



SKOKIE  
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March & April 2026

# maker in residence

As an artist deeply rooted in Arabic calligraphy and Islamic geometric art, Zeeshan Farooq's creative practice uses primarily laser-cut woodwork merged with traditional forms. Each piece harmonizes heritage, geometry, and modern design. During his residency, Zeeshan will focus on developing a new series of works that layer calligraphy with Moroccan motifs and patterns. He will explore light, depth, and negative space using wood, acrylic paint, and mixed media.

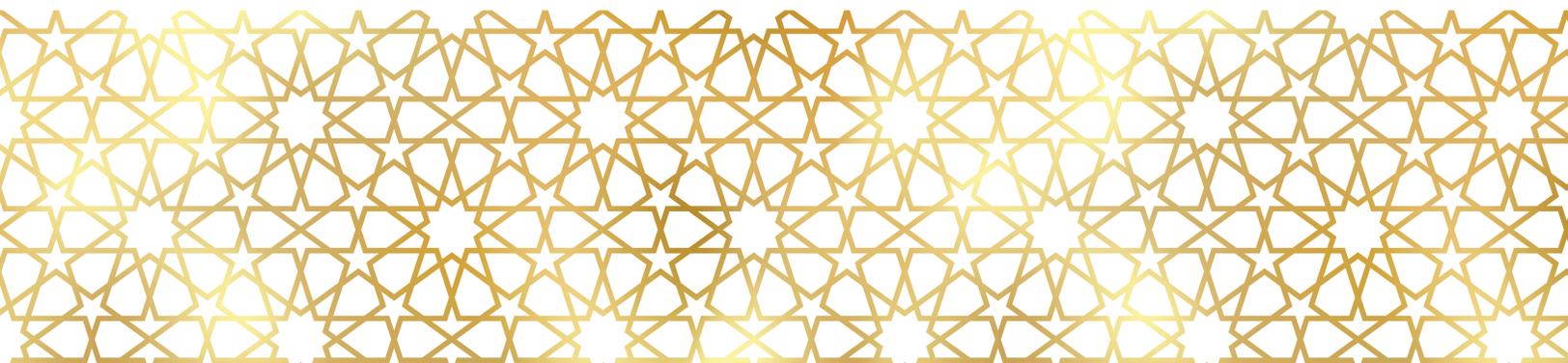


In addition to experimenting with new materials in the Studio, Zeeshan will offer demonstrations and insights into combining digital fabrication and traditional art forms. He will have regular office hours in the Studio.



Meet Our Maker in Residence

**ZEESHAN  
FAROOQ**





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**WHM** Women's History Month events

**AAHM** Arab American Heritage Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm  
Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm  
Sunday, noon to 6 pm  
**Closed April 5**

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## Introducing Our Seed Library

This spring, we're offering a variety of herb, vegetable, fruit, and flower seeds at no cost. Limit of three seed packets per month, per person, while supplies last. Drop by the second floor to see the cart, or sign up and attend one of our events featuring the seed library.

### All About Pollinator Gardens

Thursday, March 5, 3–4 pm (teens and adults)

### Paint Your Own Flowerpot

Friday, April 17, 4:30–5:30 pm (kids)

### Power Pollinators

Tuesday, April 28, 4:30–5:30 (kids, K–grade 2)

### Decorate a Seed Marker

Tuesday, April 28, 6–7 pm (adults)



