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flavor to any meal. We will share facts about various herbs grown in Illinois and provide materials for each student to start their herb garden. Presented by the Peoria County Farm Bureau. **L**

The Pokemon Project

Thursday, April 25, 3:30p

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



Coffee & Crayons

Monday, April 29, 10:30a

While the big kids are at school, come join other parents and caregivers at the library for coffee and snacks, plus coloring and toys for the babies and preschoolers. **L**

KAB, Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00p

Do you love to read books from the Library? Or maybe you like 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. **L**

TWEEN & TEEN

Tween/Teen Drop-In

Wednesdays, 2:30p

Stop by the library for a different activity each week. We may create art or enjoy a movie! **L**
4/3, paint a wood treasure box; 4/10, decorate a sign for your bedroom; 4/17, paint a wiggly wooden snake; 4/24, take the BeanBoozled jellybean challenge.

TAB, Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00p

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**

Let's Taco 'Bout It

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ADULT SERVICES

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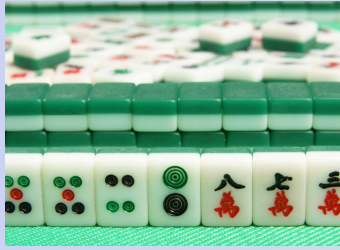
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Mah Jongg Monday! **Mondays, 1:00-3:00p**

We will not be playing on Monday, April 8.

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 2023 National Mah Jongg League card.** If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along!



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Chair Yoga

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

No class on Monday, April 8 or Wednesday, April 10.

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 class on Tuesday, April 9.

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**

Nature Journaling 101

Wednesday, April 3, 5:00p

Learn the basics of nature journaling.

Presented by Master Naturalist Jana Maxwell. **L**

CACTUS

Friday, April 5, 9:30-11:30a

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

Estate Tax Planning

Wednesday, April 24, 11:30a

Have questions about estate planning? This virtual program is for you! Covers wills, trusts, power of attorney, health care directives, asset transfer, charitable intent, and tax control. Presented by Fran McKay of Catalyst Wealth Planning. **Z**



Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, April 25, 11:00a-12:30p

Get 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**

Illinois Libraries Presents: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00p

Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986 and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades. Her most recent book is *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions*. Dr. Grandin's research and understanding of animal behavior spearheaded a reform in the quality of life for agricultural animals worldwide. **Z**

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com



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Register at: bit.ly/ILP_TempleGrandin OR



Coming Soon!

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Walk & Gather: Garlic Mustard

Wednesday, May 1, 5:00p

Join us for a short walk on the Rock Island Trail to gather non-native garlic mustard and make a tasty pesto. Led by Master Naturalist, Jana Maxwell. [L](#)

***Cricut 101: Tea Towel**

Saturday, May 4, 10:00a

Learn the basics of the Cricut machine as we create a vinyl to attach to a provided tea towel. Led by Kristy Armatys. Sign up information coming soon! [L](#)

***Safe Sitter Training with the Hult Center**

Thursday, May 30, 10:00a-4:00p

Certified Safe Sitter instructors from the Hult Center for Healthy Living will be at the library to prepare kids to be safe with they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Students will also receive instructions on CPR and use manikins to practice rescue skills. Call the library to register, 309.243.5716. Free [L](#)

Library News

- Stay tuned for news about Summer Reading! We have some fun new community partnerships planned for this year!!
- Remote printing is here! You can print from your mobile device or even send printing jobs to the library from your home. Your print job will not be released to the printer until you personally come to the library. Instructions are available on our website, www.dunlaplibrary.org
- The new AISLE (Association of Illinois School Library Educators) Readers' Choice Book Awards lists are out! Our library has a paper copy of every book on all four lists: Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, and Lincoln. Book marks are available for each award with titles and authors.
- The RSACat mobile app is back! If you had the app before, simply re-install it and continue as before. If you didn't have it before, it can be found for free to download at Google Play and at the Apple app store. Having the app will allow you to manage your loans, holds, and renewals - all from your mobile device. You will need your library card number and pin to sign-in to your account.

