

Congratulations to our advisory services team! The team has been named the 2025 recipient of the **Readers' Advisory Service Award** by the Illinois Library Association. This award recognizes excellence in planning, developing, and providing readers' advisory services for adults "We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable, passionate advisory services team, all of whom care deeply about our community finding great things to read, watch, and listen to that enrich their lives," says Amy Koester, the library's director of public services.

Led by supervisor Brenna Murphy, the team includes Rummanah Aasi, Amber Ilisie, Amy Giacomucci, Andrew Hazard, Paul Kim, Aubree Lanman, and Sharon Weinberg. You will most often find them on the first floor, helping people find their next great read, movie, or music.



## Library Team Wins State Award!



### Innovative Recommendation Services

The team helps patrons behind the scenes when you don't see them, too. For Bookmatch and Screenmatch, community members answer a few questions and receive personalized book, film, and television recommendation lists. In 2024 alone, the team provided nearly 1,500 book suggestions and more than 200 film and television recommendations. Each recommendation includes a personalized annotation. Participants regularly share that their recommendations are both perfectly attuned to their personal interests and include titles they would not have found otherwise. This year, the team is piloting match services for Skokie book clubs. They are always thinking of new ways to connect with community needs and interests.

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# Get to Know the Board



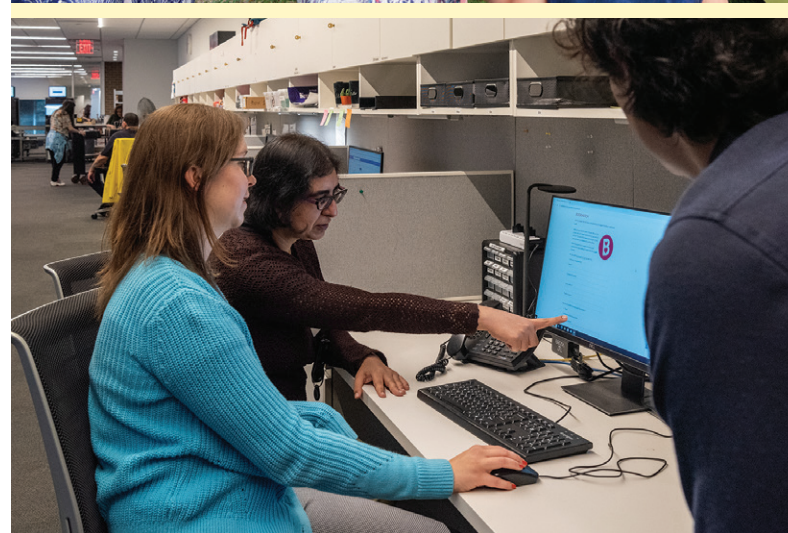
Leah Glickman

Elected to the library Board of Trustees in 2025, Leah and her family have deep roots in Skokie, as her husband was born and raised here. As a former third-grade teacher, she made good use of the library's theme bags. Later, after having three children, the library became an essential destination. She brings her experience as a small business owner to her role as trustee and is pleased to be able to help the library grow and succeed, building on what the staff do every day to take learning beyond the pages of books and bring creativity, togetherness, and community to the people of Skokie. When she's not attending to her duties as a trustee, she enjoys fitness, binge-watching cop shows, and spending time with family and friends—including her virtual book club.



Alisa Ungar-Sargon

Alisa was elected to the library Board of Trustees in 2025. She and her husband chose to raise their family in Skokie because of the wonderful sense of community. Alisa is an avid storyteller. She has an MFA in creative writing from Northwestern and professional experience in a variety of fields, including education, fine arts, and digital marketing. As a trustee, Alisa joins the Board and staff of the library in a tradition committed to equity and lifelong learning. Her position is part of the continuation of the library's legacy as a hub for learning, creativity, and inclusion. She enjoys browsing the fiction and sci-fi collections, spending time in the Kids Room with her children, and aspiring to learn how to use every piece of equipment in the Studio.



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## Contributing Suggestions on the Website

The advisory team offers ongoing services to help readers and viewers discover new books and movies. Beginner's Guide blog posts blend appeal-based explainers with expert staff recommendations in areas like historical fiction, self-help, and fantasy. "Whatcha Reading" is a YouTube series where staff discuss current reads in an engaging, accessible format.

