



ILA Showcase

Looking ahead to 2025



2025 Chair

Maisie Iven

Naperville Public Library

Broad thematic area:

Puzzles & Games

CRITERIA FOR THEME

BE UNIVERSAL IN PROMOTING READING

BE FOCUSED IN INTERPRETATION

BE DYNAMIC AND IMPLY ACTION

BE APPROPRIATE FOR ALL GENDERS

Criteria for Theme

Include the word "book," "read," or "library" (or related)

Lend itself to strong graphic interpretation

Have appeal to preK-8 students, YA, adults, and library staff

THEMES & TAG LINES

2022: CAMP/READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

2021: COLOR/READING COLORS YOUR WORLD

2020: INVESTIGATION & DISCOVERY/DIG DEEPER! READ,
INVESTIGATE, DISCOVER

2019: PERFORMANCE/IT'S SHOWTIME
AT YOUR LIBRARY

TAG LINE VOTING

:Padlet

Meredith Iven • 1d

iREAD 2025: Puzzles & Games

Our broad theme for 2025 is Puzzles & Games. Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others, to think in new ways, and to foster friendships, new and old. Games and puzzles not only offer us opportunities for social emotional learning and problem solving, they also help us remember that the library is a space for fun as well as a space for knowledge. Vote for our 2025 tagline. Click the heart to vote for the ONE tagline that best fits our theme-please vote for only one!

Figure it out at your library ♡ 0	Connect the dots at your library ♡ 0	Puzzle it out at your library ♡ 0	Play together-at your library! ♡ 0
Ready, Set, Read! ♡ 0	Reading: Game On! ♡ 0	Connect at Your Library ♡ 0	Libraries are the Perfect Fit ♡ 0
Survey says... Read! ♡ 0	Win Big--Read! ♡ 0	Ready Reader One ♡ 0	You'll Never get BOARD of Reading ♡ 0
Level Up at the Library ♡ 0	Level up-Read! ♡ 0	Summer Reading: Let the Games Begin ♡ 0	Get in the game-read! ♡ 0
Reading helps you puzzle it out! ♡ 0	Reading is so fun! ♡ 0	Reading: Are YOU game? ♡ 0	Find your missing piece-read! ♡ 0
Read, Play, Learn ♡ 0	Get your game on @ your library! ♡ 0	Play, Read, Succeed! ♡ 0	Roll the dice at your library ♡ 0



