



Meet Our Maker in Residence



Brittany Bouyer

As an artist, Brittany Bouyer's practice blends hand-drawn, Art-Nouveau inspired florals and feminist narratives with digital illustration, mixed-media painting, and surface pattern design. She's been pushing those motifs into tactile territory lately, layering paint, collage, and hand embroidery.

Brittany finds that creativity is as essential as breathing and believes passionately that everyone should have access to art and creation for healing and self-care.



Artist inspiration:
Alphonse Mucha, Erté,
Mary Cassatt, Gustav Klimt

Cherished books:
Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert,
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

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NAHM Native American Heritage Month events

Winter bookmobile schedule starts December 1
 Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm
 Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm
 Sunday, noon to 6 pm
Closed November 27, December 24–25
Closing 5 pm on December 31

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Brittany will hold regular office hours during November. Stop by the Studio to see the full schedule. In addition, she’s leading several scheduled workshops.



Intro to Embroidery

Learn the basics of machine and hand embroidery and explore the basics of the embroidery machine with our maker in residence. You can also design a contribution for our community project. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, November 4, 2–4 pm
 (for adults—registration required)



Easy Embroidery for Kids

Learn the basics of hand embroidery and contribute to the community project. Drop-in event for families with kids of all ages.

Tuesday, November 11, 10:30 am–noon

Digitize Your Artwork

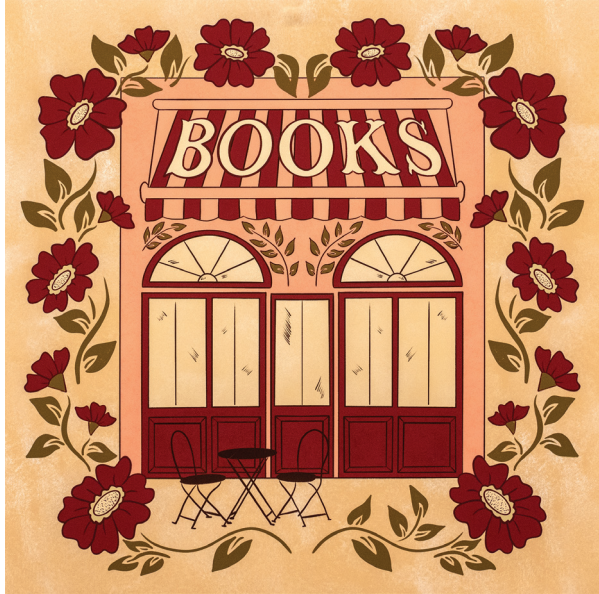
Learn the basics of the Procreate app and how to digitize your artwork. iPads will be provided. You are also welcome to bring your own iPad with the Procreate app.

Wednesday, November 19, 6–7:30 pm
 (for adults—registration required)



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The library’s sense of welcome has created a second home for Brittany and her young daughter. During her residency, she hopes to extend that sense of welcome and plans to develop a collection of embellished works. She’ll make digitally drawn line art translated into stitchable patterns and prints that celebrate the everyday joys of reading with romantic botanicals and personal stories that connect us. The Studio will be both studio and classroom—a space where people can add a thread, a doodle, or a memory leaf to a communal piece. A space where Brittany can demonstrate how to turn iPad sketches into files for cutting and turning all of the processes into inspiration for new creations. A space where the embroidery and sewing machines will be humming!



KIDS & FAMILIES

Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at events.skokilibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.

Small Hands Craft

Age 2–6
Mondays, 10–10:45 am

Read with a Dinosaur

K–Grade 2
Tuesdays, November 3, December 1, 4:30–5:30 pm

Stay and Play

Age 2–6
Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 am

Storytimes

TUESDAYS November 4, 11
Preschool Storytime 3–6 years 1:30–2 pm

WEDNESDAYS November 5, 12
Book Babies 0–11 months 9:30–10 am
Wonderful Ones 1 year 10–10:30 am
Babies and Tots Outdoors 0–23 months 10:30–11 am

THURSDAYS November 6, 13
Terrific Twos 2 years 10–10:30 am
Terrific Twos 2 years 11–11:30 am

FRIDAYS November 7, 14
Melody and Motion 0–6 years 10–10:30 am

SATURDAYS November 1, 8, 15
Family Storytime all ages 10–10:30 am

SUNDAYS November 2, December 7
Babies and Tots Storytime 0–23 months 12:15–12:45 pm



Bilingual Spanish–English Storytime: Cuentos bilingües en español

Age 0–6
Tuesday, November 4, 10:30–11 am
Friday, December 19, 10:30–11 am

Together Time

Age 0–23 months
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am
(except December 10, 24, 31)

Science Club Jr.

