

ACORN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Programming Guide

November & December 2019



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Toy & Gift Card Drive

October 17-November 21

The Teen Activities Group of Acorn Public Library is proud to sponsor our fourth annual Gift Card & Toy Drive to benefit the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Donations of new toys and gift cards in \$5.00 increments will be accepted. The Pediatric Treasure Chest Foundation provides comfort and distraction by giving away donated toys to children & gift cards to teens undergoing treatment for cancer. For additional information please contact the Youth Services Department.

Fine Pine Giving Tree

Begins November 18

You can give the gift of literacy for the holidays by helping pay fines for kids who might have racked up late fees throughout the year. The Fine Pine Giving Tree contains anonymous bookmarks that reflect fines owed by Acorn Public Library cardholders under 17 years old with fines over \$5. It works just like an angel tree where people give presents to a selected child. Here, the present is that once the fine is reduced to under \$5, the young person can use their library card again. For more information please contact the Library.

Museum of Science and Industry Science Club!

Wednesdays, November 6-27, 4:30pm, Ages 6-12

Join us for a new Science program made possible through the Museum of Science and Industry Chicago! Each week we will explore a new science topic. Registration is required and begins October 16.

Hidden Star Wars!

Thursday, December 5, 7:00PM

Experience Star Wars like never before with this thrilling insider's peek at one of the most treasured film series in the galaxy! Hear inside jokes, secret references, and dozens more exciting moments included by the filmmaker for die hard Star Wars fans in this fantastic collection of film clips. All ages are welcome.

Programs for the Holidays!

Healthy Eating for the Holidays

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00PM

Discover the ten secrets to preventing holiday weight gain with wellness coach Tom Kens.

Holiday Trivia Night

Thursday, December 12, 7:00PM

Join us for themed trivia nights at the library. You may register in teams of up to five people, or individually and we will place you on a team. Put your knowledge to the test for a chance to win fun prizes!

Family Trip to the Museum of

Science and Industry Chicago

Holidays Around the World Exhibit!

Saturday, December 7, 9:00AM

Join us for free trip the Museum of Science and Industry Chicago! Families with children and teens 17 and younger are encouraged to register for this trip. Visit the Christmas Around the World exhibit, the baby chicks, a working Tesla coil, and more! Registration begins November 22. This program is possibly through a partnership with the Museum of Science and Industry Chicago.

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 14, 10:00AM

Visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and let him know what is on your wish list!



We will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, November 28 | Friday, November 29 | Friday, December 6

Tuesday, December 24 | Wednesday, December 25 | Tuesday, December 31

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LIBRARY HOURS: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Friday-Saturday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday: Closed

Learn to Make Soap at Home**Thursday, November 7, 6:30PM-8:00PM**

Explore the centuries-old technique of combining oils and lye to produce soap using the cold process method. Discover how this often overlooked art form can enrich your life and save on your household budget. Topics covered include the history of soap making, blending essential oils and colorants, curing, storing and lye safety. There will be a live demonstration covering the entire soap making process and each guest will walk away with a FREE full-sized bar of soap. Presented by Brittany Hogan, a local soap maker and owner of Nefertem Holistic Skincare. Space is limited.

The Story of Smoky the War Dog**Thursday, November 14, 7:00PM-8:00PM**

Found by accident in the jungles of New Guinea during WWII,



this brave dog went on to be chosen as the #1 mascot of the South Pacific, the world's first official Therapy Dog of record, and she earned two medals

of honor for her bravery and the many lives she saved. Presented by Producer and professional public speaker Adrian Brigham you will learn Smoky's remarkable story and be entertained with many surprises, a detailed Power Point slide show, and special guest appearance by Therapy Dog "Hairy Pawter", a famous pooch in his own right!

MOVIE MATINEES

Every other Friday at 2:00 PM. Popcorn is provided. Titles are subject to change.

Friday, Nov. 1
Spider-Man: Far From Home
rated PG-13



Friday, Nov. 15
Men in Black International
rated PG-13



Friday, Dec. 13
The Lion King (2019)

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND CLUBS****GENEALOGY DROP-IN, Wednesdays November 6 & December 4, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Need assistance with your genealogy research? Patty Higgins, president of the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, is available to answer your questions. For more information about SSGHS, visit www.ssghs.org

CRAFT CONNECTION, Monday, December 16 6:00 PM, Popsicle Stick Ornaments

Come to the Library to create and connect with new friends! Crafters of all skill levels are welcome to join. All materials are provided.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOKIES, Tuesdays, November 19 & December 17, 7:30 PM

For more information and book titles, contact the Circulation Department.

ACORN MOVIE CLUB, Wednesdays, November 20 & December 18, 7:00 PM

Acorn Movie Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at the library to discuss a variety of films. For more information and movie titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB, Thursdays, November 21 & December 19, 6:30 PM

Love crafting and looking to meet new people? Bring your needlework, or any craft project, to work on, and sit back and enjoy chatting and sharing skills with other crafters.

EARLY BIRD BINGO Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 AM

Join us for bingo and light refreshments for a chance to win fun prizes!

