

LAKE BLUFF PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2024

# *off the* SHELF

## GROUP

**READ BETWEEN THE RAVINES**

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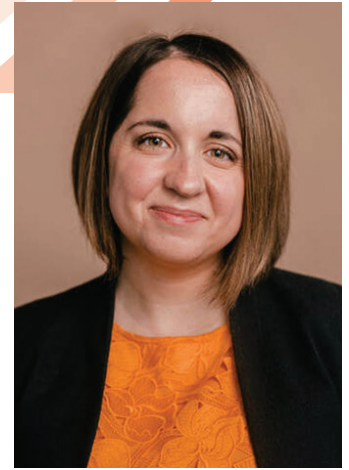


# Evaluating the Library's Hours Pilot

## Letter from the Director

By the time this issue of *Off the Shelf* is received in homes, the Library will have begun its third month of the Hours Pilot. To learn more about the Library's pilot of adjusted hours, visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/Pilot](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/Pilot).

A comprehensive evaluation of the Library's Hours Pilot requires the collection of data—both quantitative and qualitative—from a variety of sources. Each month of the pilot, I present this data for Library Trustees to review and discuss at their monthly Board meetings to inform a holistic understanding of the levels of impact of the pilot. I invite the community to listen in on these discussions and learn about our findings by attending a Library Board Meeting in-person or watching recordings of these meetings on the Library's YouTube Channel.



**We want to hear from you!**



Scan the code above to take our Pilot Hours Survey.

### Library Hours Pilot through June 30, 2024

#### MONDAY

10am - 6pm

#### TUESDAY

10am - 9pm

#### WEDNESDAY

10am - 6pm

#### THURSDAY

10am - 9pm

#### FRIDAY

10am - 5pm

#### SATURDAY

10am - 5pm

#### SUNDAY

Closed

In an effort of transparency and open communication, I'd like to share with the community the type of quantitative and qualitative data that the Board, staff, and I are reviewing in this evaluation. This data includes:

- Community feedback
- Assessment of staff capacity to deliver library services
- Analysis of staffing levels to ensure building safety and desk coverage
- Daily and monthly visit count statistics and trends
- Number of Library events cancelled or rescheduled
- Number of passport appointments cancelled

The Board and staff will continue to gather feedback from the community and analyze this data throughout the six-month pilot. At that point, the Board will consider next steps—finalize the pilot hours as the new operating hours of the Library; make changes to the pilot hours, or extend the existing pilot to gather more data. As is our practice, the Library will continue to communicate out broadly and openly across all our channels, so that you are informed every step of the way.

The Library's ability to provide regular hours of operation relies on strong financial planning. That is why at the end of February, the Board and I participated in the organization's first Board Retreat, with the goal of discussing the Library's financial goals and priorities. During this retreat, we discussed the Library's current financial standing, received a presentation from a registered municipal advisory firm on financial opportunities, and strategized for future Library needs to ensure the sustainability of the organization. The Trustees and I look forward to reporting out about the Board Retreat to the community and sharing next steps.

The Library wants to hear from you. Attend a Board Meeting and participate in public comment, or email me directly at [rgrassi@lakeblufflibrary.org](mailto:rgrassi@lakeblufflibrary.org). We also invite feedback about the Hours Pilot in our brief three-question online survey available at [LakeBluffLibrary.org/PilotSurvey](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/PilotSurvey).

## New Resource: Rosetta Stone

Learn another language with your Library card



Lake Bluff Public Library now provides free access to Rosetta Stone to learn a new language from the comfort of your home. You can use it to refine your grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and conversation skills in

30 distinct languages. Learning a new language can expand job prospects, prepare for travel, and strengthen community connections with neighbors.

### Languages include:

- Spanish (Latin America or Spain)
- English (American or British)
- French
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- German
- Hebrew
- Latin

### Core Features

- Virtual Live Lessons with a Rosetta Stone coach
- On-Demand Videos
- Phrasebooks for travel
- Pronunciation feedback
- Free app available for iOS and Android

Ready to get started? Get your Lake Bluff Library card number and visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/RosettaStone](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/RosettaStone).

