

Off the Shelf

Newsletter of the HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY



HOURS

M-TH

9:00 am-8:00 pm

Fri & Sat

9:00 am-5:00 pm

CLOSED on Sundays

Library CLOSED

Mon, Sep 5

Fri, Sep 30

Thu, Nov 24

Fri, Nov 25

Close at 5:00 pm

Wed, Nov 23

Letter from the Director

Fall is my favorite time of year. The summer heat starts to dissipate, the trees change into a kaleidoscope of beautiful colors, and on a crisp fall morning you might step through a pile of perfectly crunchy leaves. Once the weather gets chilly, it's the best time of year to cozy up with your family of readers. Spooky stories are a staple in my house, and the Hillside Public Library has events all season to help you get into the spooky spirit.

This Fall, the library will be hosting all varieties of spooky events. We hope you bring your scarecrow making skills to help us decorate our lawn...you could even win a special prize! We also have a spooky scavenger hunt for our littlest library visitors and we will be hosting spooky book discussions on our Discord server for big kids and high school students.

The library will be launching a 1000 Books Before Kindergarten for newborns, infants, and toddlers. The goal is simple, just read 1000 books! If you have a favorite book you like to read with your child, you can count it as many times as you want. You can finish the program in less than three years if you read just one book per day. Celebrating early literacy is an important way to help your child build language skills, vocabulary, expression, and comprehension. It's also a great way for you to bond with your child and foster lifelong memories for both of you. It's ok if your child is still learning how to read, or if your children are in different stages of reading development. Listening to books in the car, reading with an older sibling or relative, or coming to storytime are all ways you can log extra books. Our helpful library staff are here to offer recommendations and celebrate milestones with your young reader!

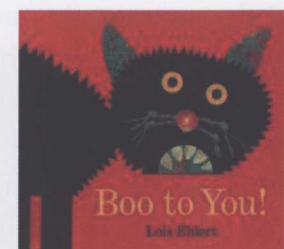
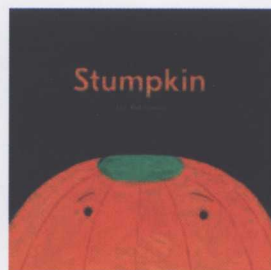
-Amy Franco

Picture Book Recommendations:

Stumpkin by Lucy Ruth Cummins: Stumpkin is a handsome, orange, round pumpkin; a perfect choice for a jack-o-lantern! There's just one problem – he has no stem.

10 Trick-or-Treaters by Janet Schulman: Don't be scared away when a witch, a skeleton, and a monster join the party! Download this one from Libby to practice your Halloween counting skills.

Boo to You! by Lois Ehlert: Everyone is looking forward to the Halloween feast. Scary Cat wasn't invited, but will the mice surprise him?



Programs for Youth

Take & Make Crafts for Kids

Limited supply will be available. Please call the library at (708)-449-7510 to check availability.

Spooky Scavenger Hunt

September 26 to October 31

Find all the spooky items hidden in the library for a small prize.

Pick up your scavenger hunt list at either the Youth Services Desk or the Circulation Desk.

Family Movie & Craft: *Encanto*

Saturday, October 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration Encouraged.

Join us for an Encanto themed craft and a meet-and-greet with special guest Mirabel before a showing of the movie! (Rated PG). Movie will start by 2pm.

Unicorn Party!

Wednesday, November 9 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration Encouraged.

Do you love unicorns? If the answer is yes, then come celebrate all things unicorn here at the library!

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Starts December 1

Find all the winter items hidden in the library for a small prize.

Pick up your scavenger hunt list at either the Youth Services Desk or the Circulation Desk.

Introducing

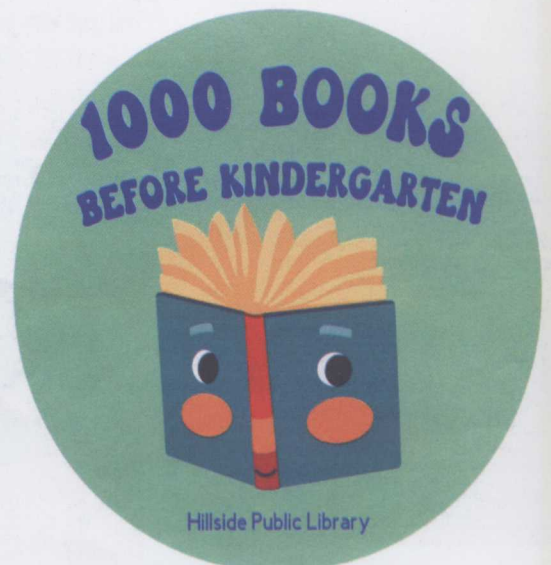
1000 Books Before Kindergarten!

