



Library
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EXPEDITION

2023

February 1 - March 31

We hope you are up for a challenge!
Your mission is to visit the 13 participating libraries in McHenry County.
All are welcome, whether you have a library card or not. Visit area
libraries, explore their offerings and have fun along the way!

Welcome!



START

Register at any of the 13 participating McHenry County libraries. There, you will receive your bookmark. Following the map, visit the other libraries (in any order), and collect a different ribbon and sticker for your bookmark at each one. You can check out books and materials at the participating libraries. (You may have to fill out additional paperwork to do so. Check each libraries' circulation policies.)

FINISH

At your 13th library, report that you've finished your expedition by showing this brochure or your bookmark. You'll be entered for a chance to win one of 13 gift baskets. The baskets are filled with gift cards from local businesses throughout McHenry County.

PRIZES

Winners will be drawn from among the sorted entries and notified via phone or email after March 31. Winners can pick up baskets at the Woodstock Public Library. (If that is not convenient, other arrangements can be made.)

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Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin Eastgate Branch is located at 115 Eastgate Drive (visit either one)

You'll be welcomed by our friendly staff at Algonquin Library! Check out our large and diverse collection of over 190,000 items including: STEM and Early Learning kits, tablets, world language books, homework center items and video games. Stop by our fish tank and say hello to our famous puffer fish, Meatball, and his fishy friends. Kids can enjoy a scavenger hunt and bring home a take-and-make craft. Adults and teens, check out the cool and creative things happening in our Makerspace! Find us at aapld.org or 847-458-6060.

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Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary

Everyone is welcome at the Cary Area Public Library, whether you have a card with us or not! We host a variety of fun, informative and engaging programs and videos for all ages. Most of our collection is available to anyone with a valid library card, and our doors are open for browsing, research and studying. For this year's expedition, we'll have an all-ages Seek and Find activity, and explorers can search for hidden origami representations of woodland critters. Explorers can grab a take-and-make kit to make an origami critter of their own. Find us at caryarealibrary.org or 847-639-4210.

3**Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake**

Crystal Lake Public Library boasts a large collection of materials that includes literacy, STEM and teen kits. During the expedition, try our gumball machine with reading prompts and buttons in Adult Services. Then visit Youth Services to play our mini golf hole and experience the magical world of "Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them." You can also enjoy a scavenger hunt and crafts at the Creation Station. Find us at clpl.org (chat online) or call 815-459-1687.

4**Fox River Grove Memorial Library, 407 Lincoln Ave., Fox River Grove**

Small library, big ideas! At the Fox River Grove Memorial Library, we are very proud of our exemplary small-town customer service, popular story times, outstanding programs, a huge Ferris wheel, running club, and monthly take-and-make kits for all ages! When you visit us during this year's expedition, you can create an origami fox in Adult Services and play a life-sized version of Candyland in the Youth Department. Closed Feb. 20 for Presidents Day. Find us at frgml.org or 847-639-2274.

5**Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard**

There's so much to do when visiting the Harvard Diggins Library! Surrounded by Lion's Park, library visitors can check out a book or movie, and then enjoy time at the nearby playground or sledding hill. Follow the walking path to enjoy the Harvard Community StoryWalk. During the expedition, the library's display cases will feature memorabilia from the Greater Harvard Area Historical Society. Visitors can enjoy a scavenger hunt throughout the library. Don't leave without asking to see the 100-year-old butterfly collection. Find us at harvard-diggins.org or 815-943-4671. Closed Sundays and Feb. 20 for Presidents Day.

6**Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley**

There are many reasons to love the Huntley Area Public Library including access to books, music, movies, video games, eBooks and audiobooks. A valid library card provides endless opportunities to explore exciting technology such as 3D printing or converting VHS tapes, film negatives, photos, vinyl records or cassettes to digital formats. Enjoy our 2023 Scavenger Hunt. Grab a seat by the fireplace and warm up with an enjoyable book! Before you leave, stop by the Children's Library for a Grab 'N' Go craft, build an igloo from LEGOS® or play a board game. Find us at huntleylibrary.org or 847-669-5386.

7**Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg**

A small but MIGHTY library! We're well known for our extensive home school resource collection, which is also available to non-homeschoolers. Since our town doesn't have a park district, we work hard to provide imaginative and interesting programs for all ages that are open to anyone regardless of where they live. We've added a Library of Things, allowing people to check out non-traditional library items. Our most popular item is our ginormous Connect 4! Come visit us and say "hi" to our sloth mascot Sparky Butterscotch! Find us at johnsburglibrary.org or 815-344-0077.

8**Marengo-Union Library, 19714 East Grant Hwy., Marengo**

MULD offers a large selection of materials for all ages including books, games and Wonderbooks. The library also offers a variety of fun and educational programming both virtually and in person. Make sure you visit our Friends of the MULD bookstore for great prices on books and DVDs. During the 2023 expedition, we will have a scavenger hunt and a take-and-make car craft available for children. Visit muld.org, or call us at 815-568-8236.

9**McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry**

Everyone is welcome at McHenry Public Library! We strive to serve our community, from audiobooks to video games and everything in between. We also offer a variety of programs for the whole family. Come check us out! Kids, while you're here, be sure to find out what book Eddie the elephant is reading. Adults, take a picture with a book hiding part of your face! Find us at mchenrylibrary.org or 815-385-0036.

10**Nippersink Public Library, 5418 Hill Road, Richmond**

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, NPL has wonderful partnerships with local businesses, such as Anderson's Candy Shop. Ask about our popular take-and-make kits for kids. Expedition visitors can participate in fun activities such as our weekly Scavenger Hunt and I Spy Challenges, a Guess the Number contest, and an expedition craft for families! Find us at nippersinklibrary.org or 815-678-4014.

11**River East Public Library, 813 W. IL Route 120, McHenry**

River East is compact in size but not in content. We are the smallest of the area libraries, but offer services important to our community. Our Library of Things has many unique pieces to check out. While you're here, we encourage you to play a game of Skee Ball and participate in our Skee Ball tournament. We'll have prizes for the top three scorers! Find us at rivereastlibrary.org or 815-385-6303.

12**Wauconda Area Public Library, 801 N. Main St., Wauconda**

WAPL has a beautiful building with a large variety of up-to-date materials, state-of-the-art technology and the friendliest staff ready to help you find what you need. From the rocket ship in Kid City to the quiet study room with a cozy fireplace, you'll have a hard time deciding where to start. Take crafts for the littles and participate in fun activities for all ages. Find us at wauclib.org or 847-526-6225.

13**Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock**

WPL has many unique features including a public use piano, community puzzles, memorabilia from Dick Tracy and Groundhog Day, a free community pantry for food and warm clothing, and a tilt-a-whirl seat! The library offers programs for all ages and is fine free. Explore the Children's Department via our special Groundhog Scavenger Hunt, check out a book and see all the cool things WPL offers! Find us at woodstockpubliclibrary.org or 815-338-0542.