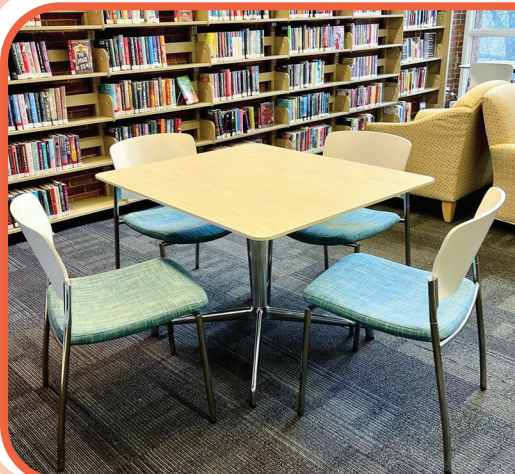
## Eclipse Glasses **R**

3/25 at 10am: Registration Opens

4/1 – 4/5: Order Pickup

4/6: First come, first served for remainder of supplies

The total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 will be the last total eclipse visible from North America until 2044. To celebrate this event, the Lake Bluff Library will provide a limited number of eclipse glasses to the public. Registration will open on March 25 for the initial release. After the pickup time has expired, we will have an additional pickup day available for the remainder of our supplies on Saturday, April 6. Eclipse glasses are limited to 2 pairs of glasses per household. *This program is funded by the Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants from Illinois State Library. Additional eclipse glasses were donated by the Adler Planetarium.*



### New study tables!

Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library, we were able to replace our study tables and chairs on the first and second floors earlier this winter. To learn more about the Friends, visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/Friends](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/Friends)

## Coming Soon!

NEW MONTHLY



### Bonus Borrows are back at Hoopla!

Bonus Borrows will be available in Hoopla for the last seven days of each month, starting in March! Choose from a selection of TV shows, movies, comics and manga, eBooks, and audiobooks without using your monthly borrows. Never tried Hoopla? Learn more at [LakeBluffLibrary.org/eBooks](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/eBooks).

## Growing Green at Lake Bluff Library

### Seed Library reopens 3/15

You better be-leaf it: the Seed Library will be reopening on March 15. Stop by the Library foyer to check out our collection or visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/SeedLibrary](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/SeedLibrary) to order seeds online. The Seed Library is sponsored by the Davey Tree Expert Company.

### No Mow May

#### Throughout May

May is going to be a *lawn* month for the Library this year. No Mow May is an initiative that encourages people to pause mowing for the month of May to support local pollinators during a time when floral resources are limited. Starting May 1, the Library will be participating in No Mow May. Visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/NoMowMay](http://LakeBluffLibrary.org/NoMowMay) for more information, as well as a chance to win a \$100 Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce gift card.



# READ BETWEEN THE RAVINES

## TWO COMMUNITIES, ONE NONFICTION BOOK

Lake Bluff Public Library and Lake Forest Library are proud to present our sixth annual Read Between the Ravines. This Two Communities, One Nonfiction Book program brings together the Lake Bluff and Lake Forest communities with the purpose of enhancing nonfiction literacy and inspiring discussion around real-world issues. Our 2024 selection is *Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life* by Christie Tate. For more information about Read Between the Ravines partnership with Lake Forest Library, visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR).



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### An Evening with Christie Tate | 4/12 at 6:30pm at the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff

Please join us as we present author Christie Tate in conversation with Dr. Steve Miller from Rosalind Franklin University. Light refreshments will be served with a book signing to follow.



**LBPL** - Register through [LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/RBR)

**LFL** - Register through [LakeForestLibrary.org/RBR](https://LakeForestLibrary.org/RBR)

#### Explore Music Therapy | 3/5 at 7pm **LFL R**

Join Nancy Swanson from Northshore Music Therapy for an interactive demonstration and overview of the benefits of music therapy. No music background is necessary.

#### Paws for Patrick | 3/9 at 10am **LFL R**

Join Paws for Patrick for a presentation and therapy dog visit. Paws for Patrick is a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting young people to emotional support animals and therapy dogs. If you have allergies, please take care and note that there will be a therapy dog present at this event.

#### Afternoon Book Club | 3/19 at 2:30pm **LBPL**

Join Carol at the Library for an insightful book discussion of *Furiously Happy* by Jenny Lawson. Lawson examines her own experience with depression and explains how it has led her to live life to the fullest.

#### Afternoons with Judy Levin

3/21 from 12pm - 1:15pm **LFL R H**

Join us for an in-person or Zoom discussion of *Group*.

