

**JULY - DECEMBER**



DEKALB  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

309 Oak Street  
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-3369

---

Visit us in person or at [dkpl.org](http://dkpl.org)

For more information about these events  
and exhibits, please contact us  
at (815) 756-9568 ext. 2150 or [adref@dkpl.org](mailto:adref@dkpl.org)

---



---

**Celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Declaration  
of Independence with special  
events and exhibits at our  
library throughout 2026!**

---



**All Ages Story Time: Independence Day**

7/1 @10AM, for children

**America the Beautiful: History and Craft**

7/1 @2PM, for all ages

**Art Attack: Flowers Inspired by Georgia O'Keefe**

7/1 @4PM, for ages 8 and up

**American-themed Teen Escape Room**

7/2 @3PM, for teens

**Diamond Painting: Patriotic Magnets**

7/2 @6:30PM, for teens and adults

**Spice of the Month: Creole Spice**

Available beginning 7/7, while supplies last

**Meet and Greet with the Institute for Civility**

7/7 @9:30AM, for teens and adults

**Bookworm Barbs: *Growing Up Pedro***

7/9 @3PM, for grades K-2



**JULY**



**Cricut Cutting: Patriotic Stickers**

7/9 @3PM, for teens and adults

**BARB Book Club: *Big Bad Ironclad***

7/9 @4PM, for grades 3-5

**General Book Club: *The Pioneers***

7/9 @7PM, for adults

**Summer of Love Tie-dye Party**

7/10 @2PM, for ages 5-13

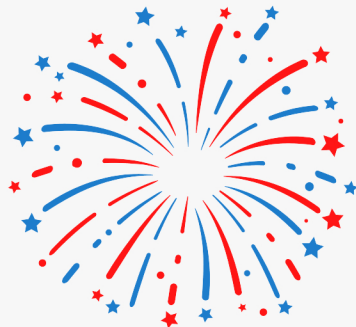
**Rascals, Roustabouts, and River Pirates:**

**Riverboat Days on the Western Frontier**

7/10 @6:30PM, for all ages

**Hidden Histories: *Forgotten Stories from the Past***

7/11 @1PM, for teens and adults



**DECEMBER**



**John Denver Singalong**

12/2 @2PM, for all ages

**American Cookie Tasting**

12/4 @1:30Pm, for teens

**Senior Book Club: *Fever in the Heartland***

12/8 @11AM, for adults

**1870s Take Home Craft for Kids**

Available beginning 12/14, while supplies last

**Art Attack: Temporary Tattoos Inspired by Sailor Jerry**

12/16 @4PM, for children



**Valley Forge Book Discussion**

12/19 @1PM, for adults

We'll honor the arrival of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in 1777 by reading the nonfiction book *Valley Forge*, a true American underdog story that perfectly captures the innovation, energy, and birth of our nation.

