



WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

FALL 2024 • SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Starting in October, you may see some construction dust both upstairs and downstairs at the library. The Board of Trustees have approved a project to upgrade the programming rooms to make them easier to use, to accommodate more of our patrons, and make the rooms more accessible. During these projects, our programming will be held in various areas of the library, and some adult programs will be held off site. We anticipate the project to be completed by the end of the year and will keep the community updated if that changes. You can see the renderings of the proposed spaces below.

In the Spring, we will be replacing and upgrading our HVAC systems to make them more efficient and more consistent. As a public building used as a warming and cooling center during extreme temperatures, this is a necessary upgrade for our patrons and staff.

Thanks to the fiscal responsibility of the Board of Trustees, present and past, we are able to pay for these projects with library reserves.

As an aging facility, still used daily by our community, more upgrades and fixes will be necessary in the coming years. We are excited to get started on upgrading the library to be the community gem that Worth deserves.

Pardon our dust, but we look forward to seeing you in the library!

Best,
Rachel Snyder
Library Director



Our newsletter is also available in Arabic, Spanish and Polish on our website. Follow the link here to read them: worthlibrary.com/newsletters or scan the QR code above.

وفي محاولة لتسهيل الوصول إلى مكتبتنا وبرامجنا، تتوفر نشرتنا الإخبارية أيضًا باللغات العربية والإسبانية والهولندية على موقعنا الإلكتروني. اتبع الرابط هنا لقراءتها

En un esfuerzo por hacer que nuestra biblioteca y nuestra programación sean más accesibles, nuestro boletín también está disponible en árabe, español y polaco en nuestro sitio web. Sigue el enlace aquí para leerlo.

W trosce o łatwy dostęp do biblioteki i oferowanych zajęć, nasz biuletyn jest dostępny w języku arabskim, hiszpańskim i polskim na naszej stronie internetowej lub przez zeskanowanie kodu QR.

Library Card Signup Month Celebration

September is **Library Card Signup Month** and we want to celebrate! Join us throughout the month for programs, giveaways, and more. And of course, come get your library card or renew the one you have.



Outdoor Movie: IF PG, 104 minutes September 7th

Enjoy a movie in our parking lot! Bring chairs, blankets, and snacks to enjoy a movie on our pop up screen. **Movie begins at dusk, weather permitting.** The Creamery will be serving ice cream sundaes and our popcorn machine will be popping! From writer and director John Krasinski, IF is about a girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends — and what she does with that superpower — as she embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids.

Petting Zoo September 28th, 10am-2pm

A Zoo to You will be on site with a plethora of animals to meet and pet to round out our celebrations for Library Card Signup Month!

How to Get a Library Card

Do you need a library card or to renew an expired one? We have made it easier than ever! All you need is to live in Worth and bring in your current photo ID with a proof of residence (if your ID shows a different address) that can be a utility bill, rental agreement, property tax bill, or we can send you a postcard to bring back to the library. Once you have an adult card, kids cards are easy to add. Stop by the Circulation Desk the next time you are in the library and we will get you signed up.



KIDS

Programs with **R** require registration. Worth residents will be given priority. To register email ysreg@worthlibrary.com or call 708-448-2855.



Itty Bitty Playgroup

Thursdays, 2:15 - 2:45pm

No class November 28

Meet up at the Worth Library for a playdate! Lots of educational toys and fun for children *ages 5 and under*. Just drop in.

Vox Books

VOX™ Books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read!

Make Your Own

Pick up a take and make craft from Ms. Bonny to take home and create on your own time. Kids must checkout item to receive craft kit. *Grades 4-8*.

September 9
Flower Plaque



October 7
Spooky Hoop



November 4
Floating Fall Candle



5th Grade and Under Bingo

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30pm
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8

Play Bingo with friends and win prizes. Just walk in! First come, first served.



Books with Ms. Bonny

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11am

No class November 26

Enjoy weekly story time with Ms. Bonny! Stories, activities and art for *ages 2-5*. Older and younger siblings are welcome. No registration necessary, just drop in.

1,000 BOOKS before Kindergarten

Pawfficer Louie knows the key to success is reading with your child every day!

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school and foster a lifelong love of reading. This new, ongoing literacy program is open to any child from birth to five-years-old who has not started kindergarten.

How it Works:

- Sign up at the Children's Services Desk and pick up a starter packet. This self-paced program runs continuously.
- Color in or check off one circle on your log for each book you read together. If you read a book more than once, you can record it every time. You can also include books read at storytime, books read to your child by others, recorded books, and books read on e-devices.
- Each time you read 100 books, come back to the Library! Your child will get a prize, get to put their name on our Proud Paws Window and get their picture taken.