PreK–grade 1
Fridays, November 7, December 5
11:30 am–noon

Make It Yourself

PreK–Grade 5
Fridays, November 7, December 5
4:30–5:30 pm

Rainbow Family Club

PreK–grade 5
Mondays, November 10, December 1
5:30–6:30 pm



Adventure Club: Indonesia

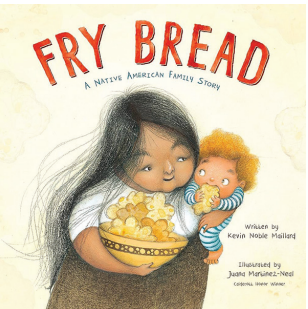
K–grade 5
Tuesday, November 11, 4:30–5:15 pm
For homeschoolers: 1:30–2:15 pm



NAHM Art Exploration:
Métis Beadwork
K–grade 5
Wednesday,
November 12
4:30–5:15 pm

Craft Club

K–grade 2
Thursdays, November 13, December 11
4:30–5:15 pm



Books and Bites
Grade K–5
NAHM Fry Bread:
A Native American
Family Story
Thursday, November 13
6:30–7:15 pm

Let's Take a Walk

PreK–K
Fridays, November 14, December 12
11:30 am–12:15 pm

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

Sundays, November 16, December 21
11 am–noon

ABC, Look at Me!

PreK–grade 2
Sunday, November 16, 1:30–2 pm
Tuesday, November 18, 10–10:30 am
Wednesday, November 19, 1:30–2 pm

Feel-Good Family Games

K–grade 5
Sunday, November 16, 4–5 pm

Story and STEAM

Grade K–2
Wednesday, November 19, December 10
4:30–5:30 pm



Family Reading Night Showcase

Thursday, November 20, 6–8 pm

Developmental Playgroup

Age 0–K
Fridays, November 21, December 19
1:30–2:30 pm

Family Movie

Fridays, 6:30–8:30 pm
How to Train Your Dragon November 21
Lilo & Stitch December 19

Sensory-Friendly Family Movie

Elio
Wednesday, November 26, 2–4 pm

A Minecraft Movie
Monday, December 22, 2–4 pm

Design a Thank-You Card
Wednesday, November 26, 6:30–8 pm

Make Kosher Sufganiot: Family Cooking
Grade K–6
Wednesday, December 3, 6:30–7:30 pm

Friends and Family Silly Photo Shoot
Thursday, December 4, 7–8 pm
Sunday, December 7, 3:30–4:30 pm



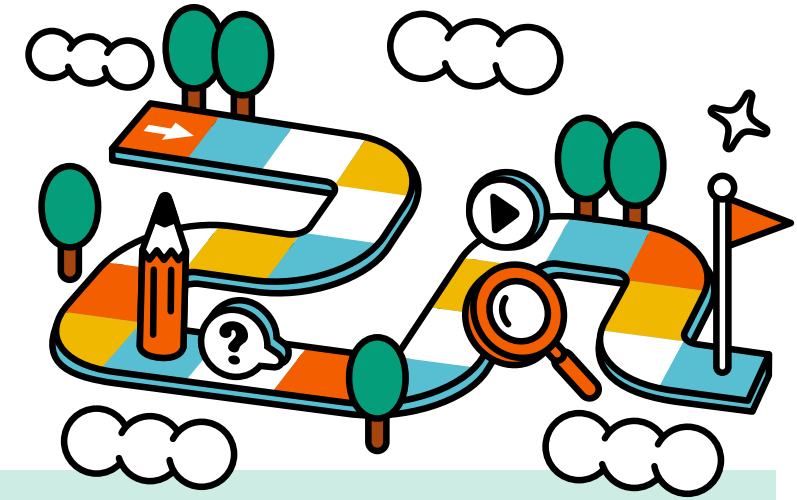
Gift-Making Boutique
Saturday, December 6, 1–3 pm

Be the Scientist
Grade K–5
Tuesday, December 9, 4:30–5:15 pm
For homeschoolers
Tuesday, December 9, 1:30–2:15 pm