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9:00a-12Noon

ADA Requests

We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request accommodations, please call us at 309.243.5716.



Attendance at library programs, events, and participating in any library activity constitutes consent to be photographed for Dunlap Public Library District promotional purposes.

BOOK CLUBS

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Inside Out Book Chat

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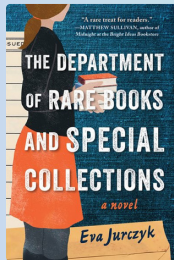
What have you been reading? There are so many books out there - it's time to share! You'll have a chance to talk about your recent reads...good, bad, or mediocre. M Z



Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, April 3, 11:00a

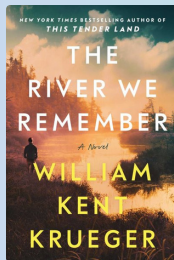
Do you like a light and entertaining read? We do too! This month's cozy book is **The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections** by Eva Jurczyk. On May 1 we will discuss **A Traitor in Whitehall** by Julia Kelly. M Z



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, April 4, 1:00p

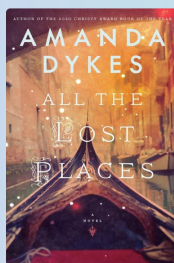
Join Dunlap Library's longest running book club! This month we'll discuss **The River We Remember** by William Kent Krueger. Our title for May 2 will be **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese. K L



*Artful Reads with Creative Soul

Wednesday, April 10, 5:00p

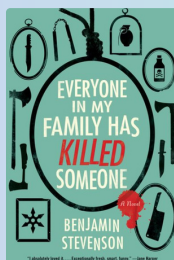
Creative Soul Gallery in Dunlap and the Library are joining together to discuss "arty" reads. This month we will be talking about **All the Lost Places** by Amanda Dykes. Email to receive the Zoom invite to attend virtually or to be added to the in-person discussion. In your email please indicate how you wish to attend and your phone number if attending in-person. On May 8 our read will be **The Art of Love and Lies** by Rebecca Anderson. M L Z



An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, April 15, 6:30p

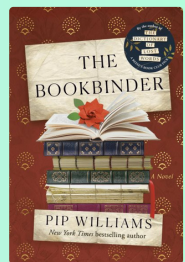
Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us to discuss **Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone** by Benjamin Stevenson. On May 13 our title will be **The Last Word** by Taylor Adams. K Z



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

Tuesday, April 16, 10:00a

This month we will be discussing **The Bookbinder** by Pip Williams. Our book for May 21 will be **A Woman is No Man** by Etaf Rum. M Z



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, April 17, 1:00p

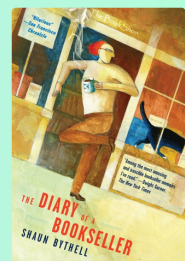
Romance is the theme for this virtual book club. Our title this month will be **Zora Books Her Happy Ever After** by Taj McCoy. On May 15 we will discuss **The Love of My Life** by Rosie Walsh. M Z



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, April 25, 10:00a

Let's get down to the facts. Our next nonfiction title will be **The Diary of a Bookseller** by Shaun Bythell. On May 23 we will be talking about **The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts** by Loren Grush. M Z

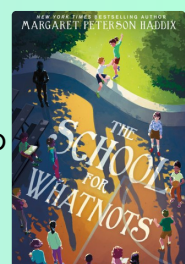


For Kids

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Library Trustee Spotlight



Stacey DelVecchio

Board member since May 2023

What brought you to Dunlap?

My husband and I moved to Dunlap 25 years ago after building a house in Nettle Creek. I am a Caterpillar retiree and will always be an engineer.

Why did you want to be a Dunlap Public Library District Trustee?

I have loved reading and libraries my entire life. I've always admired our Dunlap Library and frequently hear similar comments from others in the community. With the increased scrutiny by some on books, I thought it was time that I step up to be in a position to protect what our library has to offer.