Launching September 1, 2022

Registration Required

Sign-up, Read Books, Earn Prizes!

Did you know if you read one book a day from when your child is born until they're 5 years old you will have read 1,825 books? Practicing early literacy skills will set a foundation for your child's language and education. Plus, creating important bonding and loving moments for you and your child.



STORYTIMES THIS FALL

at Hillside Public Library
Caregiver must be present.

Radiant Readers: Mondays at 10:00 am
October 3 through November 14
Ideal for ages 2-4. All children welcome.

Bookworm Bunch: Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
October 5 through October 26
Ideal for ages 3-5. All children welcome.



Programs for All Ages

Scarecrow Making Contest

Saturday October 15 from 2-4 pm

Registration Required

Enter this contest to see who can build the best scarecrow on the library's lawn! General supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Scarecrows will be displayed for some time afterwards. Prizes to be announced closer to event.



Family Reading Night

November 17 from 6-7:30 pm

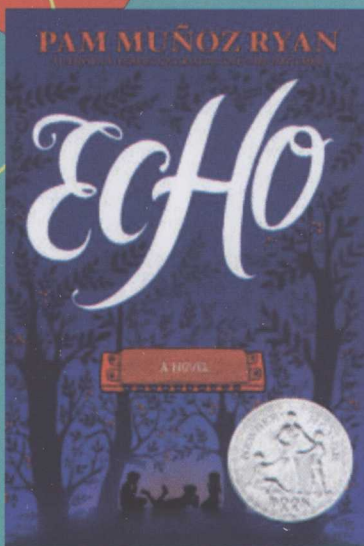
Pop in the library to read a book with your family! Snacks, crafts, and a dreamy storytime will be available.



MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS

AGES 9-13

Check out our new Middle Grade section of books! These titles are perfect for kids not quite ready for Young Adult books, transitioning out of early chapter books, or younger advanced readers. Ask a librarian for help selecting your next favorite read!



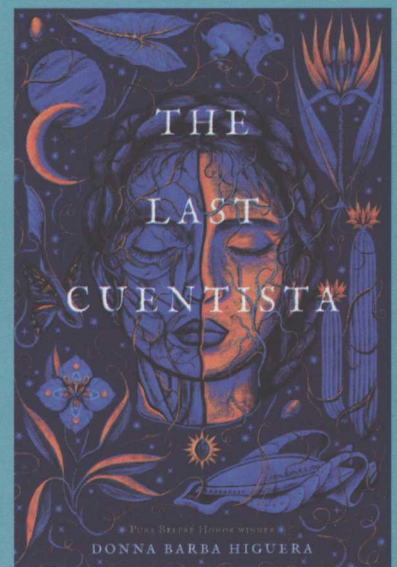
Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Lost and alone in the forbidden Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Castle Crenshaw has only ever known running but never for a team. One day after winning against an elite sprinter his coach takes notice and teaches Castle to hone his talent and work out his anger.



The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

***A Newberry Winner**

The world is ending and Petra Peña is on her way to a new planet with her family. Hundreds of years later she wakes up on the rocket ship only to find no one else has memories of Earth.

Programs for Ages 9-12

Online Tween Team- Every other Tuesday

Starting September 13 through October 25 from 5-6 pm

For ages 9-12

Registration Encouraged

Join the Hillside Library's Discord to meet up and chat with other online gamers. Each game will be advertised the week before the meetup on the library's website and in the library. Joining from home is preferred.

Inklings: Comics and Creative Writing

Thursday September 22, October 20, and November 10 from 4:30-5:30 pm

For ages 9-12 years

Registration Encouraged

Come show off your comic and writing skills in this group! Feel free to come with previous work or start when you arrive! Supplies will be provided.

Programs for Young Adults

Tabletop Café

Every other Tuesday from September 20 through November 1 from 5-6 pm

Take a look at all the fun tabletop games we have available at the library!

Dungeons and Dragons, Magic: the Gathering, Exploding Kittens, Five Nights at Freddy's and so much more!

