Spring 2025 What's Happening @

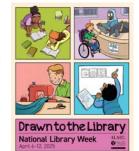


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April 6-12 is National Library Week

Show how much you love your library with family and friends! Here are some ways you can support NSLD:



- · Get a library card.
- Download the library mobile app, PrairieCat.
- Support fundraisers! Shop the book sales or purchase a book bag.
- Download a free eBook or movie.
 Check out the digital collection on the NSLD website.
- Attend an off-site event or story time.
 Programs available for all ages.
- Follow the NSLD Facebook page and subscribe to the NSLD YouTube channel.

Enjoy Off-Site Events With NSLD This Spring!

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

NSLD Day at Nicholas Conservatory: Secret Life of Butterflies

Explore the wonderful world of butterflies! Visit the butterfly lab to see caterpillars. Then take your turn in the butterfly house. *Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens located at:* 1354 N. Second Street, Rockford, IL. **TWO DAYS: Tuesday, April 15 • 4 pm-6 pm and Thursday, April 17 • 4 pm-6 pm.** Registration required. Sign up for your time slot by phone or in person at NSLD Children's Services. Time slots limited, choose one date and time to attend!



NSLD at Midway Village Museum: Camp Grant Exhibit

Camp Grant served as a training ground for U.S. Army soldiers and medical personnel, and it also housed POWs. Learn the history of the Rockford area by taking a self-guided tour of the historical village and the new Camp Grant exhibit. *Midway Village located at: 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford IL.* Friday, May 30 • 10:00 am-4 pm

Support Your Library!

Monetary donations are always appreciated! Your continued support helps to pay for more off-site programs, crafts, prizes, and materials for the collection that all ages can 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.

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Get a Digital Library Card with the PrairieCat Mobile App

Forgot your library card at home? With the free PrairieCat Mobile app, you'll always have your card with you! You can also:

- · Search the library catalog
- · Place items on hold
- · Renew materials
- · Check upcoming library events
- · Access the digital collection
- · Connect with NSLD on social media
- And so much more!

Download it today from your mobile device's app store. Questions? Visit **northsuburbanlibrary.org** to watch the tutorial video under *Services/Library Cards*, or contact Customer Services.

Pick Up Materials 24/7 Convenient Hold Lockers

Place your materials on hold either through the PrairieCat mobile app, the NSLD website, or by calling the library. When your materials are ready,



the library will contact you. Then, stop by the lockers anytime at your convenience, scan your library card, enter your pin, grab your items, and go! Lockers are available at both NSLD locations.

Shop the NSLD Book Sales

Books, movies, music, and more! Sales are open during normal library hours at both NSLD locations.



Purchase a Limited Edition Book Bag Today!

Adult and kids' book bags are available for purchase at Customer Services while supplies last. This fundraiser supports craft supplies and programs for all ages.



Children's Events

Programs for infants through 6th grade.

*All NSLD To Go, DIY, and Take & Make activities are available while supplies last at Children's Services.



Fun Programs for Preschoolers and Toddlers

Programs follow the 5 Best Literacy Practices: SING, TALK, READ, WRITE, PLAY!

Story Time for ages 3-5.

NSLD/Loves Park

Mondays • 6 pm and Wednesdays • 10 am

NSLD/Roscoe

Wednesdays • 10 am and Thursdays • 10 am

Wiggle-Giggle-Grow for ages 9-36 months.

NSLD/Loves Park

Thursdays • 9:30 am and 10:30 am

NSLD/Roscoe

Tuesdays • 9:30 am and 10:30 am

Can't make it to the library? Tune in to the NSLD Facebook page for mini Story Time and Wiggle-Giggle-Grow videos.

Programs on break May 2-30.



Celebrate Libraries in April!

Come to Children's Services and guess the title of the shredded book. You could be the lucky winner of a NSLD book bag filled with children's books!

Virtual Butterfly Story Time

Watch the NSLD Facebook page or YouTube channel for a special Mini Story Time about butterflies. Available starting Tuesday, April 1.

Special Butterfly Take & Make*

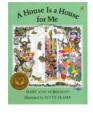
Stop by Children's Services in April to pick up a beaded butterfly craft, then sign up to see some real butterflies at the Nicholas Conservatory, courtesy of NSLD.



Crafty Reader in April*

Listen to a story and then do the related craft. Featuring *A House Is a House for Me*, by Mary Ann Hoberman. Stop by on the dates below anytime during library hours:

NSLD/Loves Park • April 18 NSLD/Roscoe • April 25



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

- 1 bedtime story nightly for three years
- 10 stories weekly for two years
- 3 books daily for one year



All equal 1,000 books before kindergarten! No library card required. Stop by Children's Services or sign up on Beanstack.



Library

May 27-July 19

Programs available for children, teens, and adults. Watch the NSLD Facebook page for more details! Books Are a Treasure!

Winter Reading Club Success

1,238 children, 102 teens, and 226 adults participated!

Thank you to Culvers for donating this year's WRC coupons.

Spring Blooms in May!

Celebrate springtime! Stop by Children's Services in May to pick up supplies to create a cute flower



Celebrate Children's Book Week!