Third & Fourth Grade Book Club **R**

Wednesdays, 3:45 - 4:30pm
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13

Third and fourth graders are welcome to sign up for reading, activities, and fun!



POLISH

SPANISH

ARABIC

Bilingual Storytimes Saturdays, 10:30am

Thanks to grant funding thru RAILS, we are excited to now offer storytimes in our Community Languages. Join us for one or all of them! Geared towards ages 3-8, but siblings are welcome to enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

September 21st

Polish Storytime with Ms. Renata / Polskie opowiadania z panią Renata

October 12th

Spanish Storytime with Ms. Olivia and Ms. Carol / Hora de cuentos en español con la Sra. Olivia y la Sra. Carol

November 2nd

Arabic Storytime with Ms. Manal / وقت القصة العربية مع السيدة منال

Back to School Chalk the Walk

September 4th, 3:30 - 5pm

Calling all child artists to come by after school! Express your voice through art as we decorate the sidewalk outside the Library's entrance with sidewalk chalk. We provide the chalk; you provide the art.




Read with a Therapy Dog

September 7th, 10 - 11:30am

Read with one of our very special visitors from PAWSitive Therapy Troupe. These patient and book loving dogs would love some stories read to them to help kids with their reading confidence. Plus it's adorable!



Candy Sushi

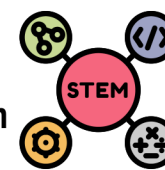
September 18th, 3:30pm

Not a fan of raw fish? Let's turn sushi into a dessert instead—by making it from candy! Each child participant will get their own tray of sugary ingredients to create colorful and yummy creations. Grades 4-8.

No School STEM

October 14th, 3:30pm
Solar Oven Smores

November 5th, 3:30pm
Egg Drop Contest




Days off of school are no problem with our STEM programs. Grades K-5.

Make Your Own Stuffedie

August 28th - 3:30pm

Who needs Build a Bear when you can go to the Library? Sign up to make your own stuffedie! Very limited quantities are available. Worth cardholders only.



Build It Up Lego Club

Thursdays, 3:45 - 4:30pm
Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 21

Come for building fun! Title your imaginative creation and put it on display. Ages 6-10.

Budding Duplo Builders

Fridays, 1:00 - 1:45 pm
Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 22

Build and create something amazing! Show off your creation in the kids' department. Ages 3-5 with Caregivers.




Donuts with Grownups

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:15am
Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 16

Come one, come all! Bring your littles for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and of course, donuts. Ages 3-8 with caregiver.

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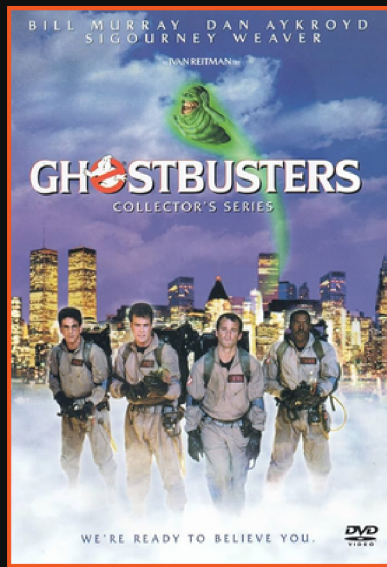
HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Outdoor Movie: Ghostbusters

October 5th (PG, 105 minutes)

Enjoy a movie in our parking lot! Bring chairs, blankets, and snacks to enjoy a movie on our pop up screen. Movie begins at dusk, weather permitting. **Special guest stars:** The Windy City Ghostbusters and their Stay Puff Marshmallow Man!

A group of unemployed parapsychologists go into business as professional ghost neutralizers. But when New York City comes under attack from a host of supernatural demons, the self-proclaimed Ghostbusters must step up and save the world from the sinister 'Zuul.'



Ghost Hauntings of New Orleans **R**

October 8th, 6pm

Some say New Orleans is the most haunted city in the United States. This city is a place where the dead refuse to rest, in fact, there is no solid ground to hold them. Famous for its practitioners of the mystical arts, from Voodoo queens to professed vampires and Wiccans, New Orleans sets the stage for all manner of third eye explorations. Bob Trzeciak, local historian, takes us on a trip to Join the city's mystical séance. New Orleans features witches and warlocks, vampires and ghosts of every description. New Orleans welcomes everyone: the living, the dead and those souls in between.

Glow in the Dark Storytime

October 16th, 6pm

Join Ms. Olivia for this not too spooky storytime in the dark! Glow sticks will be provided.



