



OFF THE SHELF

Newsletter of the Hillside Public Library | Fall 2025

NEW SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

License Plate Sticker Renewal

We are now able to offer **Illinois license plate sticker renewal services!** You can now avoid the lines and travel time to the Department of Motor Vehicles by renewing your Illinois license plate sticker at the Circulation Desk for a \$9.50 convenience fee plus the State of Illinois fee.

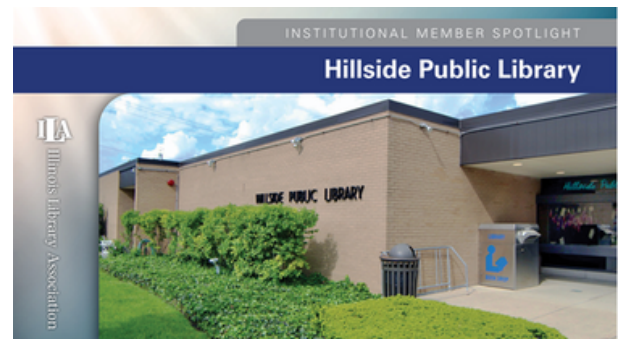
We can renew most types of stickers for passenger vehicles, trailers, and motorcycles, including personalized, vanity, and specialty plates. Best of all, you leave with your sticker - no more waiting for it to arrive in the mail. For additional information, please call the library or scan the QR code.



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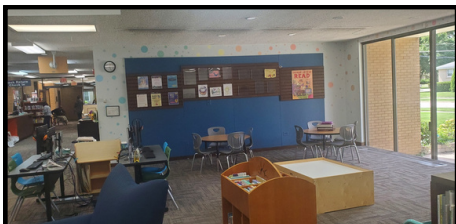
Earlier this summer, the Hillside Public Library was thrilled to be selected by the Illinois Library Association as the Institutional Member Spotlight. We were delighted with this recognition and are continuously grateful and proud to serve YOU and this entire community.

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THE COMPLETE ARTICLE**

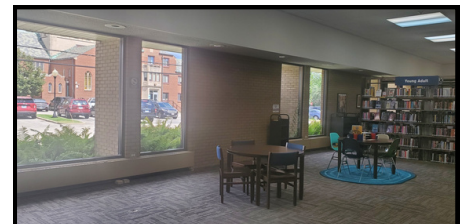


Exciting Changes at the Library!

We've made some big moves to serve you better. The Youth and Young Adult areas now feature more open space for reading, learning, and gathering. We'll soon be adding more comfortable furniture to these areas.



Whether you're here to explore new books, study with friends, or simply hang out, you'll find a more welcoming and flexible environment. Come check out the refreshed spaces and make the library your home away from home.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

New **Scavenger Hunts** are available every month.

Enjoy these fun programs that are great opportunity to visit the library on a regular basis this Fall season. It's the perfect time to meet new families or get together with old neighborhood friends.

BOOKWORM BUNCH: Share books and songs with your little. Ages 2-4. **Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 at 11:00 am**
We'll enjoy a special Halloween story time on **October 31 at 4:00 pm**. Take a trick-or-treating break and join us!

LEGO CLUB: Creative building fun! Ages 5-11. **September 10, 24; October 8, 22; November 5, 19 at 5:00 pm**

PLAY DOUGH CLUB: Great sensory play activity. Ages 1-4. **September 17 and October 15 at 5:00 pm**



CRAFTS GALORE:

GIANT BEADED LIZARD CRAFT: Make a large version of this craft with pool noodles! **September 4 at 5:00 pm**

PAPER MACHE PUMPKIN: Come make your own pumpkin or jack o' lantern. **October 16 at 5:00 pm**

THANKSGIVING CRAFTS: Make a parade float and turkey! **November 12 at 5:00 pm**

BLOCKS PARTY: Let's celebrate blocks and see what you can create! We'll have large cardboard building blocks to stack up, a Minecraft-themed craft, and story-time.

Registration Required. **September 18. 5:00 – 6:00 PM**



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (Grades 6 - 12)



BEYOND THE BOOK BOX:

Launching September 2, sign-up for our Book Box using the virtual form on our website via the Teen Tab or by scanning the QR code.

Each box contains two books for borrowing and extra goodies for you to keep.
This is a quarterly subscription.