Baby Beach Party
Age 0–23 months
Wednesday, December 10, 10–11:30 am

Making Music
Age 0–6
Friday, December 12, 10–10:30 am or 11–11:30 am

Make an I-Spy Book
Grade K–2
Tuesday, December 23, 4:30–5:15 pm



Make Your Own Family Board Game
Grade K–5
Monday, December 29, 6:30–8 pm

Noon Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31, 11:45 am–1:30 pm



Grade 3–5

Comics Crew
Wednesdays, November 12, December 17, 4:30–5:30 pm

Intro to 3D Printing
Thursday, November 13, 4:30–5:30 pm

Pokémon Club
Mondays, November 17, December 8, 4:30–5:30 pm

Relax and Read
Mondays
November 17, December 15, 5–6 pm
November 24, December 30, 11 am–noon

Cat Club
Tuesdays, November 25, December 30, 4:30–5:30 pm

Comic-Making Workshop
Wednesday, December 3, 4:30–5:30 pm

Make a Gift
Wednesday, December 10, 4–5 pm

Tween Volunteering
Friday, December 12, 5:30–6:30 pm

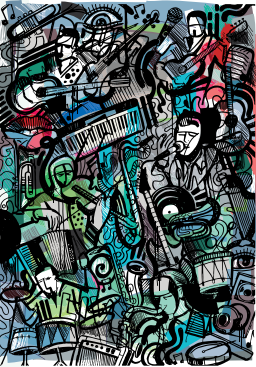


Sugar Cookie Decorating
Monday, December 15, 4:30–5:30 pm

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.

Climate Optimism in Action
Mondays, November 3, December 1, 6–7 pm



Music Exploration
Monday, November 10, 4–5 pm

International Game Night
Thursday, November 13, 5–7 pm

NAHM Native Plants and Native Land
Sunday, November 16, 1–2:30 pm

Exploring the Jewish Diaspora Through Books and Food
Grade 9–12
Sunday, November 23, 3–4 pm

Comic-Making Workshop
Thursday, December 4, 4:30–5:30 pm

Found Poetry

Friday, December 12, 4:30–5:30 pm



FOR ADULTS



Check for event details and sign up at events.skokielibrary.info. Registration opens November 1 except for events during the first week of November, which are already open.

Medicare Part D Sign-up Assistance

By appointment

Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 9 am–noon

Wednesday, November 12, 9 am–1 pm

Tuesday, November 18, 9 am–1 pm

Medicare Explained

Thursday, November 6, 6:30–8 pm

Medicare Counseling and Application Assistance

By appointment

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 9 am–1 pm

ELL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm
(except November 26, December 24 and 31)

Meet Your Village of Skokie Departments

Wednesday, November 5, 3–5 pm

Job Seekers: Resume and Cover Letter Review

Wednesday, November 5, 6–8 pm

Saturday, December 6, 10am–noon

Taking the Stress Out of the Holidays

Wednesday, November 5, 7–8 pm

Getting Started with Genealogy Research

Thursday, November 6, 1–2 pm

Square Dancing for Adults 55+

Thursday, November 6, 2–3:30 pm

Storied Stuff: Show-and-Tell for Grown-Ups

Thursday, November 6, 7–8:15 pm

Low Vision Support Group

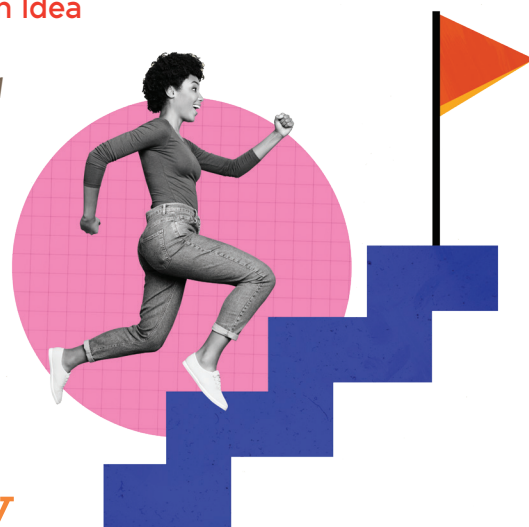
Tuesdays, November 11, December 9
1:30–2:30 pm

Writing a Book: From Idea to Shelf to Reader

Tuesday, November 11
6:30–8 pm

Future-Proofing Your Career in a Time of Uncertainty

Wednesday, November 12
7–8 pm



Third Space Thursday

Scrapbooking
November 13, 6–8 pm

Greeting Cards
December 11, 6–8 pm



Memory Café

Saturday, November 15
11 am–12:30 pm



NAHM

Native American Bead Workshop

Monday, November 17
6–7 pm



One-on-One Business Counseling

Wednesdays, November 19, December 17, 4–6 pm

J. Kenji López-Alt Journeys Through Food and Science

Tuesday, November 18, 7–8 pm (online)