## Book Discussions

The team leads the library's book and movie discussion events—many of which are hybrid to provide greater accessibility—to connect with new patrons with different interests. These events include the Fantasy and Mystery Book Clubs, film screenings and discussions, and events building community through reading, like the Book Trails Walking Club and Reading Parties. They also support accessibility through Talking Books, which emphasizes audiobook-accessible titles.

## Even More

The team is always willing to help patrons learn and use the online reading and streaming resources: Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy. Stop by the advisory service point anytime to get to know the members of this team.

## Congratulations to the Entire Team!

The Illinois Library Association Readers' Advisory Service Award will be presented at an awards ceremony during the 2025 Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, October 14–16, 2025.

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**HHM** Hispanic Heritage Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm  
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm  
Sunday, noon to 6 pm  
**Closed Monday, September 1**

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# KIDS & FAMILIES

Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info). Capacity for individual events is limited.

## Stay and Play

Age 0–K  
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 am

## Together Time

Age 0–23 months  
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

## Puppet Playtime

PreK–grade 2  
Wednesdays, September 3, October 1  
10:30–11 am (online)

## Let's Take a Walk

PreK–K  
Fridays, September 5, 26, October 10, 24  
11:30 am–12:15 pm

## Make It Yourself

PreK–grade 5  
Fridays,  
September 5,  
October 10  
4:30–5:30 pm

## Nature Play

Age 0–K  
Mondays,  
9:30–10:30 am

## Rainbow Family Club

PreK–grade 5  
Mondays, September 8, October 6  
5:30–6:30 pm



## Learn Basic Amharic

PreK–grade 8  
Monday, September 8, 6–7 pm

## Math Party

Grade K–2  
Thursday, September 11, 4:30–5:15 pm

## ABC, Look at Me!

PreK–grade 2  
Sunday, September 14 1:30–2 pm  
Tuesday, September 16, 10–10:30 am  
Wednesday, September 17, 1:30–2 pm

## Storytimes

### TUESDAYS

Preschool Storytime	3–6 years	1:30–2 pm
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### WEDNESDAYS

Book Babies Outdoors	0–11 months	9:30–10 am
Wonderful Ones Outdoors	1 year	10–10:30 am
Family Storytime (in September)	all ages	6:30–7 pm

### THURSDAYS

Terrific Twos	2 years	10–10:30 am
Terrific Twos	2 years	11–11:30 am

### FRIDAYS

 except September 12 and October 31

Melody and Motion	0–5 years	10–10:30 am
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### SATURDAYS

Family Storytime	all ages	10–10:30 am
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### SUNDAYS

 September 21 and October 19

Melody and Motion		
Sensory Storytime	all ages	12:15–12:45 pm

## Feel-Good Family Games

K–grade 5  
Sunday, September 14, 4–5 pm

## Science Club Jr.

PreK–grade 1  
Fridays, September 19, October 17  
11:30 am–noon



## Developmental Playgroup

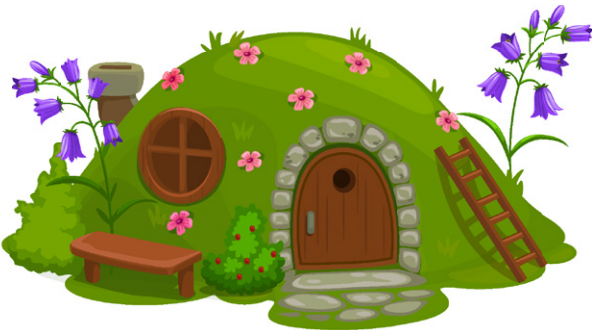
Age 0–K  
Fridays, September 19, October 17  
1:30–2:30 pm

