

# The Library Buzz

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## Illinois Library Presents: Dr. Temple Grandin

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

April 3 | 7:00 | via Zoom

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades.

Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986 and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades. Her most recent book is *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions*.

Dr. Grandin's research and understanding of animal behavior spearheaded a reform in the quality of life for agricultural animals worldwide.



Scan the QR code  
to register!



May 1

Register for Summer Reading Challenge

May 27

Library Closed - Memorial Day

June 1

First day to log reading for Summer Reading Challenge

June 6

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

## April Library Closures

The library will be closing at 2:00pm on Saturday's in April and will be closed all day on Sunday's in April.

We apologize for the inconvenience.





## ACOMAF Trivia Night

Are you obsessed with the series A Court of Thorns and Roses, one of the current trending series? Join us for our second trivia night for A Court of Mist and Fury. Test your knowledge with questions about the book. Prizes available. Feel free to bring your own snacks. Non-alcoholic beverages are permitted as well. Call to get signed up! Available for those 16+.

Thursday, April 25 | 6:00


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# Adult Events and Activities

## Cook Book Club

Join Kristen for our newly created Cook Book Club. We will be choosing a recipe to bring from the Jessica Seinfeld cookbook *Double delicious! : good, simple, food for busy, complicated lives*.

Stop by, make a copy from our cookbook, and choose your recipe to bring!

**Thursday, April 11 | 5:30**

## Spice Club

Spice up your life with the Wood River Library's SPICE CLUB. This month's featured spice is **THYME**.

Recipes this month are:

- **Mushroom Pasta with Goat Cheese**
- **Chicken Pot Pie with Leeks & Thyme**
- **Honey and Thyme Custard**

While supplies last!



## Yoga with Emily

Take a moment midweek to breathe and find your calm with beginner yoga. Yoga is led by certified yoga instructor Emily Zipprich and designed for those just starting out. This hour long class will help you decompress and get ready for the rest of the week.

Cost is \$5; please bring a yoga mat. No registration required. **No class April 10.**

**Wednesdays | 4:30**



## Senator Harriss Office Hours

Senator Erica Harriss, senator in the 56th district, will host office hours at the Wood River Public Library on Tuesday, April 2 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Either Senator Harriss or a staff member will be on site for you to ask questions, voice your concerns, or just chat.



**Tuesday, April 2 | 10:00**

## Chair Exercise



Start your week off with a good workout. Chair exercise is a no impact workout designed to increase mobility and range of motion.

Classes are free and open to anyone 18 and older. Lead by certified instructor Kelly Mensman.

**Mondays at 10:00**

# Teens and Young Adults (6th-12th grade)

## Teen Paint Night

Join Riverbend Creative Studios for a Teen Only Paint Night! Stop by the library to register and choose your painting. \$10 fee to register. Deadline to register is April 1.



**Monday, April 8 | 6:00**

## Teen Homeschool Hangout

Calling all teen homeschoolers to join us for a fun-filled board/card game event at the library! Bring your strategic skills and a competitive spirit for an exciting day of games, laughter, and friendly competition. We will have board games, card games, and the Nintendo Wii!



**Friday, April 12 | 1:00**

## Teen Night: Hunt a Killer

**Monday, April 29 | 6:00**



True crime fans, this event is for you! Join Kristen in playing an immersive murder mystery game. The box is filled with clues and physical items such as autopsy reports, witness statements, and more. Do you have what it takes to solve a murder? For students in 6th-12th grades.

## High School Silent Book Club

What is a Silent Book Club? It's an opportunity for people to get together and chat about what they are reading, recommend new titles, and enjoy being with other reading enthusiasts! The library will provide snacks. Bring whatever you are currently reading or grab something off the shelf. This is for high school students only.

**Wednesday, April 3 | 4:30**



## Children's Events

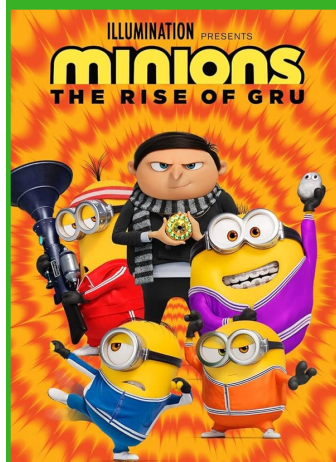
### Zillah the Comfort Dog

Friends of all ages are welcome to get snuggles from Zillah, our certified comfort dog. Many read to her and all love on her. Zillah is here the second Tuesday of each month and joined by her handlers from Lutheran Church Charities.