Join NSLD to celebrate
Children's Book Week by
attending a special story
time featuring books by Mo
Willems. Listen to stories, sing
songs, and make a craft. NSLD/Roscoe
Wednesday, May 7 • 10:00am



TumbleBook Library for Kids

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated talking books connecting children with the joys of reading in a format they'll love. This free online resource offers picture books, read-a-longs, puzzles, games, audiobooks, and much more. Access through the NSLD website under eBooks. NSLD library card and PIN required.

Tween Grab & Go Book Club*

The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall by Ali Standish. Pick up your book and activity guide in Children's Services while supplies last. Available Monday, April 7.



A Special Tween Take & Make Event

Celebrate Harry Potter in May*

Visit NSLD to pick up a Take & Make bag and make your own little Hedwig owl. Share a photo of your creation on the NSLD Facebook



page or bring into the library to share for a chance to win an illustrated edition of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, plus a Hedwig keychain. **Available starting Thursday**, **May 1**.

Teen Events

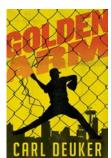
Programs for grades 6-12.

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

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

Teen Spring Read*

Get your free copy of Golden Arm by Carl
Deuker that comes with a painted baseball key chain craft. Return a review by May 10 to be entered into a prize drawing. Available starting Monday, April 7.



Check out these fun online activities for teens! Go to: nsldteen.weebly.com





Intro to Yoga for Teens**

In this virtual program, RealBeautifulYOU in Rockford will teach stress management techniques and body image positivity through the practice of yoga. Available to watch starting Wednesday, April 2.

Teen Break-In Bags*

Two new themes: "Riddle Me This: A Gotham City Mystery" and "The Color Crisis." Check out at Reference Services. Available April 9 - May 24.



Four Simple Poems
Anyone Can Learn**

Grab a pen or pencil and celebrate National Poetry Month with NSLD Teen Services. Available to watch starting Wednesday, April 16.

Take & Makes Coming This Spring!

Seed Cookie Feeder for Birds* Available Wednesday, April 23.

DIY Phone Holder*Available Wednesday, May 7.

Slap Bracelets*
Available Wednesday, May 21.

Level Up At Your Library!

Teen Summer Reading Club Coming May 27

Watch the NSLD Facebook page for more details. Read and win prizes this summer!



Watch Past Teen Programs

NSLD has a growing catalog of virtual programs



Adult Events

Programs for ages 18 and up.

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

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

That 'Jazz Stuff': African American Brass Bands at Camp Grant during World War I'

Watch this pre-event virtual presentation in honor of Midway Village's new Camp Grant exhibit. Presented by Richard Birkemeier, a professor of music and professional brass musician. Available to watch April 7 - August 17.



Home Energy Savings** Presented by the Citizens Utility Board

Learn about what energy choices are available to you, along with ways to save money on your utility bills. Available to watch starting Monday, May 5.

Level Up At Your Library! Adult Summer ReadingClub Coming May 27

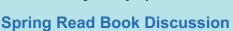
Not just for kids! Adults can participate and win prizes too. Watch the NSLD Facebook page for more details.



Adult Spring Read* The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

A melancholic bookshop owner discovers a child that has been left in his bookshop, which sets him on a course

of second chances and finding the joy in life again. Return the book review by May 10 to be included in the prize drawing. **Available starting Monday, April 7.**



Spring Read participants are invited to an inperson discussion of *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, led by NSLD staff, on the following dates. Discussion questions are included in the Adult Spring Read bag.

NSLD/Loves Park

Tuesday, May 13 • 10 am-11 am

NSLD/Roscoe

Wednesday, May 14 • 6 pm-7 pm

Check out these fun online activities for adults! Go to: nsldspring.weebly.com



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What's Inside...

- New Off-Site Events for Patrons
- Celebrate National Library Week
- More New Programs and Crafts for All Ages
- Book Clubs for Tweens, Teens, and Adults

Online Resources Available 24/7

Read Online Newspapers While On the Go

Post Journal

Search digitized past issues of the Post Journal newspapers covering the Loves Park and Machesney Park communities, with some coverage of the Roscoe community.

Rockford Register Star

Access digitized articles of RRS from 1999present, including news, events, and obituaries. NSLD library card and PIN required.

Access from the NSLD website under *Digital Collection/Local Newspapers*.

Download Free eBooks, Movies, and More

Patrons have access to the online resources below with a NSLD library card and PIN.

eRead Illinois/Boundless

A collection of fiction and nonfiction eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages. Download the free Boundless app on your mobile device.

Hoopla

Instantly borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, movies, and music. To get started, download the free Hoopla app from your mobile device's app store, or go online to **hoopladigital.com**.

Libby/OverDrive®

Download the free Libby app from your mobile device's app store. Access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, and movies.

Kanopy

Watch independent, international, classic, and documentary films from PBS, The Criterion Collection, and Great Courses. Download the Kanopy app from your mobile device's app store, or go to: **northsld.kanopy.com**. After creating an account with Kanopy, movies can be accessed through Kanopy or the Libby app.



Library Hours at Both Locations:

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-8 pm Friday-Saturday: 9 am-5 pm Closed Sundays

Watch the NSLD Facebook page or website for any changes to hours due to weather or special closings.

Two Convenient Locations

NSLD/Loves Park

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

NSLD/Roscoe

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

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