# NOVEMBER

## **Art Attack: Native American Basket Weaving**

11/4 @4PM, for children

## **Teens Vote! Part 1: Nominees and Debates**

11/6 @1:30PM, for teens

## **2000 Take-Home Craft for Kids**

Available beginning 11/9, while supplies last

## **Romance Book Club: *The Widow of Rose House***

11/9 @7PM, for adults

## **The Happy Invention: The History & Significance of Picture Postcards**

11/18 @6PM, for adults

## **First Annual Adult Spelling Bee**

11/19 @5:30PM, for adults

## **Teens Vote! Part 2: Voting and Results**

11/20 @1:30PM, for teens

## **The Port Chicago Story,**

11/21 @11AM, for all ages

## **Celebrating Japanese-American Heritage in Chicago**

11/21 @2PM, for all ages

## **The History of HIV/AIDS Activism in the US**

11/22 @2PM, for adults

## **Story Times and Crafts: Thanksgiving**

11/24 @9:15 and 10:15AM  
and 11/25 @10AM, for children

## **We the People: Protest Songs and Stories through the Ages**

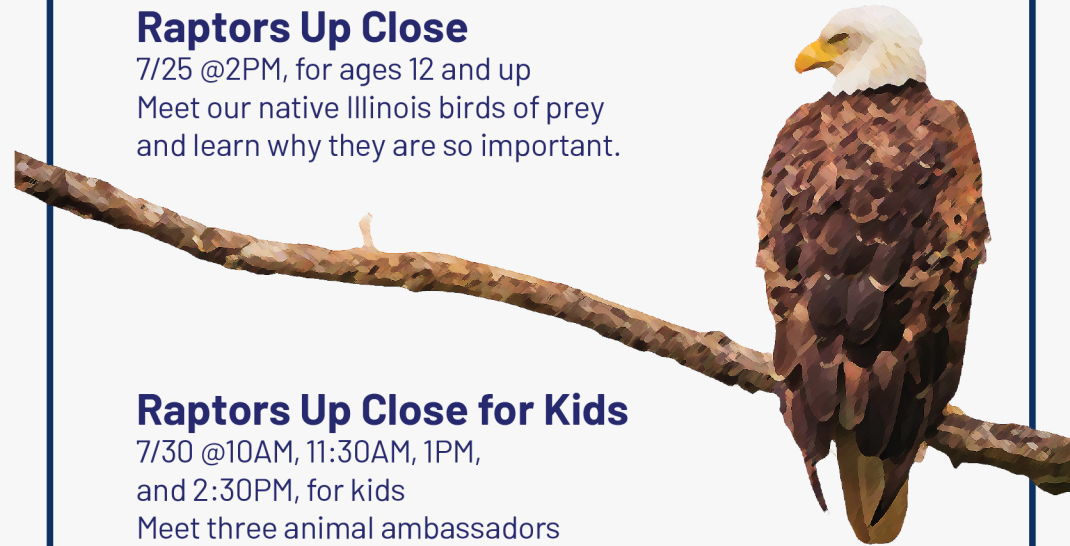
11/14 @2PM, for all ages  
Barry Cloyd presents a program featuring tales of people like Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Sam Cooke, and Billie Holiday who have fought discrimination.



## **Raptors Up Close**

7/25 @2PM, for ages 12 and up

Meet our native Illinois birds of prey and learn why they are so important.



## **Raptors Up Close for Kids**

7/30 @10AM, 11:30AM, 1PM,

and 2:30PM, for kids

Meet three animal ambassadors and learn about their behaviors and habitat!

## **1960s Take-Home Craft for Kids**

Available beginning 7/13, while supplies last

## **Guided Gesture Drawing: Birds of North America**

7/16 @6:30PM, for teens and adults

## **Patriotic Painting with the DAR**

7/17 @2PM, for children

## **The History of Piercings in America**

7/20 @7PM, for adults

## **Your Family's Place in History**

7/22 @6:30PM, for adults

## **Guided Gesture Drawing: American Iconography**

7/23 @7:30PM, for teens and adults

## **Lunch and Learn with the Institute for Civility**

7/28 @12PM, for teens and adults

## **Open Paint**

7/30, 5-7PM, for teens and adults



# AUGUST

## **The Center of Knowledge: A Brief History of Public Libraries**

8/1 @2PM, for teens and adults

## **What They Carried in the American Revolutionary War**

8/5 @6PM, for all ages

## **Early Frontier Corn Husk Dolls**

8/6 @2PM, for children

## **Folding Origami Cranes**

8/6 @3PM, for all ages



## **Dennis Stroughmatt and The Honky-Tonk Circus: Western Swing and Texas Dancehall Sounds**

8/8 @6:30PM, for all ages

Prepare to take a journey from Tennessee to Texas, experiencing a mix of songs that tell the story of the history of American Country music!

## **1970s Take-Home Craft for Kids**

Available beginning 8/10, while supplies last

## **Story Times and Crafts: Hot Dogs**

8/11 @9:15 and 10:15AM and 8/12 @10AM, for children

## **Know Your Rights Training (English and Español)**

8/11 @2:30PM, for adults

## **Patriotic Can Koozies**

8/13, for adults

## **American Artist Celebration**

8/13 @5PM, for teens



## **Retro Trick-or-Treat**

10/17, 12-4PM, for all ages

Journey back in time as you Trick-or-Treat your way through the library, sampling candies from a bygone era! Enjoy old-fashioned American classics from Halloweens past, and maybe find a new favorite!

