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North Suburban Library District

Get a Library Card for Each Family Member!

Children ages 5 and older are eligible to get a library card with a parent or guardian. No additional fees for library district residents.

For more information, visit Customer Services, or apply for a card online through the PrairieCat Mobile app.



Get Discounted Prices for Local Museums and Attractions With Your NSLD Library Card

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. A complete list of attractions and discounts can be found on the NSLD website under *Digital Collection/Local Resources/Explore More Illinois*. Attractions subject to change.



Support Your Library!

There are many ways to donate to NSLD! Make an online donation through the NSLD website (northsuburbanlibrary.org). You may also fill out the form below and mail your donation, or drop it off at the library.

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Enjoy Off-Site Events With NSLD All Summer!

Free Admittance With Any Library Card. All Ages Welcome.

NSLD Day at Macktown Living History

Come see historic sites in the beauty of Macktown Forest Preserve. *Located at: 2221 Freeport Rd, Rockton, IL. Tuesday, June 10 • 10:00 am - 2 pm.*

Severson Dells: Restoration Work Day

Volunteer with Severson Dells to help collect native wildflower seeds! Please arrive between 8:45 - 9 am for sign-in. Long pants, closed-toed shoes, and sun protection recommended. Please bring your own water bottle. Training, tools, and snacks provided. *Located at: 8786 Montague Rd, Rockford, IL. Saturday, June 14.*

NSLD Pool Parties

Walt Williamson Pool

100 East Chapel Street, Rockton, IL.

Tuesday, June 17 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

AND Tuesday, July 8 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Sand Park Pool

1041 E Riverside Blvd, Loves Park, IL.

Friday, June 27 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

AND Friday, July 18 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum

Come to a 1937 Waukesha hanger and visit a museum dedicated to vehicles that drive and fly. *Located at: 5151 Orth Rd, Poplar Grove, IL. Saturday, July 19 • 10 am - 4 pm.*

Severson Dells: Family Creek Walk

Step into Hall Creek and journey back in time! Follow 458 million year old natural rock formations, discover marine fossils, walk under rare plant species, and meet some of the amazing creatures that call the creek home. **TWO SESSIONS: Wednesday, August 6 • 10 am - 12 pm OR 1 pm - 3 pm.** Ages 7 and up. Registration required. See NSLD online Events Calendar for more details. Contact Andrea at andrea@seversondells.org or call 815-335-2915. **Time slots limited, choose one session to attend.**

NSLD Family Night at the YMCA

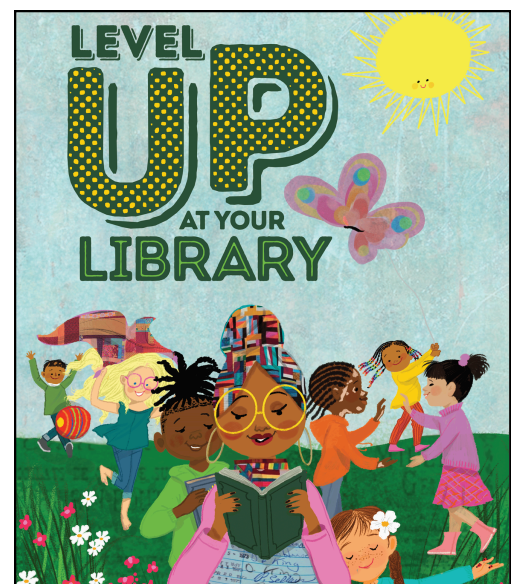
Join North Suburban Library District at the Northeast Family YMCA for swimming and basketball in the gym. *Located at: 8451 Orth Road, Loves Park, IL. Saturday, August 16 • 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.*

Summer Reading Club For All Ages

May 27 - July 19, 2025

Children, teens, and adults can participate in the annual Summer Reading Club. Track your reading, WIN prizes, and do fun activities. You can even participate while on the go! Track your reading with the free app, Beanstack. (See inside for more information.)