#### K-9 Therapy | 3/28 at 7pm **LBPL R**

Learn about the health benefits of therapy dogs from K-9 Reading Buddies, a non-profit organization that supplements literacy programs with registered therapy dogs and their qualified handlers. If you have allergies, please take care and note that there will be a therapy dog present at this event.

#### Group Book Discussion | 4/2 at 7pm **LBPL R**

Join Jillian at the Lake Bluff Library for a discussion of *Group*.

#### Declutter & Destress: 7 Ways to Simplify Your Life

4/3 at 7pm **LFL R V**

Ready to streamline all areas of your life? Log on to Zoom with author and organizer Jamie Novak as she shares how to declutter more than just physical items.

#### Dickinson Hall Book Discussion

4/4 at 11am at Dickinson Hall **R**

Join Lake Forest and Lake Bluff librarians at Dickinson Hall (100 E Old Mill Rd, Lake Forest) as we discuss this year's Read Between the Ravines book *Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life* by Christie Tate. To register for this program, please call Dickinson Hall at 847-234-2209.

#### Tween & Teen Crafts: Blackout Poetry

4/11 from 4pm to 5:30pm

Ages 9 - 18 **LBPL R**

Write and illustrate a found poem using a book page with Cassandra Anzelone from Art Impact Project. Artists are welcome to display their poems in the Youth Services Department for National Poetry Month.

#### Memoir Writing Workshop with Christie Tate

4/13 at 10am **LFL R**

Join us for a memoir writing workshop with Christie Tate.



# Illinois Libraries Present

## Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

3/20 at 7pm **R** **V**

Join us for a special event with two-time Academy Award-winning costume designer, Ruth E. Carter. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award for Best Costume Design for the film, *Black Panther*.

## Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers | 4/3 at 7pm **R** **V**

Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple 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. Dr. Grandin's research and understanding of animal behavior spearheaded a reform in the quality of life for agricultural animals worldwide.

## The Many Lives of Kal Penn | 5/7 at 7pm **R** **V**

Join us for a conversation with Kal Penn, an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for starring roles in *Designated Survivor*, *House*, *The Namesake*, the *Harold & Kumar* franchise, and many others.

*These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office for the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).*

## Celebrating the Cherry Blossom Festival: Art for All Ages

3/13 at 4pm | Ages 9+ **R**

Join educator Yvonne Wolf for an overview of Japan and its famous cherry blossom festivals and help welcome spring with a papercutting cherry blossom craft. *This program is funded by the Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants from Illinois State Library.*

## Trivia Night @ LB Brewing Co.

3/18, 4/8, and 5/13 at 7pm **R**

Register your team of up to 6 people for a night of Trivia at LB Brewing Co. Heads up: registration will now open at 7pm on the Tuesday before the event.

## Afternoon Book Club at 2:30pm

Join Carol at the Library for an insightful book discussion. Here's what we're reading this quarter:

**3/19:** *Furiously Happy*

by Jenny Lawson

**4/16:** *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

## 5/21: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

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## Garden Task Force

5/8 and 5/22 at 4pm

## All Ages

Help our garden grow! Join Library staff in preparing the Learning Garden for the season. The Learning Garden is sponsored by Davey Tree Expert, Co.

## Your library card unlocks:

### Movies



### Documentaries



### Television Series



### Kids Shows

### Ideas



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Films that matter

Start watching at  
[LakeBluffLibrary.kanopy.com](https://lakeblufflibrary.kanopy.com)



## New Resource: Educate Station

Access learning tools for Pre-K—5<sup>th</sup> grade with your library card



Educate Station provides ready-to-use, hands-on activities for kids to do at home or at school. Their content is created by a team of passionate educators, who bring expertise, teaching credentials, and years of experience as classroom teachers and curriculum developers.

The Educate Station team is committed to inspiring joyful learning and supporting kids, teachers, and parents.

Educate Stations offers prekindergarten through 5th grade learning plans, worksheets, and activities on the following topics:

- Math
- English Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Social and Emotional Learning

Ready to get started? Get your Lake Bluff Library card number and head on over to [LakeBluffLibrary.org/EducateStation](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/EducateStation).



### Did you know...?

Educate Station is one of several resources that the Library offers to support learning. Visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/LearningResources](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/LearningResources) and learn more about the digital resources and library services that we offer for primary school students.