DIY Halloween Pinatas

October 23rd, 4:30pm

We have all the supplies for you to make a family Halloween Pinata.

Cart or Treat

October 29th, 5-7pm

Come trick or treat at the library with our dressed up staff and decorated carts.



Tonies

Have you checked out one of our Tonies kits yet?! Each bag comes with a speaker box and 3-4 figurines, each of which will tell your child a story. We have a variety of themes such as Pixar, Mickey Mouse, Things That Go, Non-Fiction titles, Classics and more, sure to capture the attention of your child. Find them at the top of the stairs in the Youth Department.



Museum Passes

Explore More Illinois is a free service provided by the Worth Library that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theatres, and other fun and local cultural venues.

With our *Museum Adventure Passes*, you can check out free or reduced admission to a plethora of Chicagoland museums and attractions, including the Brookfield Zoo.

See what passes you have access to at worthlibrary.com/adult-services.

ADULTS

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Programs marked with an * means funds (in whole/part) for this program were provided through a Library CARES award from AgeOptions through funding from the American Rescue Plan Act via the Illinois Department on Aging.

Make Your Own

Each month a new kit will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk. Limited quantities available on a first come-first serve basis. Worth cardholders have priority for pickup on Monday and Tuesday; all other patrons are able to pick up starting on Wednesday. Must checkout item to receive craft kit.

September 9
Welcome Fall Signs



October 14
Spooky Lantern



November 11
Felted Fall Trees



Stitch and Sip **R**

Wednesdays, 11am
Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20

Bring your current needlework, knitting, or crochet project and enjoy the company of other crafters over tea and cookies.

Spice of the Month Club

September: Cardamon
October: Cumin
November: Nutmeg

Explore a world of flavor from the comfort of your home. Each month we will explore new spices, their history, and how to use them. Kits available while supplies last. Pick up yours starting on the first Monday of the month!

Silent Book Club

Tuesdays, 6pm
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

Join us for a cozy and relaxing evening of reading with the Silent Book Club. Bring a book (or grab one from the stacks), find a comfy spot, and enjoy the company of fellow book lovers. No pressure, no assigned readings, just pure reading bliss! Whether you're a bookworm or just looking for a quiet escape, this in-person event is perfect for you. Silent reading will start 10 minutes into the event. This gives everyone time to grab some snacks, claim a corner, and get settled in with their book. Stick around once the reading hour ends for time to socialize and share (or not), what you read!

Ageless Grace* **R**

Mondays, 1pm
Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18

Ageless Grace® is a fun and playful brain health exercise program practiced to upbeat music while seated in the chair. This innovative program is composed of 21 tools or exercises. We lubricate our joints, strengthen our muscles, exercise our brains and tickle our funny bones! Come and experience timeless fitness for the body and brain™.

BINGO

Bingo with Bob* **R**

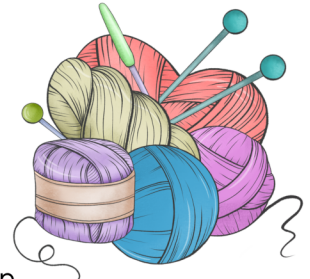
Fridays, 12pm
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8

Fun, snacks, and prizes! Our guest Bingo caller is Bob Trzeciak. Bob is a local Historian who has presented several historical presentations at the Worth Public Library. Bob will be calling the Bingo numbers with some trivia, funny facts, and amusing stories.

Yarn Swap

Starting in November

One crafter's unwanted yarn is another's inspiration. Drop off that extra yarn you're not using and browse for something new, in our new ongoing yarn swap located next to the elevator. **Items accepted:** clean, untangled yarn and roving; knitting needles and crochet hooks; notions (ex. stitch markers)



One-on-One Tech Help

Book a session with one of our librarians for help with your specific technology issues. Call (708) 448-2855 ext 2 to schedule your time slot.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Backyard BBQ 101

September 12, 6pm

Experience the adventure of BBQ with experienced BBQ enthusiast Dave Fako. This interactive experience will teach the essentials of BBQ and prepares you to be the master of your own backyard BBQ domain. Designed for those who are just beginning to stoke a fire or more experienced BBQers ready to take their Q to the next adventurous level! You will learn the craft of BBQ in an interactive and fun filled experience. Limited seats available. *please note this class will be held outside



Libby 101

September 16
6pm OR
September 20
11am



Libby.

Learn all about our downloadable books, magazines and audiobooks with Adult Services Librarian Charlie. They are offering two chances to come in and learn with them about all the digital reads at your fingertips!