2:00 - 4:00 PM

Sept. 6

Oct. 4

Nov. 1



5:00 - 7:00 PM

Sept. 16

Oct. 21

Nov. 18

The Perler Pod

Come join this popular craft group and create your own original Perler bead design or use one of the designs that will be provided for your selection! **Drop-ins are welcome.**

Join us every first Saturday of the month and third Tuesday of the month to make cool designs.

Fabric Tote Painting

Paint your own fabric tote bag using our stencils, fabric paint or markers to make your own personalized tote bag! Limit: 8

September 23
5:30 pm

Photocard Decoration

Personalize a photocard sleeve using our stickers and other supplies or bring your own materials. Photocard sleeves will be provided.

October 7
4:30 pm

Paint & Sip - Watercolor Craft

Bring a friend or two to join us at our first Paint & Sip for Tweens & Teens.

We will be painting postcards with watercolors. Drinks provided. Limit: 8

November 11
5:30 pm



DIY POTION-MAKING:

Join us as we concoct colorful and whimsical brews just in time for Halloween!

Limit: 8 participants.

October 28 at 5:30 pm



Banned Books Bracket:

Celebrate Banned Books Week! We're doing a Banned Books Bracket. Vote each week for your favorite banned book to see who wins! Winners will receive a copy of the winning title!

Dates: September 15 - October 11

PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

CLUB DE LECTURA *en Español*

Si le gusta leer y quiere pasar un tiempo agradable conociendo a nuevas personas, le invitamos a formar parte de nuestro club de lectura en español para adultos. Cada mes nos reuniremos para hablar de un libro y compartir opiniones.

Los libros son cortos y de fácil lectura y estarán disponibles para préstamo en el escritorio de circulación. Segundo miércoles del mes a las 12:00 pm

10 septiembre: *En un rincón del alma* de Antonia J. Corrales

8 octubre: *La Biblioteca de la Medianoche* de Matt Haig

12 noviembre: *Las 5 personas que encontraras en el cielo* de Mitch Albom



Manualidad

Únase a nosotros para hacer manualidades cada mes. Todos los materiales serán proporcionados. Es necesario registrarse.

17 de septiembre

22 de octubre

19 de noviembre

12:00 pm



Lotería



Celebremos el mes de la Herencia Hispana. Se celebra anualmente del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre. La lotería es un juego tradicional que se juega en México. Ven a divertirte con nosotros. Habrá premios para todas las edades.

24 de septiembre

6:00 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS *Multi-Age and Families*

Fiero Code Training



Did you know the library offers a free online coding app? Fiero Code teaches all ages to code at their own pace. Learn HTML, CSS, Javascript, and more.

October 7 at 6:00 pm

Family Movie Series

Spend a Saturday afternoon enjoying a movie with family and friends.

In October, we'll make a Trick or Treat Bag!!

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

2:00 pm

Grown-Up & Me Art Class

During the fall break, Ms. Melissa will have an art activity to spark creativity and imagination for you and your little.

Age: 5 and up

November 25 at 5:30 pm

PARENT NIGHT-IN

Join us after hours to unwind with a recent release feature film with no distractions. Kids will enjoy their own fun, supervised activities in a separate area. No kids? No problem. Come enjoy the movie and conversation. Dinner provided. **November 7 at 5:30 pm**



ADULT PROGRAMS



Ms. Maura leads us through a variety of seasonal crafts
6:00 pm

**September 29
October 27
November 24**



Ms. Melissa from Hillside School will help us create fall-themed tea towels.

**October 6
6:00 pm**

Putting Your Garden to Bed: Come listen to a presentation from master gardener Bill Karges. **September 8 at 4:30 pm**
Come early for our 2:00 pm movie. Bill was the head gardener at Luurs Garden Shoppe for nearly 50 years!



Mammogram Scans: Roseland Community Hospital's 3-D Mobile Van returns. Please **RSVP** by September 29. A minimum of 7 is required. **FREE** scans for patients with low or no insurance. **October 10 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

BAGELS & BINGO

Start your morning with a winning combination of bagels, coffee, great conversation, and a few lively rounds of bingo.

Small prizes for lucky winners.

October 11 at 10:00 am

Off-Site Trip: Gaslight

We're off to the Western Springs Children's Theater to see the suspenseful mystery thriller play that inspired the hit 1944 film.