<https://tinyurl.com/5dtm3nh9>

Looking ahead to 2024



2024 Chair

Gretchen Schulz

Aurora Public Library

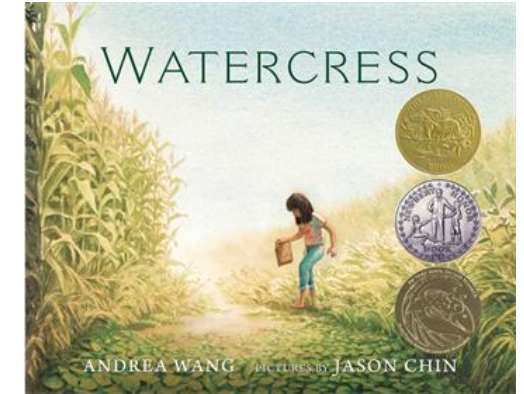
Summer 2024: Read, Renew, Repeat

Featured Artists

Holly Bradley –
Early Literacy



Jason Chin -
Elementary



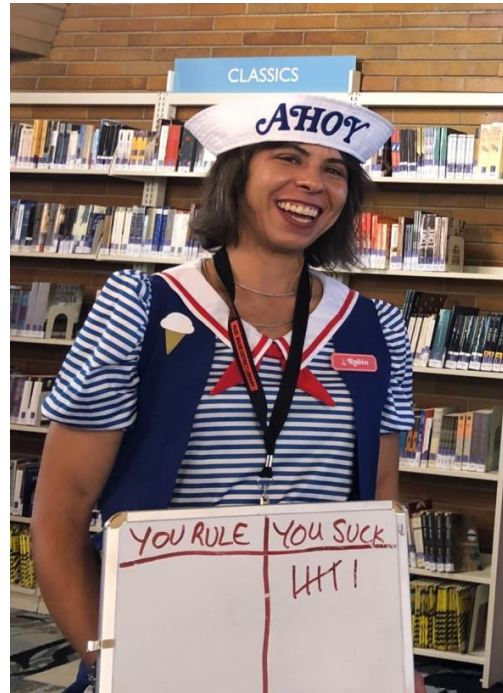
Zoe Persico-
Teens



James Stanley-
All Ages



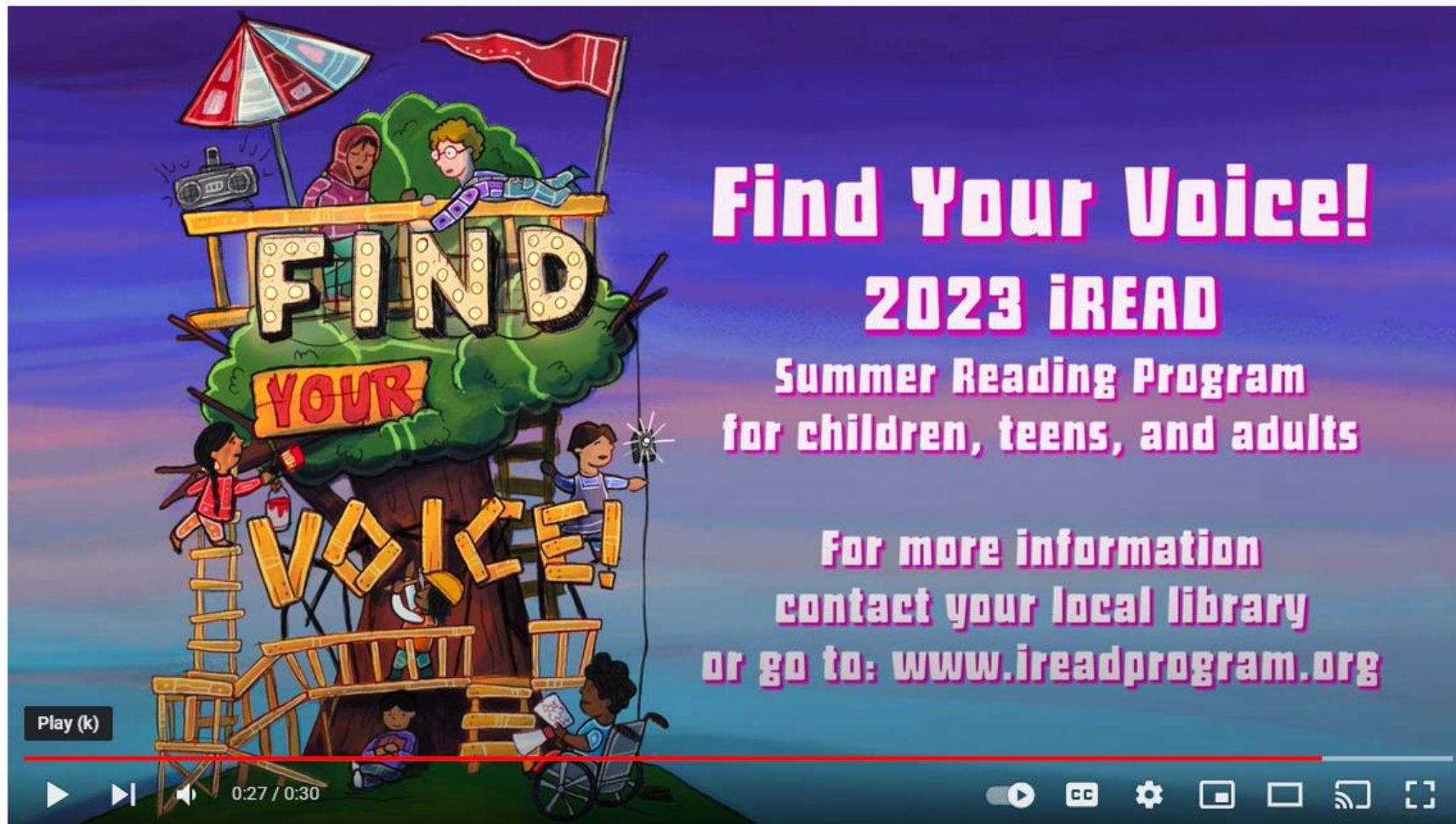
Summer 2023



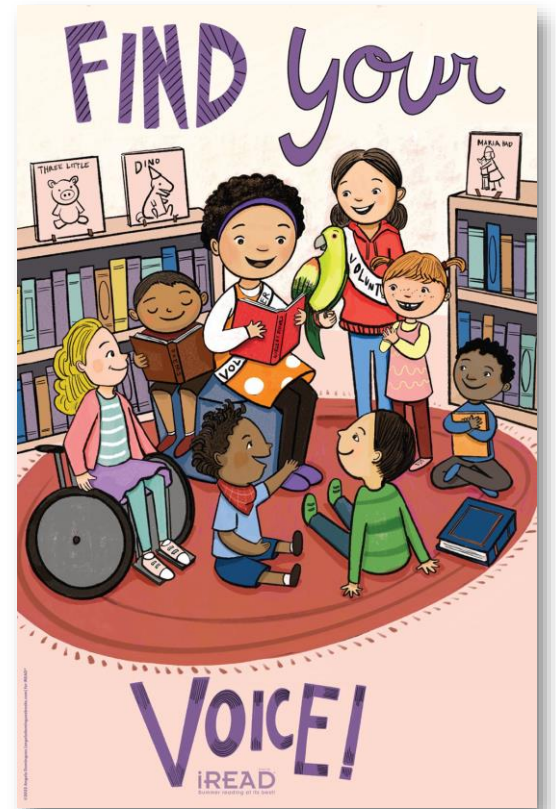
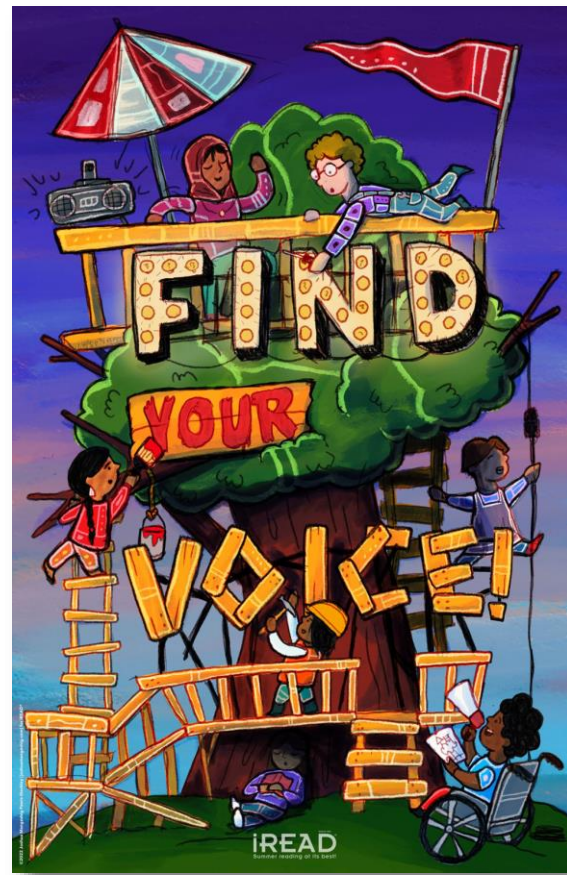
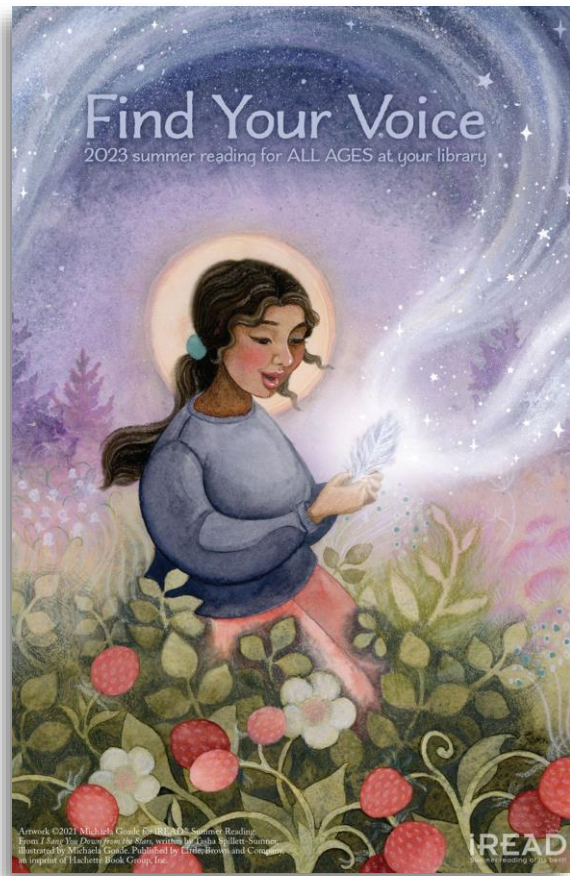
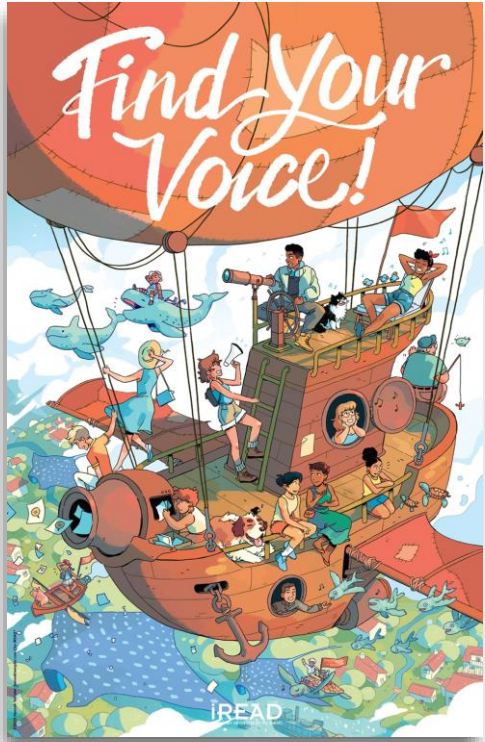
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Donna Block