Follow NSLD on Facebook to stay up to date on all events coming this summer:
facebook.com/NorthSuburbanLibrary



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 July 28 - August 29.
New sessions begin September 2!**

Visit NSLD This Summer...

For these awesome DIY activities, cool crafts, and more!

Where's Dewey?

Look for little Dewey hidden in a new spot each week!

Who Will Win the Race?

Every time you visit the library during Summer Reading Club, you can vote for your favorite character to cross the finish line first.

Choose Your Own Library Adventure!

Come to the library, find the starting point, and choose your path. Can you make it to the end?



Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Club* May 27 - July 19, 2025

Get your Summer Reading Club To Go bag starting May 27. Choose to complete the paper log, or use the Beanstack app to track your reading online. Complete and return your SRC log by Saturday, July 19 to be entered into the Grand Prize drawing. Winners will be notified at the beginning of August.



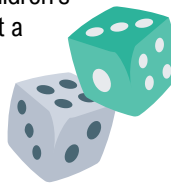
Guessing Games at NSLD!

Watch the NSLD Facebook page or come to Children's Services to play the SRC guessing games for a chance to win a \$10 gift card! A new guessing game will be featured every other week May 27 - July 19.

*Special Take & Makes coming this summer!
Includes video instructions.*

Build Your Own Board Game *

Get your Take & Make bag in Children's Services, then see how to lay out a game board, brainstorm for methods to create your game, and learn how to construct paper dice. **Available starting Tuesday, May 27.**



Tic-Tac-Toe*

Pick up supplies to make your very own Tic-Tac-Toe game. **Available starting Monday, June 16.**

Shisima*

Create your own water bug game to play again and again! **Available starting Monday, June 30.**

Minecraft Corner Bookmarks*

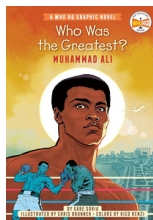
Read in true Minecraft style! Show your love for the game by picking up supplies to create these super cute Creeper and Pig bookmarks. **Available starting Monday, July 14.**



Stop by Children's Services throughout the summer to pick up these and other Take & Make activities!

Tween Grab & Go Book Club*

Who Was the Greatest?: Muhammad Ali, by Gabriele Soria. Pick up your book and brochure in Children's Services while supplies last. **Available Monday, July 7.**



All Ages Welcome

Enjoy Off-site Summer Events with NSLD!

Stuffed Pet Parade at Macktown Living History

Bring your favorite toy or stuffed animal and have fun "parading" with your "pet" in nature. Listen to a story, make a special certificate for your pet, and last, but not least, enjoy a cool treat for all participants after! *Macktown Forest Preserve located at: 2221 Freeport Rd, Rockton, IL. Tuesday, June 10 • 10 am - 11:30 am*



NSLD at Anderson Japanese Gardens: Garden Explorers 3 dates for 3 times the fun!

Arrive by 8:45 am to take your seat under the pavilion.

Garden Explorers is appropriate for 4-6 year olds, but all ages are welcome. *Children must be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times.*

Anderson Japanese Gardens located at: 318 Spring Creek Rd, Rockford, IL. Enter the Garden via Admissions inside the Visitor Center.

Thursday, June 12 • 9 am - 10 am.

Join NSLD outdoors at the Gardens as we host the Grammy nominated award winning music duo, Wendy & D.B., and listen to stories read by Aaron Wilson, Morning Weather Anchor for WIFR.



Thursday, July 17 • 9 am - 10 am.

If you love good magic tricks mixed with humor and audience participation, then you won't want to miss *The Magic of Brian Holt*, sponsored by NSLD at Garden Explorers. Stories for the day will be read by Rockford Fire Chief Michele Pankow.



Thursday, August 7 • 9 am - 10 am.

Come sing along and dance with us at Garden Explorers for a fun time with ScribbleMonster-Kindie Rock music, compliments of NSLD! Stories for the day will be read by John Gleason, CEO of Anderson Gardens.



