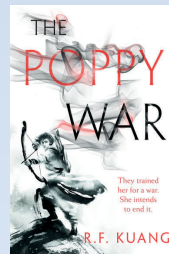




Illinois Libraries Present
Babel-On with R.F. Kuang
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00p



R.F. Kuang’s genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Academic yet approachable, Kuang’s work combines history, magic, and classical literary tradition to render powerful critiques of academia, the publishing industry, and even contemporary popular culture.

Her most recent novel, *Katabasis*, follows two graduate students as they descend into hell after the death of their professor, and the screen rights options to the novel were sold to Amazon MGM Studios for an upcoming TV series before its publication. Kuang’s other bestselling titles include *Yellowface*, *Babel*, and *The Poppy War* trilogy, and she is the recipient of the Nebula Award for Best Novel, the Goodreads Choice Awards for Best Fiction, and the American Book Award.

Kelly Jensen, anti-censorship advocate, Senior Editor at *Book Riot*, and writer who has compiled such anthologies as *Here We Are: Feminism for the Real World* and *(Don’t) Call Me Crazy*, will be joining Kuang in conversation.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), 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). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Closed Captioning are provided for all events by default—no special request needed. If a patron needs accommodations not listed, the member library should email illinoislibrariespresent@ila.org.

Use the link or QR code to register:
<https://bit.ly/ILPKuang>



Please indicate on the registration form that you learned about the presentation from the Dunlap Public Library District...thank you!

This presentation is generously sponsored by The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library.

YOUTH SERVICES

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Email ostreeter@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 May 18 or 25.

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. Olivia!

Wednesdays, 10:00a

No Storytime on May 20 or 27.

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

For kids, tweens, and teens!

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

May 6 - LEGO Challenge Day!: LEGO Club and afterschool merge. Each month brings a new challenge to build.

May 13 - There will be indoor games as well as outdoor games to celebrate the end of the school year.

May 20 & 27 - See what you can make out of the craft supplies left out. L

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, May 5 & 19, 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 Sprouts with Ms. Lydia

Thursday, May 7 & 21, 10:00a

Join Lydia Nosbisch, music therapist and early childhood music instructor, for this 30-minute music class for babies and toddlers with their accompanying adults.

Each class provides opportunities for movement, learning, and music exploration. L

Little Movers

Tuesday, May 12 & 26, 11:30a

A new program geared towards 1-3 year olds learning motor skills and early literacy. Stations will include fun activities like play dough shaping, tower building, practice cutting with safety scissors, fun with music, and language recognition to help 1-3 year-olds develop hand strength and fine motor coordination. L

Storytime @ Wheels O' Time Museum

Thursday, May 14, 11:00a

Join us for a special Storytime at the Wheels O' Time Museum in Dunlap. Meet at the Gazebo in front of the Museum and we will enjoy our Storytime at a different spot each month in the Museum. L

Outdoor Messy Crafts!

Thursday, May 14, 4:30-6:00p

Create some fun nature based crafts outside! Be sure to wear clothes that can get a little messy! L



Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!

Monday, June 1, 2:00-4:00p

Celebrate the start to summer reading with a FOAM PARTY, FACE PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, & OTHER FUN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

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Mental @erobics

Mondays, 12Noon

No class on May 25.

Time to stretch YOUR grey matter! Play a variety of brain games to stimulate your mind and have fun! **L**

Mah Jongg Monday!

Mondays, 1:00-3:00p

No playing on May 25.

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 2026 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

No chair yoga on Monday, May 25.

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 computer or smart phone. 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, 4:30p and Thursdays, 8:30a

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**

CACTUS

Friday, May 1, 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! Our challenge this month is: **Inspired by the Masters!** CACTUS is an acronym for Creative Artists and Crafters Tackle Unfinished Stuff. **L**



Don't Get Scammed

Thursday, May 7, 11:30a

Learn how to recognize and avoid common scams targeting seniors such as phishing, identity theft, and financial fraud in this in-person presentation. Provides practical tips on securing personal information, recognizing warning signs of fraud, and staying while safe while banking online or in person.