Bensenville Community
Public Library

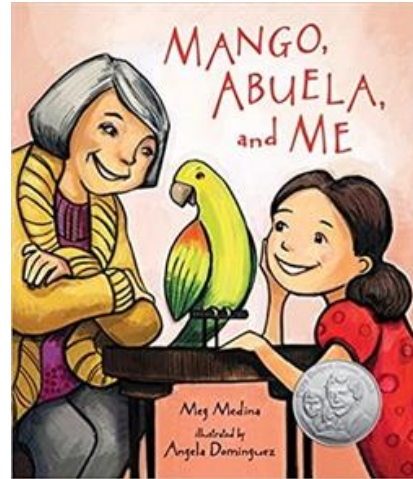


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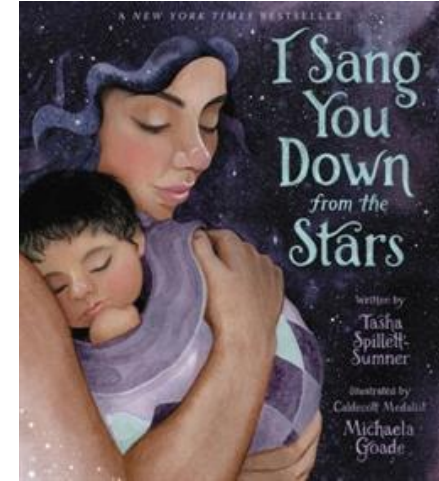


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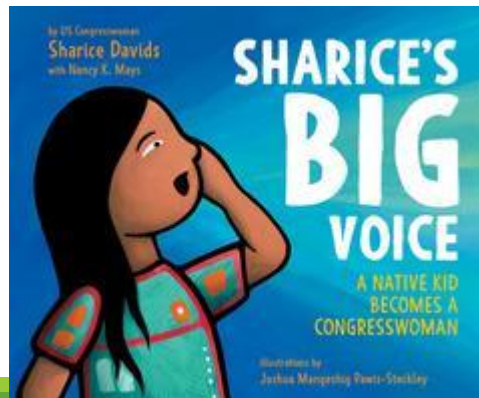
[Angela Dominguez](#)



[Michaela Goade](#)



[Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley](#)



[Hannah Templer](#)

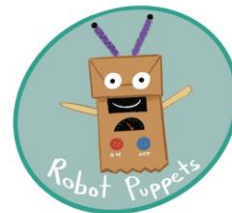
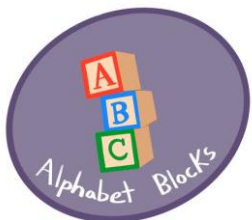


CHILDREN

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Kara DeCarlo

Orland Park Public Library



Little Mermaid Party

Ages 5-11

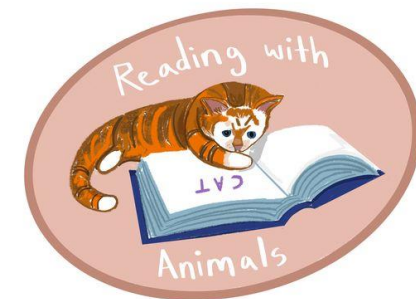
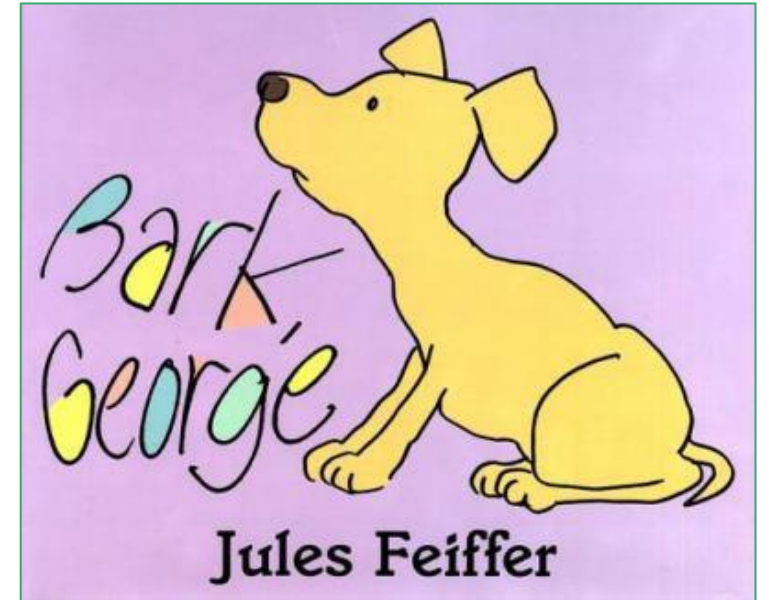
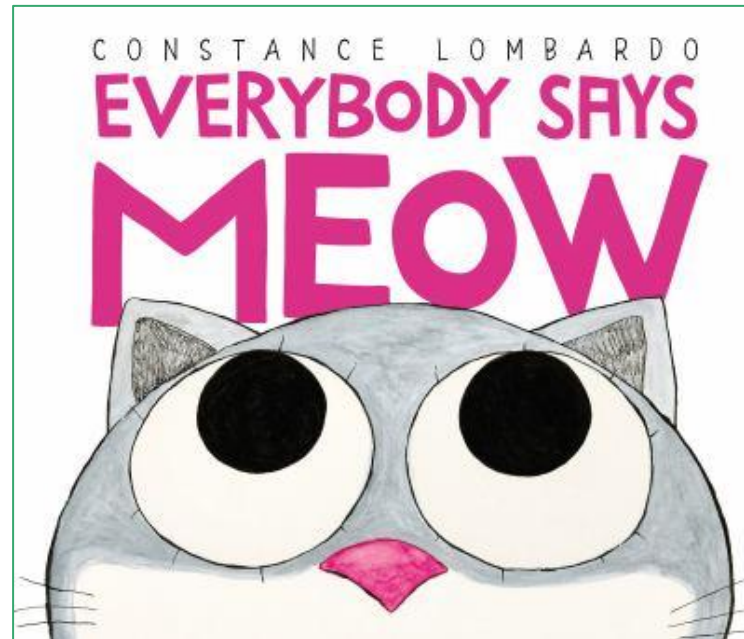
- Sing along
- Green screen underwater photo ops
- DIY coral reef and more!