## Family Fun and Resource Day with the Bookmobile

Saturday, September 20, 1:30–3:30 pm

## Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

Sundays, September 21, October 19  
11 am–noon



## Hobbit Day Crafts and Family Fun

K–grade 5  
Monday, September 22, 4:30–5:30 pm

## Bilingual Spanish–English Storytime

### Cuentos bilingües en español

Age 0–grade 2  
Tuesday, September 23, 10–10:30 am

## Craft Club

K–grade 2  
Thursdays, September 25, October 23  
4:30–5:15 pm

## Family Movie

Fridays at 6:30 pm

## Dog Man

September 26



## Snow White

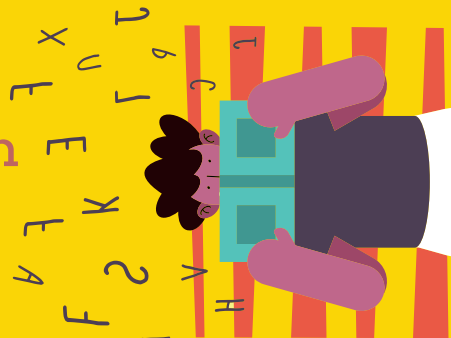
October 24

## Celebrate Black Hair

PreK–grade 5  
Monday, September 29, 5–6 pm

## Dyslexia Basics Presentation and Simulation

K–adult  
Tuesday, September 30, 6–8 pm (hybrid event)



## Books and Bites

K–grade 5  
Tuesday, September 30, 6:30–7:15 pm

## Art Exploration

K–grade 5  
Wednesday, October 1, 4:30–5:15 pm

## Pajama Dance Party

Age 0–grade 2  
Wednesday, October 1  
6:30–7 pm

## DIY Support Tools for Kids and Teens with ADHD

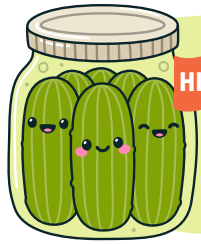
K–adult  
Saturday, October 4, 11 am–12:15 pm







**Chalk-a-Palooza**  
Saturday, October 4, 2–4 pm



**Pickles and Poetry**  
K–grade 2  
Monday, October 6,  
4:30–5:30 pm

**Adventure Club: Chile**  
K–grade 5  
Tuesday, October 7, 4:30–5:15 pm  
For homeschoolers: 1:30–2:15 pm

**Color and Chill**  
PreK–grade 2  
Wednesday, October 8  
6:30–7 pm



**Science Party**  
K–grade 2  
Thursday, October 9, 4:30–5:15 pm

**Learn Basic Spanish**  
PreK–grade 8  
Friday, October 10, 5–6 pm

**Magic of Diwali:  
India's Festival  
of Lights**  
PreK–grade 2  
Sunday, October 12  
1:30–2:15 pm



**BollyGroove Dance Fitness**  
Grade 3–8  
Sunday, October 12, 2:30–3:15 pm

**Family Movie**  
Monday, October 13  
Moana: 3–5 pm  
Moana Crafts: 5–6 pm  
Moana 2: 6–7:45 pm

**Family Sing-Along**  
Wednesday, October 15, 6:30–7 pm

**Papel Picado**  
Thursday, October 16, 4–5:30 pm

**Sensory-Friendly Family Movie**  
*Coco*  
Saturday, October 18, 1:30–3:30 pm

**Make Marigolds for Day of the Dead**  
*Confecciona flores para el Día de Muertos*  
Monday, October 20, 4–5:30 pm

**Family Craft Night**  
PreK–grade 5  
Wednesday, October 22, 6:30–7 pm

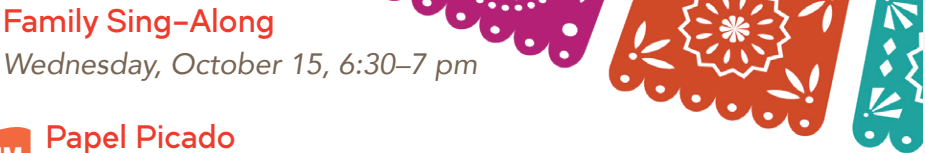
**Clay Calaveras | Calaveras de arcilla**  
K–grade 5  
Monday, October 27, 4–5:30 pm



**Silly Monsters Storytime**  
Age 0–grade 2  
Tuesday, October 28, 10–10:30 am  
Wednesday, October 29, 6:30–7 pm

**Read with a Friend or Family Member**  
K–grade 2  
Thursday, October 30, 4:30–5:15 pm

**Halloween Parade**  
Age 0–grade 2  
Friday, October 31, 10:30–11:15 am



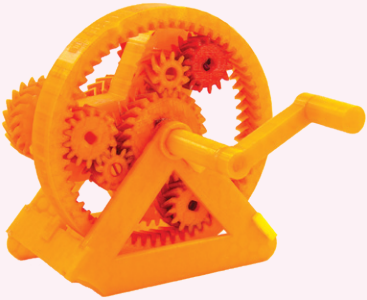
**Grade 3–5**  
**Tween STEAM**  
Tuesday, September 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