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# ZEESHAN FAROOQ

## Workshops

### Calligraphy

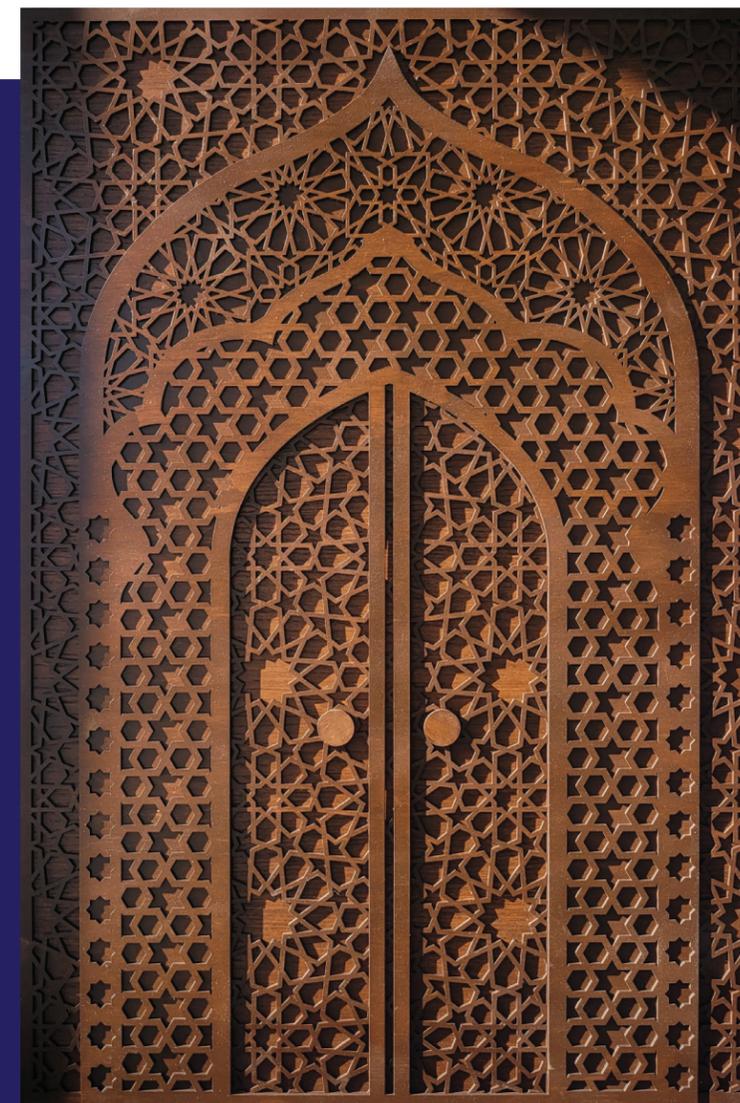
Thursday, March 12, 6–7 pm (adults)

### Decorate a Tile

Saturday, March 14, 1–2:30 pm (all ages)

### Digital Design

Wednesday, March 25, 3:30–5 pm (adults)



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He will also lead the creation of a community art project for the library—a collaborative mosaic using scrap wood pieces that remain from cutouts from other projects. These scrap pieces are often intricate geometric shapes that have lots of potential. Community members of all ages will be invited to select, paint, and arrange these individual pieces onto a large communal panel. Each participant will add their voice through color, composition, or a short personal message transforming these discarded fragments into a unified artwork that reflects the diversity and creativity of the library community. The final piece will be displayed in the library as a testament to collective expression, sustainability, and the beauty of coming together through art.

# FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at [events.skokiellibrary.info](https://events.skokiellibrary.info). Sign up starting March 1. Sign up now for events during the first week of March.

## Medicare Guide for New and Current Participants

Monday, March 2, 10–11 am

## Climate Optimism in Action

Mondays, March 2, April 6, 6–7 pm

## ELL Literacy Circle

Tuesdays, March 3–May 12 except March 31  
9:30–11:30 am

## ELL Café

Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

## One-on-One Studio Help

Wednesdays, March 4, 18  
April 1, 15, 29, 3–5 pm



**Beyond the Page with Percival Everett**  
Thursday, March 19  
7–8 pm (online)

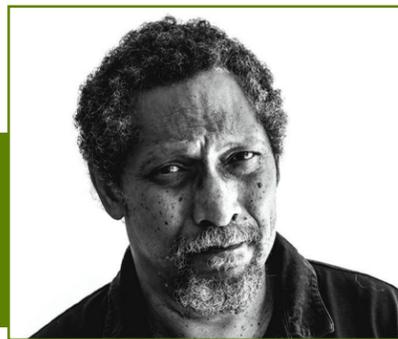


Photo by Michael Avedon

**We the Native People**  
Monday, March 23, 6–7 pm

## Finish Your Sewing Project

Saturday, March 7, 1–2:30 pm

## Election Information

Tuesday–Friday, March 9–13, 3:30–5:30 pm

## Low Vision Support Group

Tuesdays, March 10, April 14, 1:30–2:30 pm

## Who Will Win the Oscar?

Thursday, March 12, 6:30–8:30 pm

## Introduction to Yoga

Fridays, March 13, April 17, 12:30–1:30 pm

## Your Library 101 for Age 55+

Saturday, March 14, 2–4 pm

## Skokie Escape Room

Sunday, March 15, 1:30–3:30 pm

## Third Space Thursday

Painting Rocks and Pots

March 19, 6–8 pm

Life-Size Creation

April 16, 6–8 pm

## Feedback for Job Seekers

Wednesday, March 25, 6–8 pm

## Introduction to News Media Literacy

Tuesday, March 31, 7–8 pm

## Library Resources for Genealogy Research

Wednesday, April 1, 3:30–4:30 pm

## Music Monday

Monday, April 6, 7–8:30 pm

## Skokie Show-and-Tell

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30–7:30 pm

## Myths in American History

Wednesday, April 8, 7–8 pm

## Budgeting and Saving Basics

Thursday, April 9, 7–8:30 pm (online)