Find Your Animal Voice

Ages 2-5

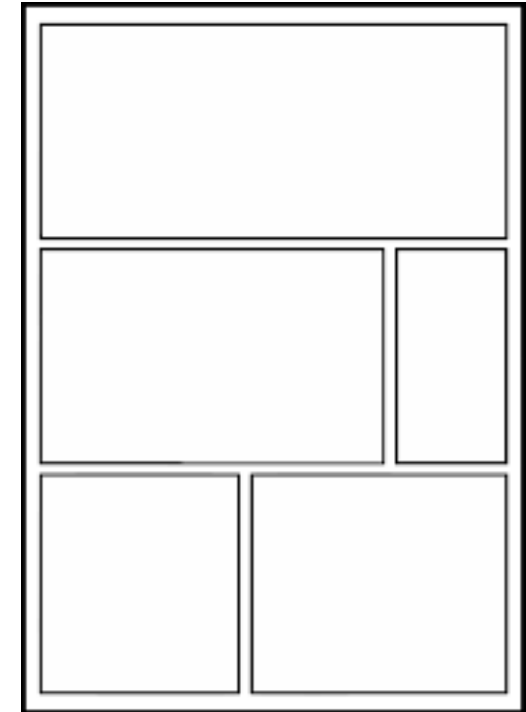
- Read
- Sing
- Listen and Draw



Tell Your Story (graphic novel memoirs)

Ages 8-11

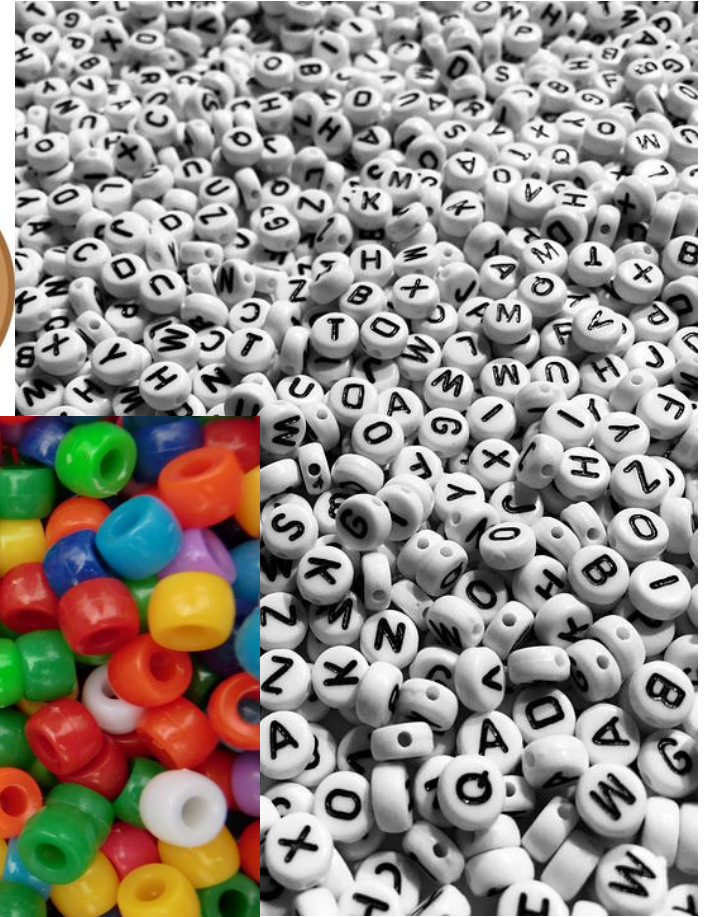
- Pick a true story
- Arrange story
- Block out frames
- Illustrate story



Personalized keychain/ bracelet

Ages 7-11

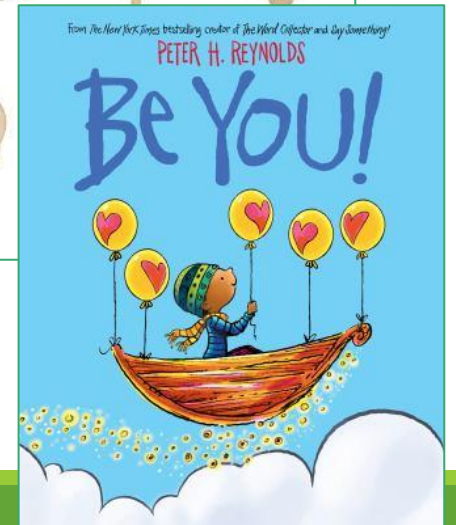
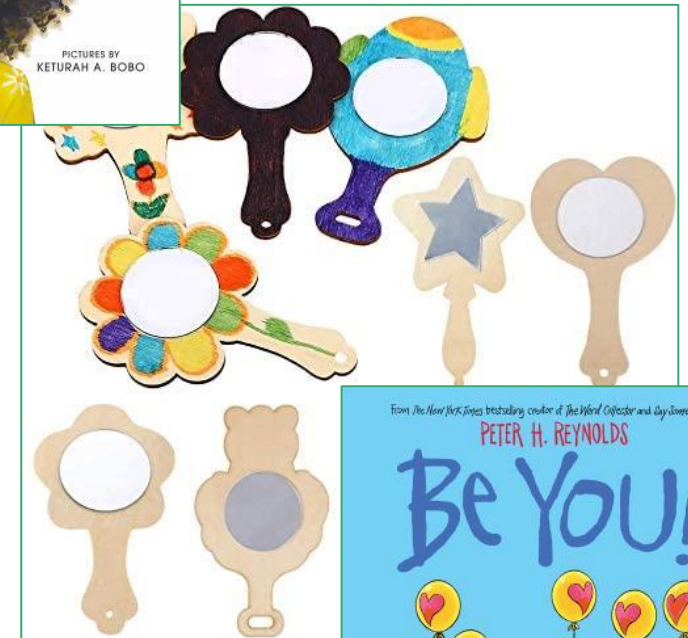
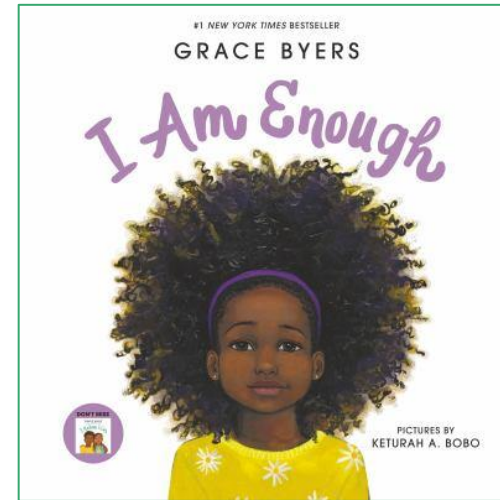
- Pick a word
- Find the letters
- String up beads