**Pokémon Club**  
Mondays, September 15, October 20  
4:30–5:30 pm

**Needle Felting**  
Tuesday, September 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

**Intro to 3D Printing**

Thursday,  
September 18  
4:30–5:30 pm  
Wednesday,  
October 22  
4:30–5:30 pm



**Volunteering**  
Fridays, September 19, October 24, 5:30–6:30 pm



**Cat Club**  
Tuesdays,  
September 23,  
October 28  
6:30–7:30 pm

**Snack Attack**  
Friday, October 3, 5:30–6:30 pm

**Comics Crew**  
Wednesday, October 15  
4:30–5:30 pm

**Jelly Beans and Bracelets**  
Friday, October 17, 4:30–5:30 pm

**Frankenbeanies**  
Wednesday, October 29, 4:30–5:30 pm

**Teens**  
Check the online calendar for ongoing  
and late-breaking teen events  
(grade 6–12) and events that can  
include teens, along with other ages.  
Sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info).

**College Essays Demystified**  
Tuesday, September 9, 6:30–7:30 pm  
(online)

**Asking for a Friend**  
Grade 8–12  
Wednesdays, September 10, October 29  
4–5:30 pm

**Unplugged Club**

Mondays, September 15, 29, October 20  
4–5 pm



**How to Pay for College**  
Thursday, September 18, 6:30–7:30 pm  
(online)

**Tools for a Calmer You**  
Thursday, September 25, 4:45–5:30 pm



**Huichol Yarn  
Painting**  
Tuesday, September 30  
4–5 pm

**Teen Mental Health First Aid**  
Sunday, October 5, noon–6 pm



# FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at [events.skokilibrary.info](https://events.skokilibrary.info). Registration opens September 2 except for events during the first week of September, which are already open.

**ELL Café**  
Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

**Writing Workshop with Northlight Theatre: High Lights**  
Mondays, September 8, 22, 29, October 13, 20, 27, 1–2:30 pm

**Your Library 101**  
Monday, September 8, 6–7 pm  
Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am–noon

**Low Vision Support Group**  
Tuesdays, September 9, October 14  
1:30–2:30 pm

**Third Space Thursday**  
**Beads**  
September 11  
5–7 pm

**Halloween**  
October 30  
6–8 pm



Informal drop-ins

**Banned Books Week**  
Monday–Friday  
October 6–10  
4–6 pm

**Indigenous Peoples' Day**  
Monday  
October 13  
3:30–5 pm

**Media Literacy Week**  
Monday–Thursday  
October 27–30  
4–6 pm

**Artist Reception**  
John Wangendo  
Thursday, September 11  
7–8:30 pm

**One-on-One Business Counseling**  
Tuesdays, September 16, October 21, 2–4 pm

**How Parents Can Support Teen Mental Health**

Tuesday, September 16, 7–8 pm



**Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns**  
Tuesday, September 16, 7–8 pm (online)

**Job Seekers: Resume and Cover Letter Review**  
Wednesday, September 17, 6–8 pm  
Saturday, October 11, 10 am–noon

**Culture and Craft**  
**HHM Piñatas**  
Thursday, September 18, 5:30–7 pm

**Diwali Candle Decorating**  
Thursday, October 23, 5:30–7 pm

**Introduction to Yoga**  
Fridays, September 19, October 17, 1–2 pm

**Memory Café**  
Saturday, September 20, 11 am–12:30 pm



**ELL Literacy Circle**  
Tuesdays, September 23–December 9, 10 am–noon

**The Geography of Place**  
Wednesday, September 24, 6:30–7:30 pm

**Caregiver Craft Club**  
Sunday, September 28, 12:30–1:30 pm  
Wednesday, October 8, 6–7 pm

**Letter Writing**  
Wednesday, October 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

**Job Seekers: Comics, Gaming, and Big Tech**  
Thursday, October 2, 7–8:30 pm

**Chalk-a-Palooza**  
Saturday, October 4, 2–4 pm

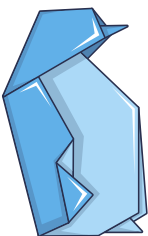


**Music Monday**  
Monday, October 6, 7–8 pm



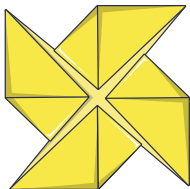
**Assistive Technology: How It Can Help You**  
Wednesday, October 8, 11 am–12:30 pm