## Puzzle Swap

Saturday, April 11, 1–3 pm

## Basics of Buying a Home

Monday, April 13, 7–8:30 pm (online)

## Gardening for the Seasons

Tuesday, April 14  
7–8 pm

## Cristina Henriquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection

Thursday, April 16  
7–8 pm (online)



## Acting for Adults

Monday, April 20  
6–7:30 pm

## Dive into the Declaration of Independence

Wednesday, April 22, 6–7 pm

## Job Seekers: Returning to the Workforce

Saturday, April 25, 10 am–noon

## Retirement Reality with Jill Schlesinger

Tuesday, April 21, 7–8:30 pm (online)

## Make a Quilt Square

Thursday, April 23, 7–8 pm

## Civic Love

Monday,  
April 27  
6–7 pm



# Performances

Unless noted otherwise, free tickets given out at 2:30 pm for these Sunday 3 pm performances.



## Young Steinway Concerts

42nd season of showcasing talented young performers of classical music

Stuart Rajpal, Piano  
Ingrid Updegraff, Violin  
March 1

Alexandra Dreesen, Violin  
Pratyay Rao, Piano  
April 12

## Meet Me in a Moment

Jewish Composers, History, and Culture

March 22



The Little Dancer: A Reimagining of Le Petit Prince  
March 8, 3:30 pm (tickets at 3 pm)



## The Traveling Folk Song with Mark Dvorak

April 26



## Let's Get Together Book Club

Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm (except April 2 and 9)