All About Me Mirror

Ages 5-11

- Read
- List your positive attributes
- Decorate a mirror



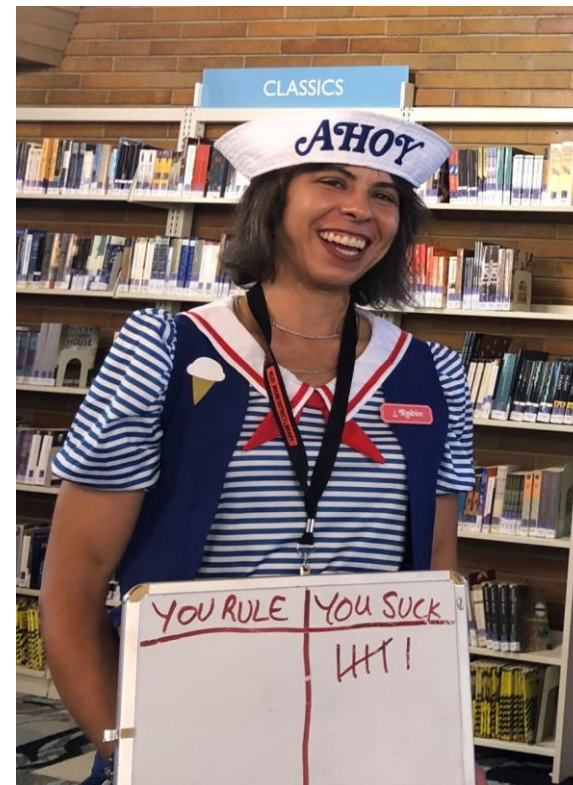
Teens

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Bensenville Community

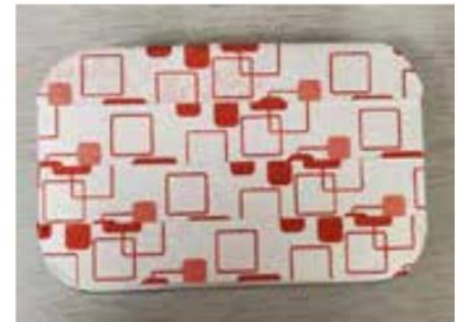
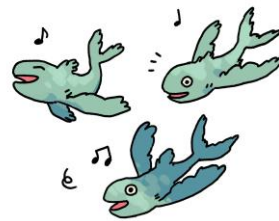
Public Library





Poetry:
Blackout
Chalk
Magnetic
Open Mic

<https://blackoutpoetry.glitch.me/>





Zines:

Making Mini Zines

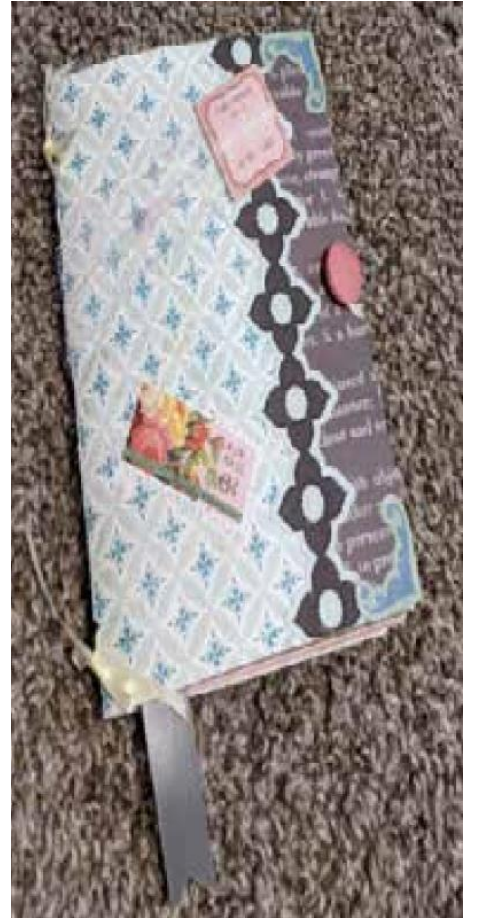
Passive Programming

Journals:

Bullet

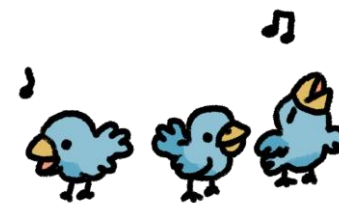
Smash

Upcycled





Podcasts: Listening Making



<https://teenagertherapy.com/>



Project ♥ Linus



*Providing
Security
Through
Blankets*

Volunteers:

Book Buddies

Gardening

Liberation Library

Project Linus

Summer Reading

Teen Advisory Groups

Adult

Presented by:

Lauren Pierce

Plainfield Area Public Library

*Find Your
Voice*



Vote Your Voice!



Why hold a voter awareness event?

- Voting is a fundamental right.
- Libraries are a safe place for information access.
- But what about the current tense state of American politics?
 - Ensure the event is non-partisan.
 - No campaigning or political discussion.
 - Prepare for the 2024 elections.

Encourage voter registration

At the event, provide:

- Registrars and paper applications
- Laptops or tablets for online registration
- Handouts with information about local election rules, timeframes, and voting methods
- Election trivia

Invite a speaker

Possible speakers:

- County Clerk
- Local history or law professor
- Former or current election judges

Possible topics:

- How to become an election judge
- Election and voting rights history
- Election rules and procedures
- Fact-checking and informed voting

Informed voting resources

- FactCheck: factcheck.org
- PolitiFact: politifact.com
- Vote Smart: justfacts.votesmart.org
- BallotReady: ballotready.org
- The Center for Public Integrity: publicintegrity.org
- NewsGuard: newsguardtech.com
- Illinois Voter Guide: illinoisvoterguide.org

