Enjoy Off-Site Events With NSLD This Winter!
Free Admittance With Your NSLD Library Card. All Ages Welcome.

NSLD Day at Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens
Be transported to a magical miniature world at the Sinnissippi Station garden train exhibit. Miniature Rockford landmarks and willow trestle bridges add to the enchanting ambiance. Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens located at: 1354 N. Second Street, Rockford, IL.
Friday, January 12 • 10 am-4 pm

NSLD Night at the YMCA
Join NSLD at the “Y” for all night swimming fun. Bounce houses and basketball available in the gym. Children under 10 that cannot pass a swim test must be accompanied in the water within arm’s reach of an adult. Northeast Family YMCA located at: 8451 Orth Road, Loves Park, IL.
Saturday, January 27 • 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

NSLD at the Discovery Center
Join NSLD at the Discovery Center Museum for a day of science exploration. Discovery Center located at: 711 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL. Thursday, February 15 • 1 pm-4:30 pm

NSLD Day at Burpee Museum of Natural History
Visit the Burpee Museum of Natural History! One NSLD card per family is required for free admission. Burpee Museum located at: 747 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL. Wednesday, March 13 • 10 am-6 pm

Information below is from the NSLD FY2022/23 annual report. You can view the current annual report on the NSLD website under “About Us/Administration.”

Winter Reading Club For All Ages
Mad About Books!
Pick up your WRC To Go bag at either library location and get started today! All ages can participate. See inside for more details.

Celebrate 80 Years in the Community
Support Your Library
Make an online donation through the NSLD website. (Scan the QR code). Or, fill out the form below and mail your monetary donation in, or drop it off at the library. Make checks out to NSLD. If mailing, send to: NSLD/80th Celebration, 6340 N. Second Street, Loves Park, IL 61111

Purchase a New 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.

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.

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_Please contribute to NSLD in honor of the 80th anniversary._

___ $80  ___ $800  Other: $ _______

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Phone #: _________________________________________

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**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. For more program details, visit the NSLD website under Events Calendar.

**Be a Crafty Reader**

Listen to a story at our audio stations, then do the related craft! [Available at Children’s Services on the following dates:]

- **NSLD/Roscoe**
  - January 3 ● February 9 ● March 1
- **NSLD/Loves Park**
  - January 12 ● February 16 ● March 15

**Reading Buddies**

Fun and educational program for 2nd-4th graders to buddy with a trained high school student. Meets once per week on the dates below.

- **NSLD/Roscoe**
  - Tuesdays, February 27-March 19
    - 4:15 pm-5 pm
- **NSLD/Loves Park**
  - Thursdays, February 29-March 21
    - 5:30 pm-6:15 pm

To register, visit Children’s Services.

**LEGO Days on Facebook**

Build your own unique LEGO creation at home and post a photo on the NSLD Facebook page. Or, build something using the library’s LEGOs available in Children’s Services and put on display. Be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a cool LEGO set and book. **Enter in February and March for two chances to win!**

**Illinois Kids’ Choice Award Challenges**

Which book will win? Visit Children’s Services to pick your selections, or do the online Beanstack challenge for a chance to win a free nominee or award winning title. **Available Monday, February 5.**

**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/Roscoe**
    - Tuesdays ● 9:30 am and 10:30 am
  - **NSLD/Loves Park**
    - Thursdays ● 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 the week of March 25-29.**

**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.

**Mad About Books! Children’s Winter Reading Club**

Stop by Children’s Services to pick up your WRC To Go bag. Return with your completed reading log to choose your prize book and be put in the drawing for a chance to win a Magic School Bus Chemistry set and DK Science Encyclopedia. Also available for online participation with Beanstack. **Ends Saturday, February 3.**

**WRC Guessing Game**

Guess how many brains are in the jar! Closest guess wins a gift card. Enter at Children’s Services or on the NSLD Facebook page.

**Wooden Train Shop at Nicholas Conservatory!**

Build your own freight car! Shape the wood, glue the wheels, glue together, paint, and take home! To participate, show your NSLD library card and let Nicholas staff know you want to build a freight car! Spaces limited, first come, first served. **Friday, January 12 ● 10 am-2 pm**

**Spring Break Event Family Story Time Pirate Party**

Join NSLD for a special spring break story time. Dress in your favorite pirate clothes and get ready for a hearty good time! Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a craft. **NSLD/Roscoe**

- **Wednesday, March 27 ● 10 am -11 am**

**Limited Edition Kids’ Book Bags Are Here!**

Purchase your penguin bag while supplies last. Includes mystery prize inside! This fundraiser supports programs and crafts.

**Just for Tweens! Tween Grab & Go Book Club**

**The Midnight Brigade** by Adam Borba

Pick up your book and activity guide at Children’s Services. Also on Beanstack. **Available Monday, January 8.**

**Tween STEAM Take & Make Event Bristle Bots**

Stop by Children’s Services and get supplies to learn about electrical circuits and create your own Bristle Bot. **Available Wednesday, February 1.**
**Mad Science with Mrs. Sosso**
Join local awesome educator, Mrs. Sosso, in this pre-recorded program as she demonstrates science experiments for teens. **Available to watch starting Wednesday, January 3.**

**Teen Break-In Bags**
Two new themes: “The Alchemist’s Laboratory” and “The Rogue Experiment.” Check out at Reference Services. **Available January 9 - March 23.**

**Blind Date with a Book for Teens**
Enjoy a “blind date” with a book! Stop by Reference Services and choose a wrapped book that is yours to keep. Return the enclosed review by March 9 to be entered into the prize drawing! One book per person. For grades 6-12. **Available February 12-24.**

**True Crime: A Taste for Poison**
Dr. Neil Bradbury, a biochemist professor from Rosalind Franklin University, will speak about his book, A Taste for Poison, which discusses different poisons, how they affect the body, and cases where killers attempted to use them to commit the perfect crime. **Available to watch January 8 - March 27.**

**Craft for Teens & Adults!**
**Macramé Gnome Magnet**
Make your own macramé gnome magnet! Stop by Reference Services to get this craft to go. Available while supplies last. **Available Wednesday, January 17.**

**Reading Buddies Needed**
High school volunteers can share their love for reading with 2nd-4th graders. To register or for more information, contact Children’s Services. Training starts the week of February 20.

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**Take & Makes Coming This Winter!**
**Yarn Love Monster Craft**
Available Wednesday, February 7.

**Juice Box Squishy**
Available Wednesday, March 6.
What’s Inside…

- NSLD Celebrates 80 Years in the Community
- Winter Reading Club Starts for All Ages
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New Biography Databases
Two new biography databases are now available through the NSLD website, under Digital Collection/Homework and Research.

- Biography Reference Center: Provides articles about a person’s life from reliable reference sources. In addition to keyword search, users may locate biographies by occupation, nationality, gender, and birthplace.
- Biography Reference Bank: Contains biographical articles from magazines and journals, as well as a searchable collection of more than 35,000 images.

Try the NSLD Digital Collection
Patrons have access to the online resources below with your NSLD library card and PIN.

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