Presented by Better Banks. **L**

Maximizing Social Security

Tuesday, May 12, 11:30p

Learn how to get the most from your Social Security benefits. Whether you're nearing retirement or simply want to learn more, this in-person session will cover the basics, important claiming strategies, and provide answers to your questions. Presented by Whitaker Wealth Management. **L**

*Offsite Adventure:

Starting an Orchard

Thursday, May 14

5:30p

Whether you want a single fruit tree in your suburban backyard to provide the occasional

summer treat or are looking to fill a farm with dozens of trees, there are several keys to success. Join us as we discuss the basics of growing fruit trees. Presented by Greg Armatys. ***Registration required. L**



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 15, 9:00a-1:00p

Help the Red Cross save lives by donating blood. Use the QR code to register ahead of time, if you wish. 2026 dates: July 17, September 18, and November 20. **L**



Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, May 28, 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**



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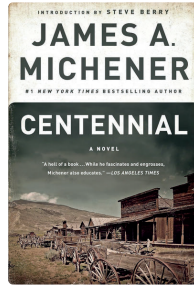
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I Like Big Books & I Cannot Lie Book Club

Friday, May 1, 12Noon

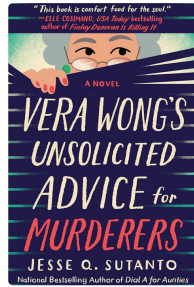
Join us to discuss books with 500+ pages in this triannual virtual book club. We will be discussing *Centennial* by James A Michener. On September 4 we will discuss *The Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. [M](#) [Z](#)



Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, May 6, 11:00a

Do you like a light and entertaining read? We do too! This month's cozy book is *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto. On June 3 we will discuss *The Darling Dahlias and the Red Hot Poker* by Susan Wittig Albert. [M](#) [Z](#)



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, May 7, 1:00p

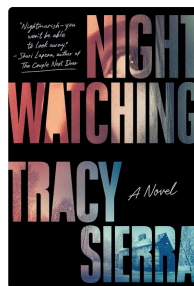
Join Dunlap Library's longest running book club and the only one that meets in-person in the Library! This month we'll discuss *Sipsworth* by Simon Van Booy. Our title for June 4 will be *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. [K](#) [L](#)



An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, May 11, 6:30p

Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us to discuss *Night Watching* by Tracy Sierra. On June 8 our title will be *Murder By Degrees* by Ritu Mukerji. [K](#) [Z](#)



Inside Out Book Chat

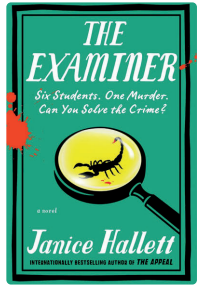
Wednesday, May 13, 10:00a

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 read...good, bad, or mediocre. [M](#) [Z](#)



Artful Reads with Creative Soul Wednesday, May 13, 5:00p

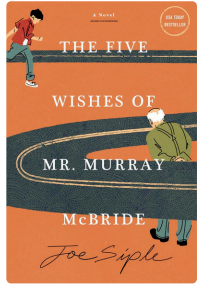
Creative Soul and the Library are joining together to discuss "arty" reads. This month we will be talking about *The Examiner* by Janice Hallett. Our title for June 10 will be *The Alchemy of Flowers* by Laura Resau. [M](#) [Z](#)



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

Tuesday, May 19, 10:00a

This month we will be discussing *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray* by Joe Siple. Our book for June 16 will be *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray. [M](#) [Z](#)



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, May 20, 1:00p

Romance is the theme for this virtual book club. Our title this month will be *The Neighbor Favor* by Kristina Forest. Our title for June 17 we will be *Hedging Your Bets* by Jayne Denker. [M](#) [Z](#)