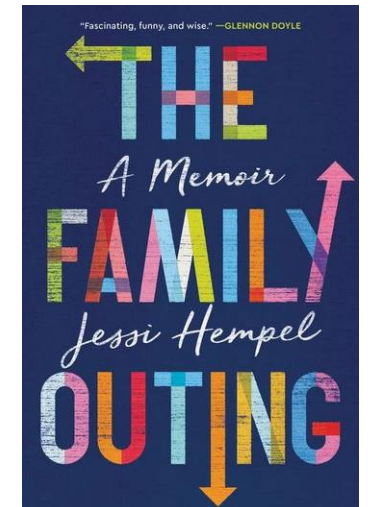
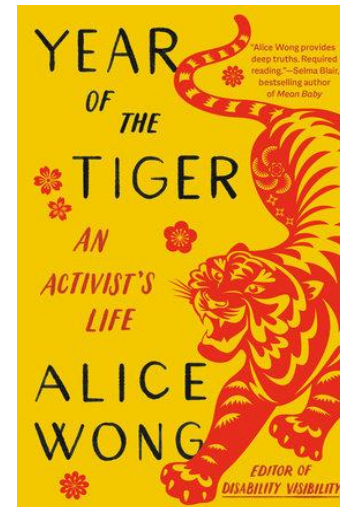
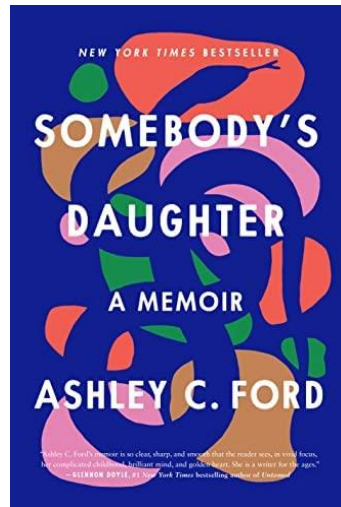
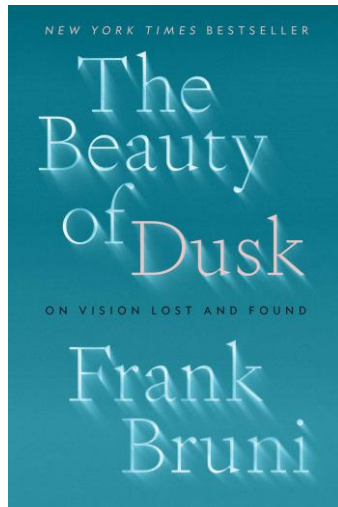
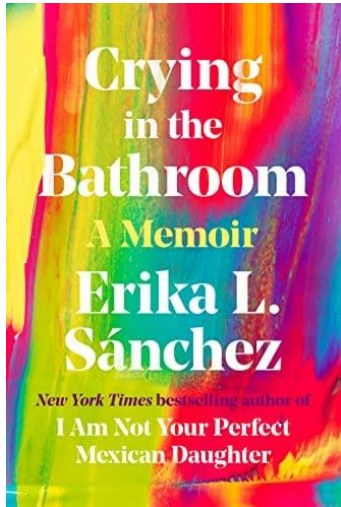
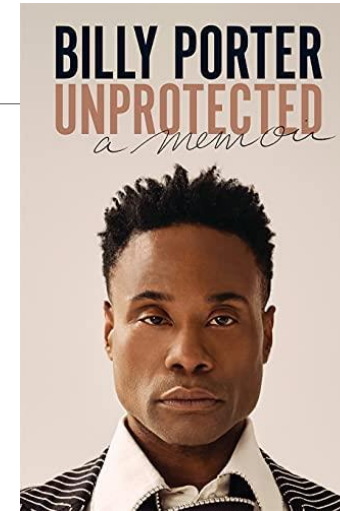
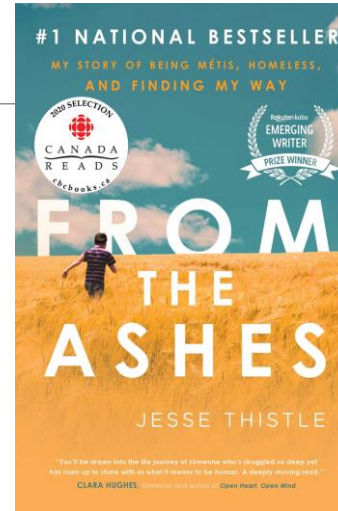
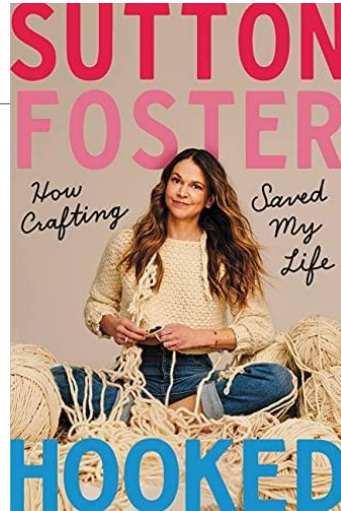
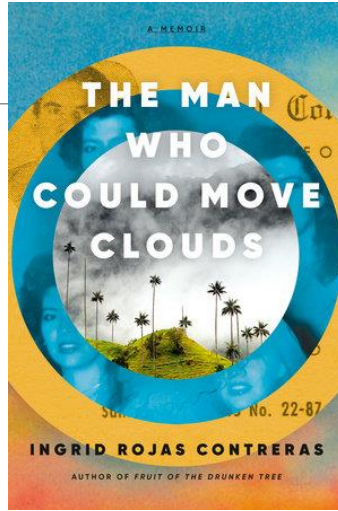
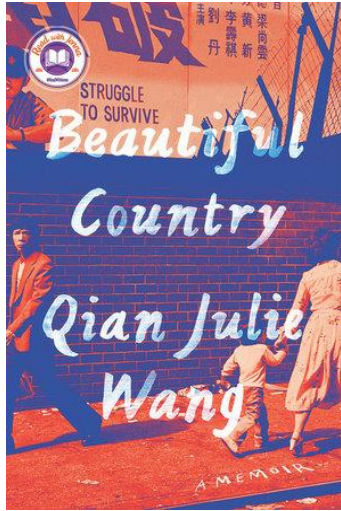
Voter advocacy groups

- [League of Women Voters: lwv.org](http://lwv.org)
- [Voting Rights Lab: votingrightslab.org](http://votingrightslab.org)
- [Brennan Center for Justice: brennancenter.org](http://brennancenter.org)
- [Common Cause: commoncause.org](http://commoncause.org)
- [When We All Vote: whenweallvote.org](http://whenweallvote.org)
- [Rock the Vote: rockthevote.org](http://rockthevote.org)
- [HeadCount: headcount.org](http://headcount.org)