**Exploring Grief and Loss**  
Wednesday, October 8, 1–2 pm



**Origins of Origami: A Beginner's Guide**

Friday, October 10, 5–6 pm



**Sustainable Gardening Practices for Fall and Spring**  
Thursday, October 16, 7–8 pm

**Volunteer Palooza**  
Sunday, October 19, 2–4 pm at Oakton College, 7701 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie

**Pace Bus and RTA Information**  
Monday, October 20, 4–6 pm

**Your Car: Bumper to Bumper**

Monday, October 20  
7–8 pm



**Beyond the Screen: A 'Wicked' Conversation with Marissa Bode**  
Tuesday, October 21, 7–8 pm (online)

**Restorative Therapeutic Yoga for Anxiety**  
Tuesday, October 21, 7–8:30 pm

**A Brief History of Halloween**  
Wednesday, October 22, 7–8 pm

**Treatment for Age-Related Macular Degeneration**  
Thursday, October 30, 10:30–11:30 am





# Movies

(drop in)  
**Morning Movie**  
Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am



**HHM** Spare Parts  
September 8 and 17

**Hocus Pocus 2**  
October 6 and 15

**Friday Film**  
**Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy**  
September 19, 1:30 and 6:30 pm

**Last Breath**  
September 26, 1:30 pm

**Black Bag**  
October 10, 1:30 and 6:30 pm

**Young Frankenstein**  
October 24, 1:30 pm

**Movie Night**  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

**20,000 Species of Bees**      **Under the Fig Trees**  
September 16      October 14

**HHM**  
**Afternoon Movie**  
**Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It**  
Thursday, October 2  
1:30 pm



# Performances

Free tickets given out  
30 minutes before  
performances begin.

**Orchard Village Standing  
Ovations Theater Group**  
Friday, September 5  
6:30 pm

**Nikki O'Neill Band**  
Americana/Soul music  
Sunday, September 7  
3 pm

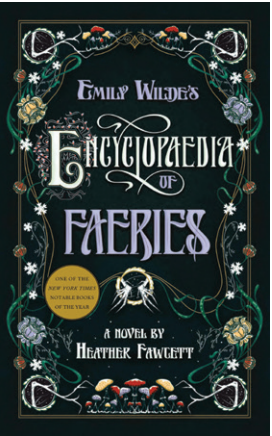
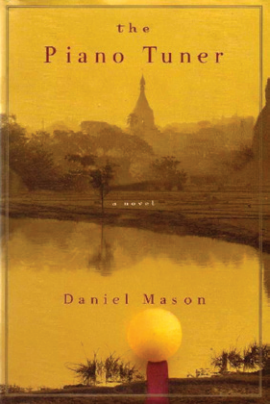
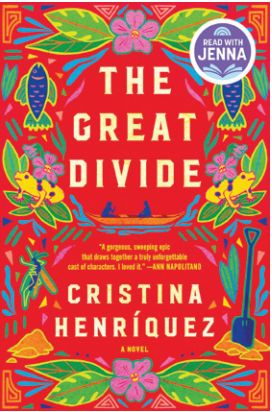
**HHM** Raíces Latin  
Jazz Sextet  
Sunday, September 28  
3 pm

**HHM** KAIA String Quartet  
Sunday, October 5  
3 pm

**Experience the  
Seven-String  
Russian Guitar  
(Seven of Them!)**  
English, Polish, Ukrainian,  
and Russian music  
Sunday, October 12  
3 pm



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BOOKS  
KIRSTEN MILLER  
*Author of The Change*



# Book Discussions

**Book Trails Walking Club**  
Wednesdays, September 3,  
October 1, 4:30–5:30 pm  
(at Emily Oaks Nature Center)

**LitLounge**  
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

Lula Dean's Little Library  
of Banned Books  
September 10

**HHM** The Great Divide  
October 8

**Talking Books**  
Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

**The Piano Tuner**  
September 17

**HHM** The Great Divide  
October 15

**Fantasy Book Club**  
Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia  
of Faeries  
Tuesday, September 23, 7–8 pm