FICTION IN A NUTSHELL, Wednesday, December 11, 2:00 PM

For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Adult Services Department.

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Thursdays, November 7 & December 5, 7:30 PM

For more information and book titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

ACORN QUILTING GROUP, Tuesdays, November 12 & December 10, 7:30 PM

For more information, contact the Adult Services Department.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer classes for adults cover topics that range from a basic introduction to the computer, internet, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Each class is 60 minutes and registration begins 3 weeks before the class. See the program calendar for dates and times.

Sign up for Adult Programs by calling (708) 687-3700 or online at www.acornlibrary.org/calendar.

Programming Calendars are available in Adult and Youth Services departments.



PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOLERS

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Pick up a log in the Youth Services Department at any time. Read any book, to your baby, toddler or young child. Keep it up, and you can repeat books! The goal is to read 1,000 books before Kindergarten. Reading to very young children helps them develop phonological awareness, letter recognition, vocabulary and more, allowing them the best start to doing well in school. Every 100 books you read, stop back at the Youth Services Desk for a new reading log and a picture of your little reader with a sign showing their accomplishment.

Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 AM, Ages 3 and Under

This fun program for babies and toddlers features open play with a variety of toys that help develop cognitive, social and early literacy skills.

Story Time Fun

Tuesdays, November 15 & December 15, 6:30 PM, Ages 3-8

Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft. Registration begins two weeks prior.

Little Builders

Saturday, December 14, 2:30 PM, Ages 3-6

Join us for open play where kids can create and build using different materials such as mega blocks, building shapes and other age appropriate materials.

Story Time at Panera Bread

Wednesdays, November 6 & December 4, 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, songs and all children will get a treat, courtesy of Panera Bread, 15845 Harlem Ave, Tinley Park.

Cooking for Younger Kids

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 PM, Ages 4-7

Learn basic cooking skills while creating yummy treat!

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

After School Craft

**Tuesdays, November 12 & December 10,
4:00 PM, Ages 7-10**

If you like to be creative and don't mind your hands getting a mess, making a craft will be a success. We supply the materials.

LEGO® Club

**Saturdays, November 16 & December 28,
2:30 PM, Ages 6-12**

Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

Mad Scientists Club

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 AM, Ages 7-12

Each month we'll explore different topics with lots of hands-on activities!

Cooking for Older Kids

**Saturdays, November 9 & December 7,
2:30 PM, Ages 8-11**

Learn the basic skills of cooking and names of utensils while creating a tasty treat!

Read to a Therapy Pup-Piranha Banana

**Tuesdays, November 5 & December 3, 5:30 PM,
Ages 6 & Up**

Our favorite therapy Chihuahua is back and ready to hear some stories! Sign up for a 10 minute time slot.

Kids Mario Kart

Monday, December 2, 4:30 PM, Ages 7-11

Join our fun Mario Kart gaming!

DIY No-Sew T-Shirt Bag

Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Ages 8-13

Bring an old t-shirt to make a new tote bag! No sewing skills required, please bring a t-shirt to use.

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Holiday Ornament Craft

Friday, December 20, 4:00 PM, Ages 4-12

Paint and decorate a special ornament!

ALL AGES PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Read to Succeed Program with the Chicago Wolves

November 1-December 27



Set your own reading goals and enter raffles for awesome Chicago Wolves Prizes, including tickets! Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 14, 10:00AM

Visit and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and let him know what is on your wish list!

Sensory-Friendly Movie, *Detective Pikachu* (rated PG)

Monday, November 11, 2:00 PM, All Ages

Everyone is invited to attend our sensory friendly movies! We will keep the sound low and lights on to make the event inviting for all.



TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

After School Social

Thursdays, November 14 & December 12, 4:00 PM, Ages 9-17

Play games and hang out with friends!



Chess Club

Thursdays, November 14 & December 12

6:30 PM, Ages 9-17

Join us for the opportunity to learn the game, gain new skills and strategies, and have fun playing chess with others.

Teen WiiU Tournament

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 PM, Ages 11-17

Join our tournament! We play Pokken, Super Smash Bros. or Splatoon.

Teen Activities Group- TAG

Thursdays November 21 & December 19, 7:00 PM, Grades 6 to 12

The TAG group volunteers at the library and in the community on a monthly basis as opportunities present themselves. Come join the fun and earn service hours!

Anime Club

Saturdays, December 7, 2019, 10:00 AM, Ages 11-17

Watch and discuss your favorite anime! Make new friends, have a great time.

Teen Techs

Thursdays, November 21 and December 19, 4:00 PM, Ages 11-17

Come learn about new apps of just play Roblox™ with us for an hour.

Tween Superhero Magnets

Monday, November 4, 6:00 PM, Ages 9-13

Make a Magnet! Keep them for yourself or give them away as a gift!

Candy Sushi

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 AM, Ages 10-17

Make delicious, sweet, faux-sushi!



Friends of the Acorn Library Memorial and Honoree Books

Donate a book to the Friends of the Library in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The donation will be recognized with a commemorative plate in the book and a letter recognizing the donation. Please call 708-687-3700 for more information.