More Off-Site Events Available for All Ages All Summer Long! (see front)

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/@nslsld**

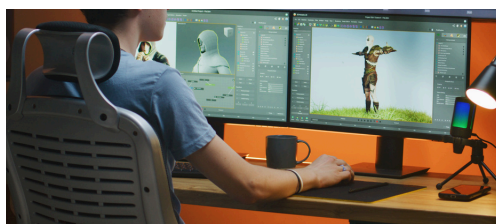
Teen Summer Reading Club*

Level Up at Your Library



Get your SRC To Go bag starting May 27. Choose to complete the paper log, or use the online tracker, Beanstack. Download the Beanstack Tracker app and complete reading challenges. After reading 10 hours or more, be sure to return your paper log by July 19 to the Reference Services desk to receive a free book and to be entered into the drawing for a Kindle Fire HD! **Ends Saturday, July 19.**

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



Intro to Game Design**

In this virtual presentation, learn about the behind-the-scenes of game design, presented by UW-Stout MFA graduate students, Andrew and Chloe. **Available to watch starting Wednesday, June 4.**

All About Scholarships - ISAC (Illinois State Assistance Commission)**

This virtual presentation goes over how to search for college scholarships, along with how to write a good scholarship application. **Available to watch starting Wednesday, July 16.**

Teen Break-In Bags

Two new themes: "Save Princess Peach: Super Mario Edition" and "The Case of the Missing Diamond Armor: Minecraft Edition." Check out at Reference Services. **Available June 11 - August 23.**



Tiny Art Contest: Video Game Edition!*

Create a work of art to honor your favorite video game. Submit your art by Saturday, June 28 to enter. Pick up the mini canvas and supplies at Reference Services. **Available Wednesday, June 11.**



"Get Outside" Photo Contest

Starting July 2, snap your best nature photo and submit it to the library! All entries will be displayed, and top photos in three categories will win a prize. Pick up an entry form at Reference Services. **Photos due Saturday, August 2.**



Take & Makes coming this summer!

Minecraft Enderman Plush*

Available Wednesday, June 25.

Fortnite Slurp Juice*

Available Wednesday, July 9.

Health & Magic Potions*

Available Wednesday, July 23.

Video Game Pop Socket*

Available Wednesday, August 6.

Minecraft Magnets*

Available Wednesday, August 20.

Adult Events

Programs for ages 18 and up.

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Off-Site Event For All Ages

NSLD at Midway Village Museum: Camp Grant Exhibit

Learn the history of the Rockford area by taking a self-guided tour of the historical village and the new Camp Grant exhibit. One NSLD library card per family/group required for free admittance. *Midway Village located at: 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford IL. Friday, May 30 • 10:00 am - 4 pm.*



Level Up Your Genealogy: Beyond the Basics**

Learn more about the next steps in your genealogy research and how to find more resources. Presented by NSLD's Local History Librarian, Joanna Mladic. **Available to watch starting Monday, June 9.**

Level Up Your Home: Decarbonizing 101**

Presented by the Citizens Utility Board

Dive into ways renters and homeowners can access energy efficiency and cost savings programs. **Available to watch starting Monday, July 7.**



Adult Summer Reading Club*

Level Up at Your Library

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Craft For Adults

Button Wind Chime*

Make a wind chime using buttons, twine, and a dowel rod. **Available at Reference Services starting Wednesday, June 4.**



Find more fun activities for adults online:

nslsummer.weebly.com



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What's Inside...

- **Summer Reading Club is Here**
- **Join NSLD for Free Off-Site Events in the Community**
- **More New Programs and Crafts for All Ages**

Online Resources Available 24/7

Try Beanstack

Beanstack is a fun, interactive alternative to the paper book log for Summer Reading Club. Children, teens, and adults can track their reading online and complete challenges for a chance to win prizes. Download the free online tracker app Beanstack to get started. Create a Beanstack account for yourself or your family. To download, go to:



northsuburbanlibrary.beanstack.org

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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

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815-633-4247

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

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