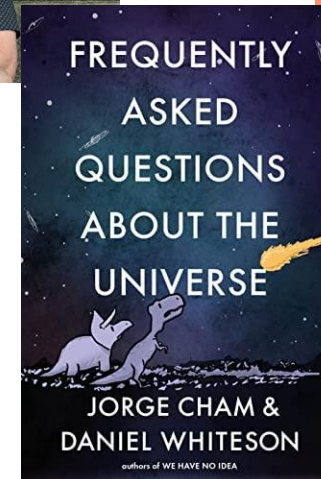
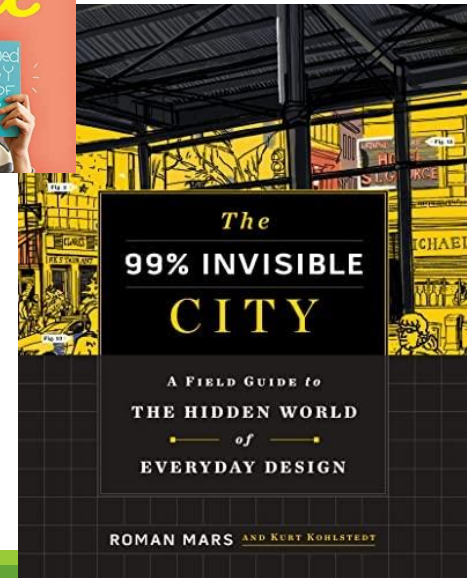
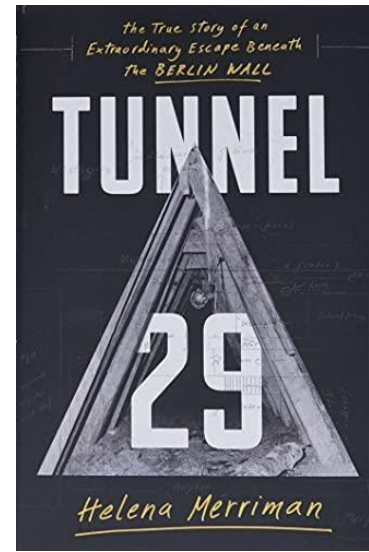
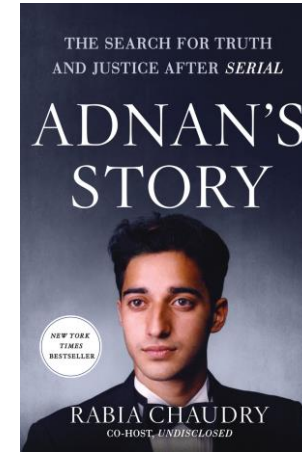
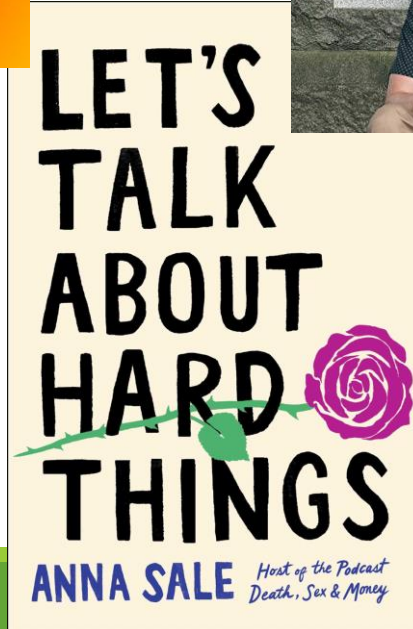
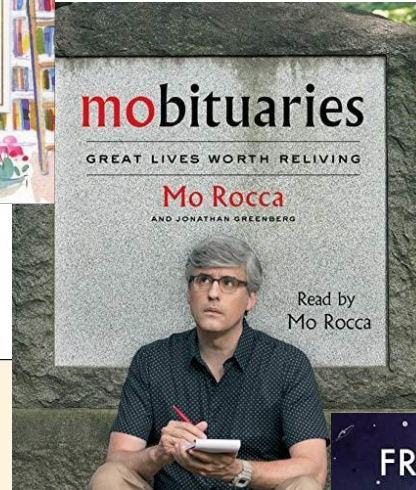
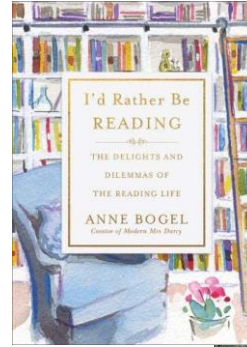
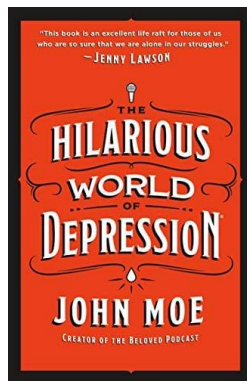
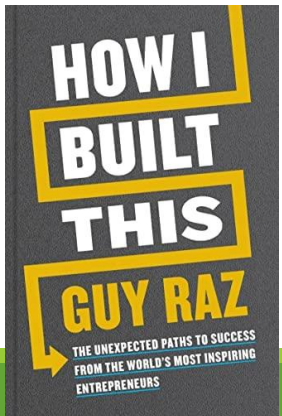
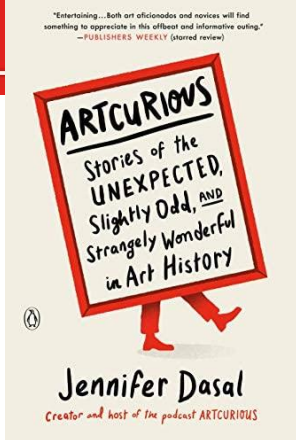
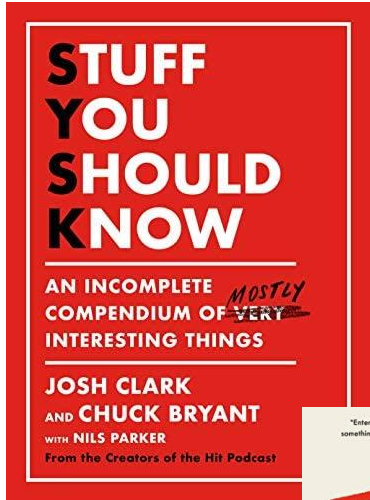
Book Discussion Ideas



Memoir book club



Podcast discussion group



All Ages

Presented by:

Ellen Fitzgerald

Naperville Public Library



Karaoke Night



Local Government Panel



Matching Rocks



Parents as Teachers



Find Your Voice Fair



Outreach

Presented by:
Emily Mroczek
Arlington Heights
Memorial Library



Part of the Whole:

Embedded Librarianship in Public Libraries

- “Embedded Librarianship” librarians who provide services in the users’ environment.
- Benefits include a better image for the library, additional support within the community, and effective planning for services, programming, and resources.
- Look for leaders in the community, organizations doing positive work in your community, and issues that will be important in your community over the next few years
- Look for areas in the community that need support. Who is underserved and could use extra support from the library? Which communities need more attention?
- Ask yourself these questions: Does the organization add value to the community? How can the library help them with what they need? Will this increase the public perception of the library in the community?
- Look at the skills and resources that you and your staff have to offer. Is anyone bilingual? Do you have adequate staffing for this type of project?
- Develop a plan. Begin by approaching organizations and offering your support. Start small and build relationships over time.

Making the Most of Summer Outreach



- Summer outreach brings access when school is out!
- Summer reading in schools and libraries
- Bookmobile pop-ups
- Partnering at community events
- Engaging outdoor programming



Fill Your Little Free Library with Kindness

- Create a book display with books featuring acts of kindness or have a storytime focused on kindness.
- Provide blank books for kids to write and illustrate their own books on kindness.
- Ask that children to share their books with the community by placing the books in local free Little Libraries.

Community Clean-Up Day

Program: Clean Up Club or Community Clean Up

Description: Encourage adults, teens, kids or families to join you on specific clean up days throughout the summer. Choose locations where litter is prevalent. You can also create your own group/volunteer day or campaign through the clean up give back organization (<https://cleanupgiveback.org/>). This organization will provide supplies and the logistics that involve a clean up day.

Supplies:

- Trash Bags large and small
- Gloves
- Trash Grabbers
- Sanitizer

[Cleanup Club Chicago](#)



Decorations

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UPCYCLED CDS!