Introduction to Preserving in the Jewish Tradition

Thursday, November 20, 7–8:30 pm

Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, November 21, December 19
12:30–1:30 pm

Movies (drop in)

Morning Movie

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am

Remember the Titans November 3 and 19
The Wild Robot December 1 and 17

Friday Film

Fridays

Now You See Me November 7, 1:30 pm
The Ballad of Wallis Island November 14, 1:30 and 6:30 pm

Sense and Sensibility December 5, 1:30 pm
The Penguin Lessons December 12, 1:30 and 6:30 pm



Dear You

Writing Letters from the Heart
Saturday, November 22, 10:30 am–noon



Caregiver Craft Club

Sunday, December 7, 12:30–1:30 pm

Wednesday, December 17, 6–7 pm

Skokie Yearbook Project Community Artists Reception

Sunday, December 7, 2–3:30 pm

Making Mini Books

Monday, December 8, 6:30–8 pm

Music Monday

Monday, December 8, 7–8 pm

Comic-Making Workshop

Wednesday, December 10, 6:30–8 pm

Winter Reading Party

Saturday, December 20, 4–5 pm

NAHM

First Nations Film and Video Festival

Short films

Friday, November 7, 6:30–8:30 pm

Animated Shorts

Saturday, November 8, 2–4 pm

Getting Started with Kanopy

Sunday, November 9, 1–2 pm

Movie Night

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Not If I See You First
Filmmaker will be present
November 18

Arzé
December 9

Book Discussions

- LitLounge**
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm
- NAHM** **A Council of Dolls**
November 12
- 2025 Favorites
December 10
- Let's Get Together Book Club**
Thursdays in November
6:30–7:30 pm
(except November 27)
- Fantasy Book Club**
NAHM **Black Sun**
Tuesday, November 18
7–8 pm
- Talking Books**
Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm
- NAHM** **Calling for a Blanket Dance**
November 19
- Small Things Like These**
December 17
- Pages Through History**
NAHM **On Savage Shores:
How Indigenous Americans
Discovered Europe**
Wednesday, November 19
7–8:30 pm
- Mystery Book Club**
Death Comes to Pemberley
Wednesday, December 3
7–8:30 pm



Technology Classes

- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2019**
Saturday, November 1, 10:30–11:30 am
- Getting Comfortable with AI**
Monday, November 3, 10, and 17
5:30–6:30 pm
- Creating with Canva.com**
Saturday, November 8, 10:30–11:30 am
- Using Google Photos**
Friday, November 21, 2–3 pm
- Using Online Library Resources for Research**
Sunday, November 30, 2–3 pm
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- Generative AI and Your Digital Security**
Tuesday, December 2, 6–7 pm
- Strong Passwords and Password Managers**
Tuesday, December 9, 4–5 pm
- Introduction to Google Docs**
Saturday, December 13, 10:30–11:30 am
- Organize Your Files (Windows)**
Monday, December 15, 2–3 pm



Performances

Free tickets given out 30 minutes before performances begin.

- Young Steinway Concerts**
42nd season of showcasing talented young performers of classical music
- Lauren Kim, Violin and Claire Wang, Piano**
Sunday, November 2, 3 pm

Guitarist Goran Ivanovic
Sunday, November 9, 3 pm

Classics and Klezmer
Aviva Certok, Violin, and Josephine Stockwell, Viola
Sunday, November 16, 3 pm



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Winter Solstice Concert with Stone & Snow

Sunday, December 21, 3 pm



Surabhi Ensemble

Arabic, Indo, and flamenco musicians with dancers
Sunday, December 14, 3 pm



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

We're excited to share that we've made some changes in our Kids Room spaces. As part of our ongoing practice to review community needs, we discovered an opportunity to better serve elementary-age kids and their families by providing dedicated spaces to support engagement and learning.

The BOOMbox is now focused on grades 3–6. This space will help kids engage with the library independently through creating and making, volunteering, playing games, and other activities that build connections with their peers and the Skokie community.



For K–2 kids, we've added to the Activity Room. It now includes a reading nook and games to help develop reading, writing, and other skills. These activities will be available after school on most days. We hope this room can now be used as a multisensory space where kids can interact with adults to read, try new learning tools, and explore educational activities in engaging ways.

We're looking forward to seeing how these new services ignite curiosity and bring dynamic opportunities for learning, connection, and growth for elementary-age kids. We're interested in hearing your suggestions on what we can provide in these spaces, so please share your feedback!

UPDATES TO KIDS ROOM SPACES