1,000 books  
before kindergarten

### Ages 0-6

Whether your child is three months old or three years old, reading helps build social and emotional skills, sparks creativity, and promotes bonding. Visit the Youth Services desk at the Library to sign up. Happy reading!



## TEENS

### VolunTEENS @ the Library! | Ages 13-18

Opportunities to volunteer at the Lake Bluff Public Library will be available throughout the spring. Please submit a volunteer application through the website at [LakeBluffLibrary.org/TeenVolunteer](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/TeenVolunteer), and we will send you a calendar of events to choose from.

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Ages 9 - 18 **R**

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# STORYWALK

**4/1-4/30**

The Lake Bluff Public Library, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Lake Bluff are pleased to partner again to bring you a spring StoryWalk® in downtown Lake Bluff, sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Bluff Library. This year's StoryWalk® selection will be *Moon: Earth's Best Friend* by Stacy McAnulty. StoryWalk® is a fun way for the whole family to take a stroll through downtown Lake Bluff and enjoy a story at the same time. For more information about participating businesses and how to enter our raffle for a copy of the book and a Crescent Moon stuffie, visit [LakeBluffLibrary.org/Storywalk](https://LakeBluffLibrary.org/Storywalk).



## Grab & Go Crafts

### Fridays, while supplies last

Pop into the library and grab a craft to go! Every week a new craft will be available, while supplies last.

## Drop In Messy Craft

**3/2, 4/6, and 5/4 from 11am - 12pm**  
**Ages 2 - 12**

Bring your kid in for some messy fun at the library, and we'll handle the clean up! Smaller children will need the help of an adult.

## Sensory Storytime | 3/9 at 10:30am

### Ages 3+ (with an adult) **R**

Join us for an inclusive and interactive storytime, sensory play, songs, and lots of fun! In an effort to respect different sensory sensitivities, space will be limited; however, drop-ins will be accommodated if the session is not full.

## Baby & Me

**Tuesdays, 3/12 - 4/16 at 10:30am**  
**Ages 0 - 2 (with an adult)**

Join us with your littlest ones for this laid back program. Children will listen to a short story, then socialize, play with age appropriate toys,

and listen to music. Chat with other grown-ups while the kids play.

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## Storytime: Together Time

**Thursdays, 3/14 - 4/18 at 10:30am**

**Ages 2+ (with an adult)**

Kids and their adults can join us for stories, songs, and finger plays.

## Chess Club

**3/16 and 4/20 at 1pm**

**Ages 6 - 12 **R****

Whether you are new to chess, or seeking to hone your techniques, Mark Hamilton will provide chess guidance to help you improve your game.

## K9 Reading Buddies

**3/18 and 4/15 from 4pm - 5pm**

**Ages 6 - 11 **R****

Independent readers can sign up for a 15-minute session and read to a trained therapy dog.

## Super Silly Egg Hunt

**3/23 - 3/30**

Get egg-cited, it's time to crack a joke! Hunt for eggs around the Youth Services department and discover silly jokes.

## Space Week

**4/6 - 4/13**

Pop into the Youth Services department for special themed activities and crafts to celebrate the solar eclipse.

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### Blackout Poetry

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## Star Wars Week

**4/27 - 5/4**

Calling all young padawans! We're celebrating Star Wars in the week leading up to May the Fourth. Stop by the Youth Services department for special themed activities and crafts.

## Garden Task Force

**5/8 and 5/22 at 4pm**

**All Ages**

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## Save the Date

Beginning in 2024, the Phyllis Fox Writing and Bookmark Design Contest will be held in the fall. Dates for this year's contest will be announced in the Fall 2024 newsletter.



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## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held in person at the Library in the Spruth Room and streamed live on Zoom.

**Tuesday, 3/19 at 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, 4/16 at 7:00pm**

**Tuesday, 5/21 at 7:00pm**

## LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports capital improvements at the Library.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are a non-profit organization that raises funds to support the Library.

## UPCOMING FRIENDS MEETINGS

**Saturday, 4/20 at 11:00am**

## STATEMENT ON PROGRAMMING

All Library programs are free of charge and open to everyone. You do not need a Library card to attend a program. Library programs are presented to offer differing viewpoints, and are not intended as endorsement by the Library of views expressed by, or actions suggested by, individual speakers or groups.

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