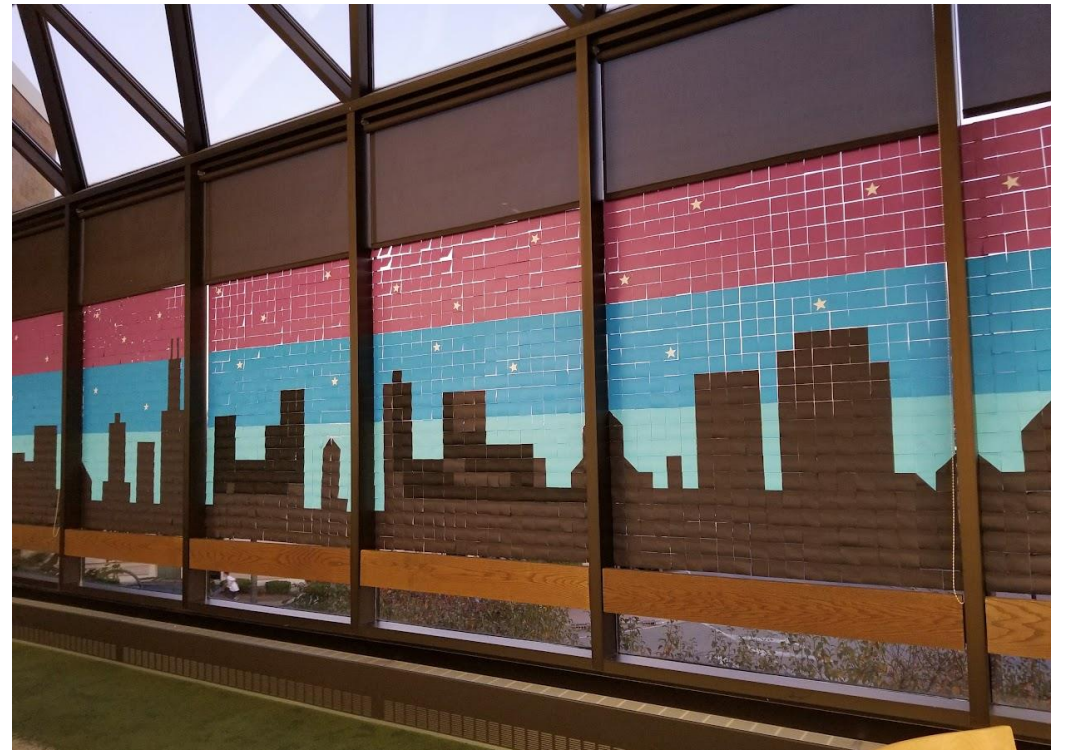


PATRON GENERATED ART!



Tiny Art Show at Benton Public Library:
<https://www.bentonlibrary.com/tiny-art-show-2/>

Post-it note art at Naperville Public Library



INTERACTIVE DISPLAY: PLEDGE WALL



Conversation Wall:

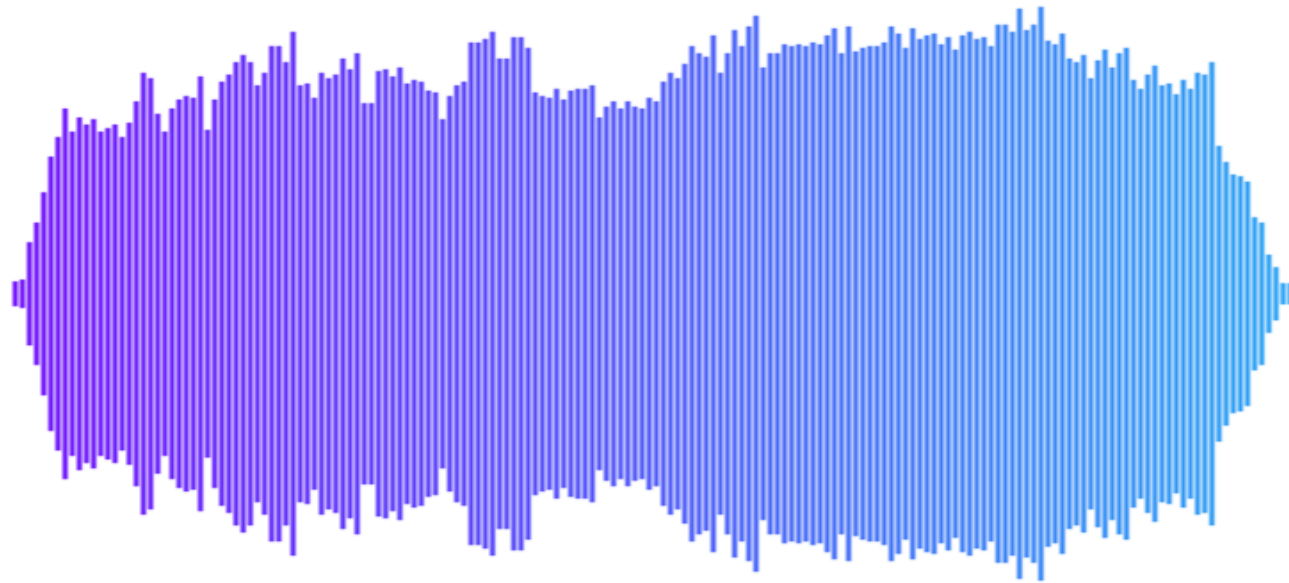
<https://www.behance.net/gallery/16443335/DAILY-TOUS-LES-JOURS-CONVERSATION-WALL/modules/112169249>



Climate Change Pledge:

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/events/exhibition/becoming-jane-pledge/>

SOUNDWAVE DISPLAY ART





Did you enjoy our presentation?

You are the I in iREAD!

**We need your submissions to
make the next guide!**

Resource Guide Submissions

- **Getting Started**
Publicity and Promotion; Registration and Recording; Staff Resources; and Slogans, Jokes, Tweets, and Quotes.
- **Crafts and Maker Ideas**
Please include a list of materials, sources for materials, step-by-step instructions, and resources. An original drawing, sample, and/or photograph is required.
- **Programming**
Participatory and Passive Programs, Storytimes, Events, and Presenters
- **Decorations and Displays**
Please include a list of materials, sources for materials, step-by-step instructions, and resources. An original drawing, sample, and/or photograph is required.
- **Bibliographies and Other Resources**
Fiction and nonfiction books, audio, or films for various ages. Indicate the reading level/interest category: board books, picture books, early readers, grades 2-6, teen, adult, or family.

The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

<https://www.ireadprogram.org/resources/summer-2024-read-renew-repeat/call-for-resource-guide-submissions>

Benefits of Submitting an Idea to the Resource Guide

- Help shape iREAD future programs
- Share your ideas and programming work with colleagues
- Have your name published in the iREAD Resource Guide
- Build up your resume

Starting in November Institutional Members of ILA can get a Resource Guide including 2023 Graphics for free!

Find Out How Here



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