Cost: \$10

September 13 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

AN ARTIST GOES TO WAR



It's been 80 years since WW II ended. Victoria Granacki will discuss her book about her father and how he survived using his art skills. She'll show maps, photos, and letters. Refreshments served.

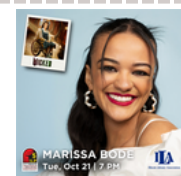
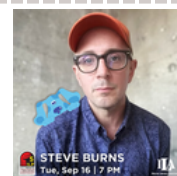
September 11 at 5:00 pm



These **1-hour virtual events** are made possible through our partnership with Illinois Libraries Present. View them at **7:00 PM** at home on your own device. Register on our website at hillsidelibrary.org.

September 16 – Finding the Clues: Then and Now with Steve Burns

October 21 – Beyond the Screen: A "Wicked" Conversation with Marissa Bode



Hillside Public Library

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday:

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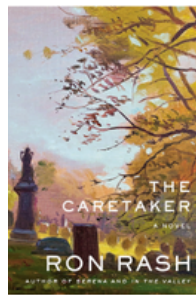


Scan the QR code to register for programs

ONGOING ADULT ACTIVITIES

Tech Help available by request. Disponible en español.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION: Do you have a passion for reading or just want to make some new friends? Come visit our lively monthly group at 2:00 pm to enjoy snacks, beverages, and great conversation.



September 3: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
In her debut memoir, Garten, aka The Barefoot Contessa, offers an intimate and animated account of her life journey.

October 1: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
The classic novel critiques censorship, the loss of individual thought, and the dangers of a media-obsessed culture.

November 5: *The Caretaker: A Novel* by Ron Rash
A historical tale about a disfigured cemetery keeper in 1950s Appalachia who protects his friend's pregnant wife while the friend is at war, confronting class prejudice, betrayal, and the meaning of loyalty.



Chair and Floor Yoga: Every Friday at 12:30 pm (No class on September 26 or November 28)

Lunchtime Cookbook Club: Bring your appetite, a friend and come share a meal. Register online with the name and page number of your recipe. **September 18; October 16; November 20 at 12:00 pm**

Mixed Stitches: Bring your own knitting project every Thursday at 6:00 pm. (No class on November 27)

Soundbath Meditation: Unwind with relaxing sound bowls. **September 3; October 1; November at 4:00 pm**

ZUMBA: Back by popular demand, this fun and energetic dance class will get your moving!

September 10; October 8; November 12 at 9:30 am

Financial Health Classes: Hosted by Elmhurst Bank (Light refreshments)

Whether it's right around the corner or years away, learn about **College Savings**. **September 30 at 5:30 pm**

Putting together a **Saving and Spending** plan can make life a lot easier. **October 24 at 2:00 pm (following Yoga)**

Do you need a **trust, will**, or maybe both? Find out in this expanded learning session. **November 10 at 5:30 pm**



You asked for more, so this fall we're bringing you double the movie fun! Snacks at 2:00 pm. Movies start at 2:15 pm.

September 8: For Blended Family Month, we're watching ***Yours, Mine and Ours*** with Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball. This true story inspired *The Brady Bunch* TV Show.

September 22: *The Lost Weekend* was a landmark drama about a writer battling alcoholism. The film's star Ray Milland and the director, Billy Wilder both won Oscars.

October 13: We're highlighting a standout performance by Ricardo Montalban in the World War II drama, ***Battleground*** for Hispanic Heritage Month.

October 27: In time for Halloween, we're watching, ***The Ghost and Mrs. Muir*** (1947) with Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, and Natalie Wood in this romantic fantasy.

November 10: In one of his finest performances, Cary Grant stars in ***Penny Serenade*** with Irene Dunne. The film explores love, loss, and the complexities of family.



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month: New cardholders get a gift at the Circ Desk (while they last).

College Spirit Week: Whether you're an alum, current student, or a fan, come show your school pride.

September 22 - 25

White Sox 20th Anniversary: Show your Chicago White Sox Pride as we celebrate their historic victory.

Stop in for a treat and let us see your Sox gear on **October 24.**

Friday Flannel Day: Wear your coziest flannel on **November 21** and get a special treat when you stop by.

