

Winter 2025

NSLD Local History News

North Suburban Library District

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Enjoy Off-Site Events With NSLD This Winter!

Free Admittance With Your NSLD Library Card. All Ages Welcome.

NSLD Day at Nicholas Conservatory Sinissippi Station

Be transported to a magical miniature world at the Sinissippi Station garden train exhibit. Located at: 1354 N. Second Street, Rockford, IL. Friday, January 17 • 10 am-4 pm

NSLD Night at the YMCA

Join NSLD at the Northeast YMCA for a night of swimming, family friendly games, and basketball available in the gym. Located at: 737 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL. Saturday, January 25 • 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

NSLD Day at Nicholas Conservatory: In Full Bloom

NSLD invites you to explore the Nicholas Conservatory's annual orchid exhibit featuring hundreds of orchids creatively displayed in the warm tropical exhibition area. Located at: 1354 N. Second Street, Rockford, IL. TWO DAYS: Friday, February 14 • 10 am-4 pm and Thursday, February 20 • 10 am-4 pm.

Spring Break Skate at Carlson Ice Arena

Skate for free, courtesy of NSLD! Includes admission to Sapora Playworld for patrons 12 and under. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Located at: 4150 N. Perryville Rd, Loves Park, IL. Monday, March 24 • 11 am-12:50 pm

How to Request a Local History Research Appointment

To schedule a time to view NSLD Local History materials, call Reference Services at 815-633-4247 or submit an online request. To request online, visit the NSLD website, select Services/ Local History, and submit the "Local History Request for Information Online Form" with your preferred dates and times.



Find Local Photos Illinois Digital Archives

Find photos from the NSLD Local History collection online through Illinois Digital Archives. Browse past images and documents relating to the community. Visit id4illinois.org to take a peek into local and state history.

NEW! Available in Illinois Digital Archives...
The Harlem Pepper (Issues 1932-1960)
More Issues Coming Soon!

Introductory Virtual Class
Illinois Digital Archives Demo
Learn how to navigate digitized *Harlem Pepper*, Harlem High School's student newspaper (1932-1997). Presented by NSLD Local History Librarian, Joanna Mladic. Available to watch starting Monday, March 10.

Genealogy Resources

Ancestry Library Edition

This service provides billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. It brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. **In-library use only.** Stop by during library hours and try it today! For more information, contact Reference Services.



HeritageQuest

Discover your family history today with this free online database. NSLD purchases this service for patron's use at home 24/7 or at the library. Your NSLD library card and PIN are required to access.

Heritage
Quest

Try it today! To access, go to the NSLD website under *Digital Collection/Genealogy*. Questions? Contact Reference Services.

**Questions for the NSLD Local
History Department?**
Email: localhistory@northsld.org

More Online Resources for NSLD Patrons

Access these additional online resources below through the NSLD website under *Digital Collection/Genealogy*. NSLD library card and PIN required.

Past Issues Available Post Journal Newspapers

NSLD is working to preserve the community's local history by digitizing past issues of the Post Journal newspaper. The digitized copies are part of the Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections. Includes editions of the *Monday Morning Mail*.



Read the Rockford Register Star Collection Online

Explore Rockford area history through local news, events, and obituaries. Search articles from 1999-present. View articles with pictures from November 2018-present. To access, go to the NSLD website. NSLD library card and PIN required.

Adult Events

*Watch virtual events on the NSLD YouTube channel:
youtube.com/@nsls

**All To Go and Take & Make activities are available while supplies last at Reference Services.

Books Are a Treasure! Adult Winter Reading Club**

Pick up your WRC To Go Bag today! Choose to complete the paper log included, or use the online tracker, Beanstack, to complete online reading challenges. All who complete the program will receive a book of their choice and will be entered in the grand prize drawing for a special treasure! **Ends Saturday, February 8.**



More Winter Reading Club activities online!
Go to: nsls.winter.weebly.com

Watch more virtual programs on the NSLD YouTube channel at your leisure! Go to:
youtube.com/@nsls



Arrgh: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes*

Presented by The National Museum of Great Lakes

This virtual program presents a historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and its implications for understanding Great Lakes history. Instead of parrots and peg legs, a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales will be included. **Available to watch January 6 - March 29.**

Craft for Teens & Adults! Jellyfish in a Bottle**

Create this fun and visually relaxing jellyfish in a bottle craft. All supplies are included in each craft bag. **Available Monday, January 20.**



Blind Date with a Book**

Enjoy a 'blind date' with a book! Stop by Reference Services and choose a book for you to keep. Return the enclosed review by March 15 to be entered into the prize drawing! One book per person. For ages 18 and up. **Available February 17-March 1.**



Shop the NSLD Book Sale

Show how much you love your library by shopping the NSLD book sale! Open during library hours at both locations.

Purchase a Limited Edition Book Bag Today!

Get your book bag today at Customer Services while supplies last. This fundraiser supports craft programs and supplies for all ages. Bags are \$12 each.

February is...
Love Your Library MONTH



Discounted Prices for Local Museums and Attractions

Explore More Illinois is a service offered by NSLD that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, and local cultural venues. All you need to access is your library card and PIN. For a complete list of attractions or to access discounts, go to the NSLD website under *Digital Collection/Local Resources/Explore More Illinois*.



Thank You for Supporting Your Library

In 2024, NSLD raised over \$20,000 in donations. These funds go towards funding and expanding:

- off-site programming
- crafts for all ages
- prizes for contests
- materials for the collection



Your continued support helps to pay for these and so many more services that all ages enjoy. To make an online donation, simply scan the QR code above. You can also mail in the form below with a check, or drop off your donation at either library location.

Yes, I want to support NSLD!

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Make checks out to NSLD and mail to:
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6340 North Second Street
Loves Park, IL 61111



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6340 North Second Street, Loves Park, IL 61111
815-633-4247

NSLD/Roscoe

5562 Clayton Circle, Roscoe, IL 61073
815-623-6266

Library Hours at Both Locations:

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-8 pm

Friday-Saturday: 9 am-5 pm

Closed Sundays

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