Smartphone Photography 101

September 19, 6pm

They say your "best camera" is the one you have in your hand. If that's true, how can you make the most of the incredible tool you carry around every day? Learn mobile photography tips and tricks, explore options for editing your creations, and begin to transition from taking pictures to making pictures.



Books & Brews

October 10, 6:30-8:00pm

Come out to the Edge Bar at the Water's Edge Golf Course for a conversation about books. The library will provide appetizers while we discuss our favorite books, what you're reading right now or what has been sitting on your TBR pile. Read, drink, and converse! Water's Edge is located at 7205 W.115th St. Worth.

Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

We are so excited to have joined the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra in their program to lend out passes to concerts to library goers. Keep an eye out for available passes for the upcoming season!

Each pass is redeemable for two tickets. Patrons may check out one pass per concert and are limited to two passes per season. They are available on a first come, first serve basis from the Circulation Desk.



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Talk Like a Pirate Day!

September 19, all day

Visit our Library on 9/19 and Talk like a Pirate to one of our staff members and get a raffle ticket to a treasure! You may even find some gold chocolate coins around the library.



Cutting the Cable Cord

October 21, 6pm

It's 2024, and the age of streaming is in full swing. For those of you who have already cut the cord to your cable or satellite, we salute you. But for anyone looking at alternatives to cable TV and wondering if cutting the cord is worth it, Molly Page is here to help, with solutions from streaming service deals to TV antennas and fire sticks.



Drinking With Spirits: Haunted Bars and Pubs

October 28, 6:00-8:00pm

The potential for supernatural sightings comes with Chicago's illustrious history. Yes, some claim ghosts haunt several of Chicago's nightspots, as ghost hunters have reported seeing the spirits of catastrophe victims, old gangsters, former bar owners and more. With spooky season upon us, there is no better time to cozy up with a cocktail and a ghost story or two. But for those who are a bit more daring, why not forgo the theatrics and head straight to the (reportedly) real thing? Join us at The Brick Tavern as Bob Trzeciak tells us all about the spooky hot spots in and around Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Brick Tavern, 6030 West 111th St. Chicago Ridge.

Paint by Number Class

November 18, 10am

Join our artist-in-residence Geri as she guides you through your own paint by numbers creation. Coffee and cookies will be served.



Kanopy

Kanopy is a streaming service with access to thousands of films, documentaries, and television shows. Its selections include film festival winners, classic cinema, foreign films, children's programming, and much more. Best of all, you can stream content on all your devices using the free Kanopy app with your library card! Patrons need to use their Worth Public Library card number and PIN.

Beyond Books Collection

The library isn't just books anymore! Our new collection of non-traditional items such as technology, crafts, tools, and more are now available with your library card.

A telescope, record player, an outdoor movie projector, a metal detector, a gardening kit, laser level, specialty cake pans and more will all be at your finger tips, and all it takes is a library card. This collection will be constantly growing so check back often to see the new additions. Items must be checked out on an Adult library card and some items require a signed waiver before use.

You Are Worthy: Celebrating Coming Out Day

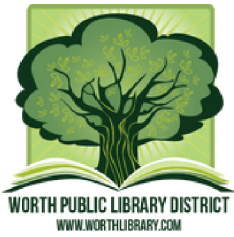
October 22, 6pm

Sponsored by WORTHy Youth

Join us for a panel style discussion on LGBTQIA+ history and culture. Selected members across the diverse Worth queer community will be present to share their personal experiences and important perspectives. Creating a common humanity across identities and gender expressions to create a safer and more inclusive community for our WORTHy Youth. Light refreshments will be served.

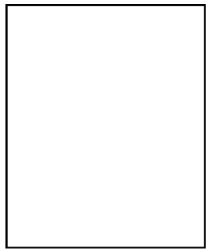
Senior Center

Thanks to grant funding through AgeOptions, The Senior Center houses books both for seniors and their caretakers as well as the new Healthy Living Kits on topics such as Arthritis, Mindfulness, Joint Health, and more. Additionally, we are happy to introduce you to our most adorable additions, the Companion Pets (named after some of our favorite literary characters). The next time you're in the library, be sure to give it a look and take something home to the Senior in your life.



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Monday- Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

*The library will be closed on
September 2, November 28 & 29*



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BOARD MEETINGS

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (September 10, October 8, November 12). Minutes and agendas are posted on the library website. Meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be held at the Worth Park District, Terrace Center, 11500 S Beloit Ave, Worth, IL 60482, September through November while the library undergoes remodeling.

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INCLUSIVE PROGRAM STATEMENT: Patrons of all abilities are welcome at our programs. Please contact the Library regarding accommodations.