### LitLounge

Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

### Half Life

March 11

### The Book of Hope

April 8

### Talking Books

Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm

### The Connellys of County Down

March 18

### A Gentleman and a Thief

April 15

### Fantasy Book Club

#### The Jasad Heir

Tuesday, March 24, 7–8 pm

### Mystery Book Club

#### Death at La Fenice

Wednesday, April 29, 7–8:30 pm

# Book Discussions

# Technology

## One-on-One Tech Help

Mondays, 3–5 pm

Wednesdays, 1–3 pm

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, March 7, 10:30–11:30 am

## Basics of iMovie

Monday, March 9, 1–2 pm

## Technology Terminology

Friday, March 13, 3–4 pm

## Understanding Your Google Account

Monday, March 16, 6–7 pm



## Using Transportation Applications

Friday, March 20, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

## Creating Documents in Microsoft Word

Thursday, March 26, 10:30–11:30 am

## Introduction to Google Sheets

Saturday, April 4, 10:30–11:30 am

## Introduction to Tinkercad

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30–7:30 pm

## Introduction to ChatGPT

Friday, April 10, 2–3 pm

## Talking Tech: Streaming Services

Monday, April 20, 6–7 pm

## Computer Basics: Mouse and Keyboard Skills

Thursday, April 23, 4–5 pm



# Movies (drop in)

## Morning Movie

Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 am

WHM A League of Their Own  
March 2 and 18

## Fly Away Home

April 6 and 15

## Friday Film

### The Secret of Roan Inish

March 6, 1:30 pm

### A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

March 20, 1:30 pm

### The Naked Gun

April 3, 1:30 pm

### Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale

April 17, 1:30 pm

## Movie Night

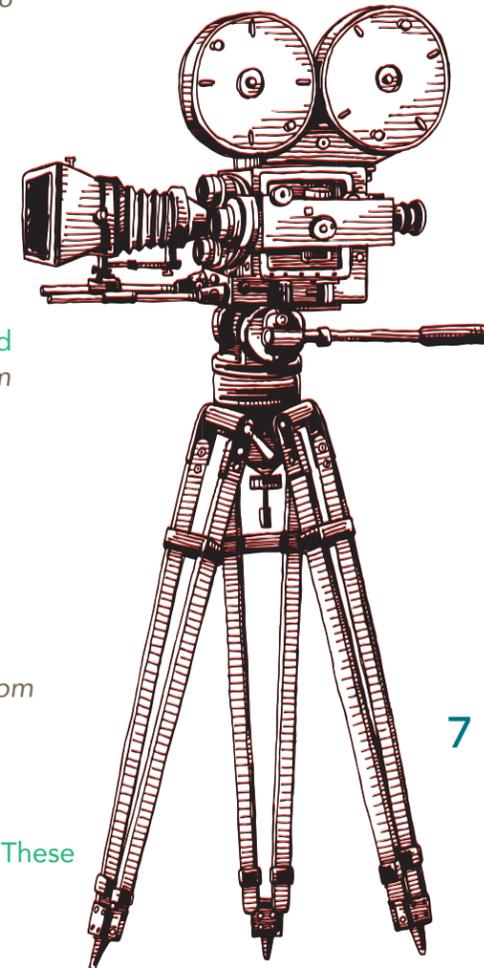
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

### Standing Above the Clouds

March 17

### Small Things Like These

April 21



# KIDS & FAMILIES

Sign up at [events.skokilibrary.info](https://events.skokilibrary.info).  
Capacity for individual events is limited.

## Bilingual Dari/Farsi-English Storytime

Age 0-6

Tuesdays, March 3 and 10, 10-11 am

### Puppet Playtime

PreK-grade 2

Wednesdays, March 4, April 1, 10:30-11 am  
(online)

### Explore Ramadan

All ages

Wednesday, March 4, 4-5 pm

## Storytimes

### TUESDAYS in April

Preschool Storytime 3-6 years 1:30-2 pm

### WEDNESDAYS in April

Book Babies 0-11 months 9:30-10:15 am  
Wonderful Ones 12-23 months 10:30-11:15 am  
Family Storytime all ages 6:30-7 pm

### THURSDAYS in April

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

### FRIDAYS in April, except April 24

Books and Beats 0-6 years 10-10:30 am

### SATURDAYS in April, except April 11

Family Storytime all ages 10-10:30 am

### SUNDAYS March 15, April 12

Babies and Tots Storytime 0-23 months 12:15-12:45 pm

## The Little Dancer: A Reimagining of Le Petit Prince

All ages

Sunday, March 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Story and STEAM