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, May 28, 10:00a

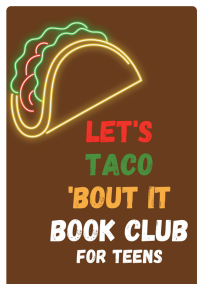
Let's get down to the facts. Our next nonfiction title will be *When Everyone Knows That Everyone Knows...Common Knowledge and the Mysteries of Money, Power, and Everyday Life* by Steven Pinker. Our book for June 25 will be *By the Fire We Carry: the Generations-long Fight for Justice on Native Land* by Rebecca Nagle. [M](#) [Z](#)



Let's Taco 'Bout It

Thursday, June 18, 7:30p

Join us at our YA book club as we talk about whatever we're reading. For tweens & teens. [O](#) [L](#)



A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library

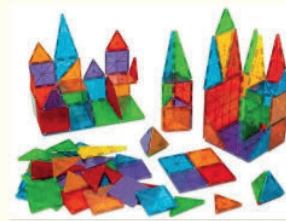


Gifts for the Library!

At our first 2026 membership meeting on April 9, Friends members reviewed our librarians' spring gift wish list. Attendees were also given a Tonie demonstration. Tonies, part of an earlier gift to the library, are extremely popular with our library's younger patrons. As a result, a subscription and storage containers were on the Youth Librarian's wish list. Members also received a recap of the programming for both adults and children that FDPL had paid for since the last general meeting in October. FDPL voted to approve the library \$2100 gift package made up of the following items:

- **Adult Programming: \$1140**
 - Illinois Libraries Presents Program
 - Shred Day
 - Various Offsite Adventures
- **Tonies: \$660**
 - 3 Tonie characters per month for 1 year
 - Storage containers for the [tonies](#)
- **Youth Services: \$300**
 - Storage Shelf
 - Magnetic Building Tiles
 - Rolling Storage Cart
 - Art Drying Rack
 - Collection Separators

Total: \$2100



Members also voted to make several changes to the Bylaws of the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library. The current set of bylaws, written in our first year of operation, needed to be changed to reflect our current standard of practice and provide more flexibility.

The meeting closed with snacks and discussion among library lovers. Members were encouraged to take home free books and purchase Friends merchandise. Learn more here:

<https://www.dunlaplibrary.org/friends-merchandise/>

Not a Friend? Learn more about the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library and join:

<https://www.dunlaplibrary.org/join-us/>. Dues are just \$15 per year. Memberships, donations, and participation in Friends fundraisers are the reason FDPL was able to provide all the gifts listed to the library!

Questions? Contact friends@dunlaplibrary.org

- The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library



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.



Coming Soon

ICash = Unclaimed \$\$\$

Monday, June 1, 11:30a-2:30p

Stop by the library to see if you are owed any money by the state of Illinois. Presented by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Monarch Day!

Friday, June 5, Noon-3:00p

The monarch butterflies are coming to the library! Creative Soul and members of the Central Illinois Monarch Butterfly Task Force will be on hand to talk about monarchs, native plants, and monarch art. There will be caterpillar holding, an art project, and monarch butterflies (if Mother Nature is agreeable). Sponsored by Creative Soul.

Library News

- Looking for ways to foster responsibility in your child? Children of any age, that reside in the Dunlap Public Library tax district, are eligible to get a Dunlap Public Library District library card! Having their own library card is a great way for a child to practice decision making, responsibility, and ownership; all while being supervised by their parent or caregiver.
- If your child has grown out of a size of diapers or pull-ups, please consider donating your extras to the library for our free comfort cabinet in the family restroom.
- The Library will be closing at 5:00p on Monday, May 4 for an all-staff meeting. The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day.
- Are you a teen or tween looking for volunteer hours? Are you a parent looking for more opportunities for your child to practice more reading? The Library is working to partner kids and teens together to meet once a week for one hour to practice reading over the summer. Links to register are posted on the main page of our website, www.dunlaplibrary.org

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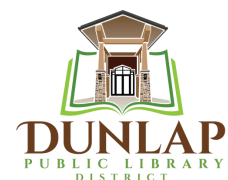
9:00a-8:00p

Saturday

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.