**Mystery Book Club**  
**The Little Sparrow Murders**  
Wednesday, October 1, 7–8:30 pm

**Let's Get Together Book Club**  
Thursdays, October 2–30  
6:30–7:30 pm



# Technology

**One-on-One Tech Help**  
Wednesdays, 2–4 pm (starting September 10)

**Getting Started with Gmail**  
Wednesday, September 3, 3–4 pm

**Use ChatGPT to Improve Excel Skills**  
Thursday, September 4, 5:30–6:30 pm

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel**  
Saturday, September 6, 10:30–11:30 am

**Staying Safe Online**  
Tuesday, September 9, 6–7 pm

**Learn and Try Generative AI**  
Saturday, September 13, 10:30 am–noon

**Solving Tech Problems**  
Monday, September 15, 5:30–6:30 pm

**Introduction to Tinkercad**  
Tuesday, September 16, 5:30–6:30 pm

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**  
Thursday, September 25, 5–6 pm

**Practical AI for Small Businesses**  
Monday, September 29, 6–7 pm

**Designing Invitations with Photopea**  
Thursday, October 2, 1–2 pm

**Introduction to Google Sheets**  
Saturday, October 4, 10:30–11:30 am

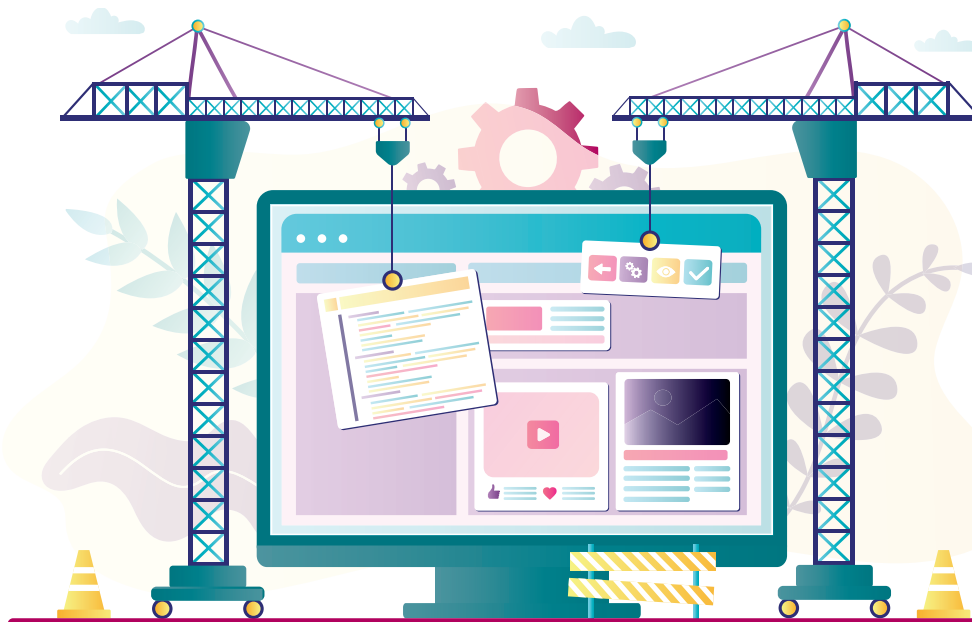
**ChatGPT for Job Seekers**  
Monday, October 6, 7–8 pm (online)

**Files and Organization on  
Windows Computers**  
Friday, October 17, 11 am–noon

**Glowforge Design Basics**  
Tuesday, October 21, 6–7 pm



## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



The library's website is getting some updates this fall! We've made a few changes in order to make things more accessible and easier to use.

Here are a few highlights:

- Filter our event calendar by age and interests so you can more quickly find the events most relevant to you and your family
- Easily browse items to check out, including our Library of Things
- Find the bookmobile schedule with one click
- Quickly link to our system to reserve study rooms or request a meeting room
- Access carefully created information guides on topics like voter information and health and wellness
- Explore new online hubs for teens, English language learners, book lovers, and more
- Stay up-to-date with our newsletter, blog, and podcast

# WEB SITE UP DATE