K-grade 2

Wednesdays, March 11, April 15, 4:30-5:30 pm

### Stories and Savasana

Age 0-6

Thursdays, March 12 and 19, 10-10:30 am



### Family Movie

Freakier Friday

Friday, March 13, 6:30-8:15 pm

Smurftastic Crafts

Friday, April 2, 5:30-6:30 pm

Smurfs

Friday, April 2, 6:30-8 pm

### Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

All ages

Sundays,  
March 15, April 19  
11 am-noon



### Rainbow Family Club

PreK-grade 5

Mondays, March 16, April 6, 5-6 pm

### Developmental Playgroup

Age 0-6

Tuesdays, March 17, April 21, 10:30-11:30 am



### WHM Wild About Women Scientists: A Jane Goodall Celebration

K-grade 2

Wednesday, March 18, 4:30-5:15 pm

### Books for Young People with Disabilities

All ages

Thursday, March 19, 4-5 pm

### Science Club Jr.

PreK

Friday, March 20, 10:30-11 am

### Magic of Holi: India's Festival of Colors

Age 0-7

Saturday, March 21, 10-10:45 am

### ABC, Look at Me!

PreK-grade 2

Wednesdays, March 25, April 29, 1:30-2 pm

Tuesdays, March 31, April 28, 10-10:30 am

### Tinker and Take Things Apart

K-grade 2

Friday, March 27  
5-5:45 pm

### Sensory-Friendly Family Movie

Zootopia 2

Monday, March 30, 2-4 pm

### Adventure Club

K-grade 5

Tuesday, March 31, 4-5 pm

### Make Your Own Family Board Game

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30-8 pm

### Book Safari

K-grade 2

Wednesday, April 1, 3-3:30 or 4-4:30 pm

## AAHM Bilingual Arabic-English Storytime

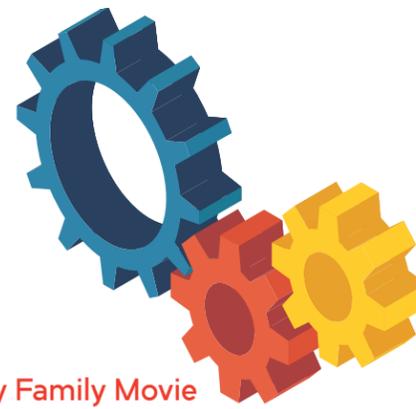
Age 0-6

Tuesdays, April 7 and 14, 10-11 am

### Princess in Black Party

K-grade 2

Thursday, April 9, 4:30-5:15 pm



## Grade 3–5

### Tween-Caregiver Craft Club

Friday, March 6, 5–6 pm

### Pokémon Club

Mondays, March 9, April 13, 4:30–5:45 pm

### Video Game Coding

Tuesday, March 10, 4:30–5:30 pm

### WHM Affirmation Art

Friday, March 13, 4:30–5:30 pm

### 3D Print Club

Wednesdays, March 16, April 14  
4:30–5:30 pm

### International Snack Down

Friday, March 20, 5:30–6:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 29, 4:30–5:30 pm

### Make a Recycled Bag

Friday, March 27, 5–6 pm

### Roblox Video Game Tournament

Monday, March 30, 1–2:30 pm

### Teen-Led STEAM Projects for Kids

Wednesday, April 1, 2–3 pm

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Friday, April 3, 10 am–noon

## Draw Yourself

Friday, April 3, 4:30–5:30 pm

### Video Game Coding

Wednesday, April 8  
4:30–5:30 pm



### AAHM Learn Basic Arabic

All ages

Friday, April 10, 5–6 pm

### Seussical the Musical Storytime

All ages

Saturday, April 11, 10–11 am

### Roots of Black Dance in America

All ages

Saturday, April 11

2:30–3:30 pm



## Autism Acceptance Storytime

Age 3+

Monday, April 20, 4:30–5 pm

### Adventure Club: Spain

K–grade 5

Tuesday, April 21, 4:30–5:15 pm

For homeschoolers: 1:30–2:15 pm

### Earth Day Upcycled Crafts

K–grade 2

Wednesday, April 22, 4:30–5:15 pm

### Fidget Tool Meet and Greet

K+

Monday, April 27, 4:30–5:30 pm

## Día

Thursday, April 30

Storytime: 1:30–2 pm (age 3–6)

Fun and Games: 3:30–5:30 pm  
(preK–grade 5)

Book Character Bingo:  
6:30–7:30 pm (all ages)



## Teens



### Tie-Dye a T-Shirt

Sunday, March 1, 2–3 pm

### Unplugged Club

Mondays, March 9,  
April 6 and 20  
4:30–5:30 pm

### Lucky Charms from Around the World

Friday, March 13, 4:30–5:30 pm

### WHM Women's History Service Project

Wednesday, March 18, 6–7:30 pm

### Print on Fabric

Monday, March 23, 4–5:30 pm

### Meet the Author: Saadia Faruqi

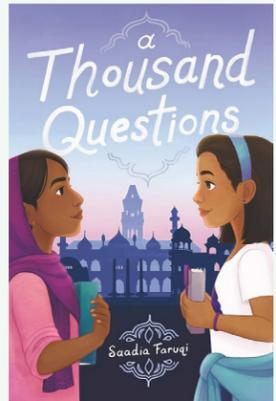
Saturday, March 28, 2–3 pm

### Pick up Litter

Monday, March 30, 2–4 pm

### Teen STEAM Team

Tuesday, March 31, 1:30–3:30 pm



### AAHM Arab American Heritage Month Games

Tuesday, April 14, 3–5 pm

### AAHM Arab American Teen Fiction Picks

Thursday, April 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

### Garden Work Day

Sunday, April 26, 1–2 pm

### Get Money Smart

Monday, April 27, 5–6 pm

### Teen Summer Service

Starting April 17, complete the online form for volunteer opportunities that will start June 8. More info: [skokiellibrary.info/volunteer](http://skokiellibrary.info/volunteer)

## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

# HOW-TO FEST

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1:30-4 PM

You'll find local experts and library staff at stations throughout the first floor where you can learn fun things and discover resources for business, lifestyles, and hobbies. Drop-in event for grade 3 through adults.

Start seeds

Fold a napkin

Submit a 3D print request

Compost at home

Play the ukulele

Take care of wigs

Navigate public transportation

Fill out a character sheet

Sew a button securely

And much more