## **The History of Banned Books in America**

10/6 @6:30PM, for adults

## **1990s Take Home Craft for Kids**

Available beginning 10/12, while supplies last

## **Story Times and Crafts: Apple Pie**

10/13 @9:15 and 10:15AM and 10/14 @10AM, for children

## **LGBTQ+ Individuals in American History Trivia**

10/23 @1:30PM, for teens

## **The American Safety Net: How We Survived the Depression**

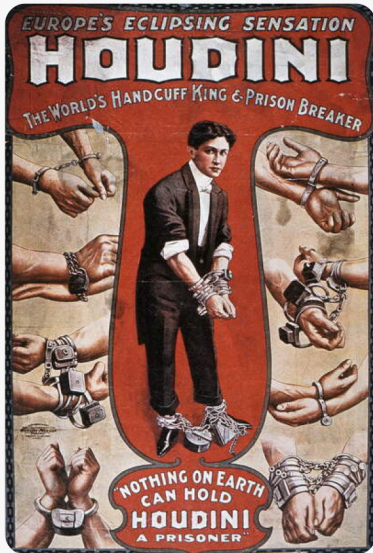
10/24 @2PM, for all ages

## **Urban Legends: Fact or Fiction**

10/28 @6PM, for adults



# OCTOBER



## The Essential Houdini

10/8 @6PM,  
for ages 16 and up  
Discover the art of magic and illusion as William Pack presents this special interactive program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Harry Houdini!

## Lizzie Borden and the Borden Murders

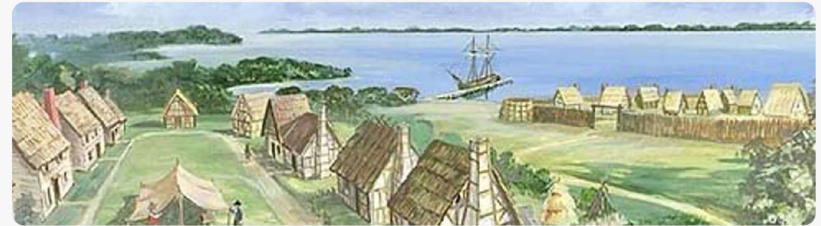
10/10, 2-4PM,  
for teens and adults  
Chicago actor and storyteller, and native of Fall River, Massachusetts, Edward Dzialo, shares the details of the unsolved double murders, and paints a fascinating picture of Lizzie, both before and after the gruesome event, including the use of photos, historical records, and memorabilia.



## Becoming the United States: Colonial America to Reconstruction

8/17 through 9/11, for all ages

This exhibit is designed to introduce children to the beginnings of American history, and challenge them to think critically about firsthand historical accounts.



## Tales of Legendary Heroines of the Wild West

8/13 @6PM, for adults

## The Unbroken Code: Native Code Talkers

8/14 @1PM, for adults

## The Golden Age of Radio: Commercials

8/20 @6PM, for adults

## On the Road with Bill Clevlen

8/26 @6:30PM, for teens and adults

## Open Paint

8/27, 5-7PM, for adults

## Heirlooms: Your Family History is American History

8/31 @6:30PM, for teens and adults

## A Slice of History: Learn to Bake Traditional White Bread

8/22 @2PM, for teens and adults  
Celebrate American history and learn to make our nation's favorite bread!



# SEPTEMBER

## Drop-In Voter Registration

9/8 @6:30PM, for adults

## Batman: An American Icon

9/9 @7PM, for all ages

## Bookworm Barbs: *The Long Way to a New Land*

9/10 @4PM, for grades K-2

## History & Techniques of Irish Lace

9/11, 2-4PM, for adults

## Walt Whitman: America's Poet

9/12 @2PM, for all ages  
Experience Walt, the man—Hear the beauty and power of his poetry elevated when heard as a living voice, rather than a historical artifact.



## 1980s Take-Home Craft for Kids

Available beginning 8/14, while supplies last

## Constitution Week Games

9/15 @3:30PM, for teens

## Art Attack: Drip Paintings Inspired by Jackson Pollock

9/16 @4PM, for kids

## 8 Countries in 1 Day: Colonial America

9/19, 11AM - 2PM, for all ages



Enjoy food, games, and crafts celebrating our shared past, as 'Colonial America' joins seven other nations for our '8 Countries in 1 Day' event!

## Bourbon: The American Spirit

9/21 @6:30PM

## Lego Club: National Monuments

9/24 @4PM, for children

## Irish Labor & Music : Jimmy Keane

9/26 @2PM, for all ages

## Drop-In Voter Registration

9/29 @4:30PM, for adults

## The History of Motown Records

9/30 @6PM, for all ages

## The History of the Lincoln Highway

9/26 @11AM, for all ages  
Explore the history of DeKalb's most famous road! Retired history teacher and docent Karl Bruhn will share stories and images of its history, from its inception to its final mile.