Spooky Discord Book Discussion

All of October

Ages 13-18 only. Registration Required.

Join your peers and Miss Niki to do a chat discussion on Discord of our chosen spooky selection. The book will be advertised and available in mid-September.

Take and Make Crafts

Ages 12-18

Take home crafts will be continuous throughout the Fall. Stop in to grab one!

YA Subscription Box

Ages 12-18. Registration Required.

Sign up for the free monthly Subscription Box. Fill out a questionnaire about your reading preferences and get your monthly box filled with goodies for you to keep and two library checkouts! Questions? Just ask Miss Niki!

Programs for Adults

Hillside Public Library is excited to join Illinois Libraries Present!

Illinois Libraries Present provides high-quality online events for participating member libraries of all sizes and budgets. We connect communities and audiences across the state through shared event experiences.

These events will be virtual, and you can view them on your device at home.

The link to register will be on our website at www.hillsidepubliclibrary.org

If you would like to watch the event at the library, please call us at 708-449-7510 to register so we can anticipate the number of participants.



First up:

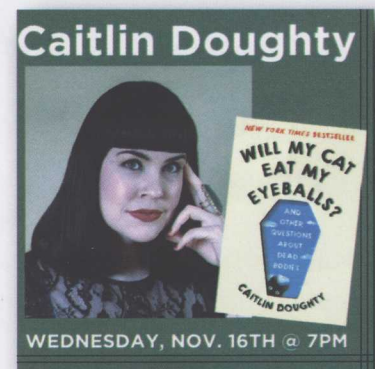
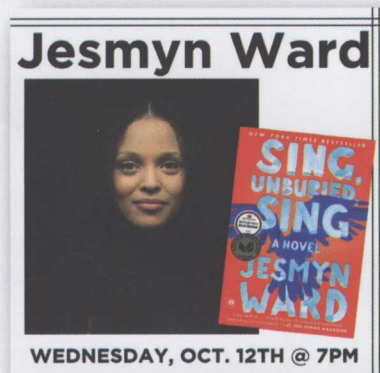
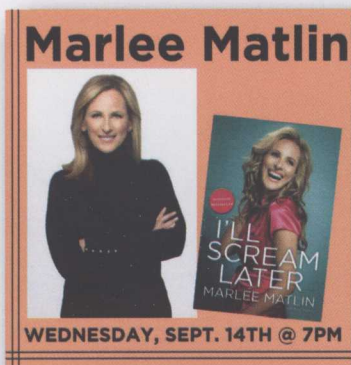
An Evening with Marlee Matlin: From Oscar to West Wing and Beyond

Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm

This program will be offered in ASL and translated through an interpreter.

Wednesday, October 12 Author and two-time National Book Award winner, Jesmyn Ward

Wednesday, November 16 Mortician and best-selling author, Caitlin Doughty



Lotus Lantern Craft (Zoom Class)

Presented by the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project

Monday, October 3 at 6:00 pm

Registration is required. Limit: 20 participants

High School students are welcome to register, if interested.

We will present the class at the library via Zoom.



Monthly Programs

Adult Book Group: Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm

If you have a passion for reading, or just want to make new friends check out the library's book discussion group. Visitors and new members are always welcome! Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each meeting.

September: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

October: *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

November: *The Eleventh Man* by Diog Ivan

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Check out the possibilities.

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Programs for adults, continued

Mixed Stitchers

Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 pm

Bring your project and come out to knit or crochet with this fun and friendly group. Don't forget to bring your own project along. Any form of needlecraft is welcome in this group.

Mid-Day Yoga

Fridays from 12:30-1:30 pm

Take a mid-day break and join us for some in-person gentle yoga. Bring your own mat or borrow one from the library. Registration encouraged. Limit 12. (No class on 9/30 or 11/25)

CIRCULATION NEWS

PROVISO LIBRARY CHALLENGE!

Pick up a treasure map and collect stamps from all 9 Proviso-area libraries. Return your map to enter a grand-prize drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card. Treasure maps available September 1.

MONTHLY RAFFLES!

September: Win a prize courtesy of Super Taco Express in Hillside

October: Win a gift basket + \$50 gift card

November: Win a Thanksgiving dinner basket

**Visit us at the Berkely + Hillside
Autumnfest!**

October 8-9

on the Prairie Path
from 11:00 am-4:00 pm