**April 9 | 3:30**

### Early Dismissal Movie Day



School's out early so join us for an afternoon movie at the library! Children under 8 must have an adult present on the property. Kids 5 and younger must have an adult in the room.

Popcorn and drinks are provided. Rated PG. Runtime is 1h 30.

**Friday, April 26 | 12:00**



# Children's Events

## Homeschool Hangout



Calling all young home schoolers for a STEAM-tastic adventure at the library! Join us for a fun-filled STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activity day designed just for you. Explore the wonders of learning through hands-on experiments, creative projects, and exciting challenges. It's a fantastic way to make new friends while discovering the magic of STEAM in a playful and engaging way. Come ignite your curiosity with us! Two age groups to join: K-2nd and 3rd-5th.

**April 17 | K-2nd & April 24 | 3rd-5th**  
**10:30**

## WeeJam

End your week with a dance party! Every Friday morning you can dance with Miss Lindsey in the bubbles. WeeJam lasts approximately 30 minutes and includes a sticker at the end. Best for kids 5 and younger.

**No WeeJam on April 26.**

**Fridays at 9:30**



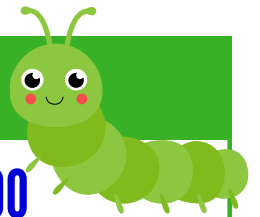
## Messy Hands



Lets get messy at the Library! Kids 2-8 are welcome to come create a beautiful Mother's Day art project. This free event will be drop in style. Come any time between 10:00 and 11:00. No registration is required. Best to wear clothes you don't mind getting messy!

**Saturday, April 6**

## Toddler Tales



**Wednesday, April 10 | 10:00**

Miss Lindsey is back for another month of toddler story time. April's theme will be **bugs**. Enjoy a fun story, craft, activity, and snack! Best for ages 18-36mo with a caregiver.

## Roll-n-Read

**Tuesdays at 9:00**

Join us for this unique event only offered by the Wood River Library! Through a collaboration with the Wood River Parks & Recreation Department, Miss Lindsey will read



stories and offer open tumbling time. Roll-n-Read lasts 30 minutes and is free for anyone. No registration is required. Available for kids 5 and younger. Adult caregiver must accompany the child at all times.

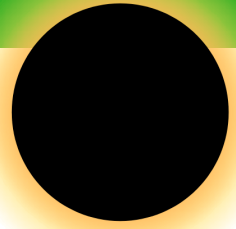
**Event takes place at Wood River Recreation Center (655 N. Wood River Ave.)**



# Family Events

## Solar Eclipse Presentation

Come enjoy a family friendly eclipse presentation from NASA/JPL solar system ambassador, John Mackin. Mr. Mackin will give you an in-depth discussion about how a Solar Eclipse happens and what we can expect from the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse!



Free for all ages. No registration required.

**Thursday, April 4 | 6:00**

## Lego Family Build Day

Get to creating on Lego Family Build Day. Drop in anytime between 1:00-2:00 and build with library provided Legos. Creations will be displayed for the month for all to see.

All ages are welcome, however those 8 and younger must stay with an adult at all times.

April's time will be shortened due to an early library closure.



**Saturday, April 27**

## Eclipse Glasses Distribution



The April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse is quickly approaching! Active Wood River Public Library Card Holders can come pickup their free solar eclipse glasses. (Limit 2 per family, first come, first served, limited quantities.)

Stick around to decorate your solar eclipse glasses as well! All decorating material will be provided by the library.

**Saturday, April 6 | 12:00-2:00**



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## Family Puzzle Races



Are you the fastest puzzle solver? Families are welcome to join us for Puzzles Races 3.0! Teams of 4 family members can register by calling the library at 618-254-4832. This is a fun, free event for the family. No residency required. **\*Please note the change in time for April only.**

**Saturday, April 13 | 12:00**