What is your favorite way to use our library?

I love the access we have to eBooks and CDs. The programming the library offers, beyond just books, is relevant and varied.

What is something about the library you want the community to know?

We have a small library with a dedicated staff who genuinely want to serve the community. They are always looking for ways to improve and offer more in the most cost-effective way possible.

A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library

Join us for the launch of the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library!

We are celebrating the launch of the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6-7 pm at the Dunlap Library. At this celebration, we will be unveiling the new Friends logo, recognizing the winning artist, drawing names for prizes for those who participated, and serving light refreshments.

Thank you to all who shopped at the Friends book sale. The funds earned exceeded our expectations! Your purchases enabled the Friends to use the proceeds to obtain needed items not covered by tax dollars! We are so excited to already be presenting the library with those items at this event. We'll also be sharing some of the ideas we're considering to raise funds to support the library in 2024 and would love your feedback.

Continuing with the introduction of members of the FDPL leadership team, this month we are chatting with **Diane Lehn, President**.

What brought you to Dunlap?

In the fall of 2016, on my oldest son's birthday, we moved to Peoria (a few months later, we closed on our home in Lake of the Woods). We loaded up in a genuine blizzard in Minnesota and made our very slow way here. Some of my favorite stories are about the blizzards in my life! We moved here for multiple reasons:

- More diversity. We liked that the whole world is reflected in the schools of Dunlap. I wanted my sons to grow up and have friends with names that would not be found in our small, rural Minnesota town, pop 350.
- Mark, my husband, was offered a career opportunity that made leaving Minnesota easier. We did not know anyone here.
- House prices. We were able to buy a home that would have easily cost about 40% more in our small resort town.
- The fantastic weather. Yes, I am serious! I grew up and went to college in North Dakota. Mark grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota and can tell you so many stories about rescuing baby animals in blizzards. He swore when he was a kid that he was moving to Arizona, never to be cold again. Then he married me, who hates the heat. The weather in Illinois is excellent!



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Why are you interested in establishing the Friends of Dunlap Public Library?

I can talk about my love of the library for hours, and I'm pleased to be a part of the team establishing the Friends of Dunlap Library as a way to give back to the library. I am surrounded by incredible people in our founding Friends group, and I'm grateful for the support of the leadership team: Brian, who keeps track of our finances; Jessica J, who applies her organizational skills in her role as secretary; Jessica G, our Vice President, who balances my "big picture" skill set with her detailed planning; Celeste, who shares her considerable marketing expertise and ensures that our events are publicized; and Anne, who helps us organize projects and meet deadlines.

What is your favorite way to use our library?

When we first moved here, we didn't know anyone. I was more than a little stunned at the level of loneliness that could occur. I didn't know how to find a good pediatrician, where to get a haircut, or who was a good car mechanic. Do you know where you will find the people who will welcome you and know your name? Dunlap Library. Everyone knows Tina; she and her fellow professionals are the heart of this library and my very first friends in Dunlap. My favorite thing about the library? Tina, Amy, and Melissa. They welcomed me, and they welcomed my sons.

What is something about the library that you want the community to know?

You fit in here. You will be welcomed here. You are the reason for all that we do. There truly is something for everyone here. I hope to see you soon!

The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library is a volunteer organization. The organization is composed of individuals interested in providing various types of support to the library.

Our mission

The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library:

- Provides an option for giving, volunteering, and meeting others passionate about the Dunlap library.
- Supports selected building, program, and other enhancements desired by library leadership via dues and fundraising efforts.
- Serves as Dunlap library ambassadors by encouraging the use of the library and participation in programs with their social, family, and work groups.

Our vision

The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library, in collaboration with the library leadership, enables the library to achieve goals not previously possible due to lack of resources. The ambassadorship role of the Friends group results in significant growth of usage of the library offerings and as a center for community programming.

Join us! Please contact us at friends@dunlaplibrary.org for more information. We want to hear from you.

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