Contests & Scavenger Hunts
Hispanic Heritage Month Trivia Contest
Begins Wednesday, September 15th
Take this trivia quiz in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month! Those with the most correct answers will be entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card. Ends October 15.

QR Code Scavenger Hunt
Begins Monday, November 1st
We'll hide QR codes around the library and you use your smartphone or tablet to locate them. Scanning each QR code will take you to a quiz to complete. For each quiz you take, you will earn a raffle ticket for a prize.

Mindfulness Nature Walk
Begins Monday, September 13th
Take some time to relax and de-stress on this planned walk on the library's grounds. Stop by the Adult Services desk to receive a guide to each station or print the guide we will post online. If you submit the answer to the question at the final station by September 30th, you will earn a raffle ticket for a small prize drawing!

Outdoor Halloween Escape Room
Begins Friday, October 1st through Saturday, October 30th
Stop by the Adult Services desk to receive a list of clues that will lead you to different locations outside of the library. Each location will have a puzzle for you to solve. Write the answers on your clue sheet and return them to the Adult Services desk when you are done. For each correct answer, you will earn a raffle ticket for a prize drawing.

National Friends of the Library Week
October 17-31, 2021
Drop by the library to learn more about the Friends and to visit our bookstore. Prize drawings, door prizes and more!
**Programs for Toddlers and Preschool Age Kids**

**Weekly Story Times**  
Thursdays, September 16-November 4, 2021  
Lap-sit and Play Time (Infants-2 1/2-years-old): 9:30-10:15 AM  
3-5-year-old Story Time: 11-11:30 AM  
Registration is required, and begins September 2 continuing until session is full. Please plan on regular attendance of all meetings in the fall session.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**  
Pick up a log in the Youth Services Department at any time. Read a book, any book, to your baby, toddler or young child. The goal is to read 1,000 books before Kindergarten. 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.

**Story Time Fun**  
Tuesdays, September 21, October 19, November 16, 2021, 6:30 PM, Ages 3-8  
Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft.

**Little Builders**  
Tuesdays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 2021, 10:00 AM, Up to Age 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.

**Programs for School Age Kids**

**Art Club**  
Tuesdays, September 14, October 12, November 9, 2021, 4:00 PM, Ages 7 and Up  
If you like to be creative, join us for art club! We will be painting, learning about art and having fun!

**LEGO Club**  
Saturdays, September 18, October 16, November 13, 2021, 2:30 PM, Ages 6-12  
Each meeting we will create around a different theme.

**Creatures of the Night**  
Tuesday, October 26 at 6:30 PM, Ages 7-11  
Learn about nocturnal animals! This program features one night time creature in particular, the owl. After learning about an owl's unique eating habits, you'll dissect an owl pellet to reveal what your owl ate.

**Halloween Book Haunt**  
October 1-30, 2021, All Ages  
Sign up in the Youth Services Department and get a haunted house reading log! Read in at least three rooms of your house and return your decorated haunted house coloring sheet to the Youth Services Desk for a prize!

**Programs for Tweens and Teens**

**Teen Activities Group- TAG**  
Thursdays, September 16, October 21, November 18, 7:00 PM, Grades 6 to 12  
Does meeting new friends and hanging out with your peers while planning volunteer activities sound interesting to you? The TAG group volunteers at the library and in the community on a monthly basis as opportunities present themselves. Join the fun and earn service hours!

**Tween/Teen Paint Party**  
Thursday, October 28, 6:00 PM, Ages 9 and Up  
Paint a spooky mummy at our Halloween Paint Party! Registration begins October 14.

**Virtual Tween/Teen Skribbl.io**  
Thursday, September 23, 6:00 PM, Ages 9 and Up  
Play with your friends! Email Ms. Becky at bconte@acornlibrary.org for a link to play. Registration begins September 9.

**Tween/Teen Among Us**  
Thursday, November 11, 2021, 3:00 PM, Ages 9 and Up  
Play with your friends! Email Ms. Becky at bconte@acornlibrary.org for a link to play. Registration starts October 28.

**Make and Take Kits**

**Craft Kits**  
Make a cool craft. Kits are available starting the first of each month. Call 708-687-3700 or email jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org to request a kit.

**September:** Apple Coffee Filter Craft  
**October:** Pumpkin Craft  
**November:** Football Turkey Craft

**Grab and Go STEAM Kits**  
Kits are available starting the first of each month. Call 708-687-3700 or email jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org to request a kit.

**September - Pop Rock Science** Learn about how Pop Rocks are made and then do a fun experiment to determine if this unique candy has enough gas to inflate a balloon!  
**October - Bubbly Science - Wizard's Potion** Learn the history of magic potions and do a bubbly experiment that teaches about exothermic reactions!

**November - Popcorn Science** Why does popcorn pop? Use the materials in the kit and find out!

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Masks are required for all patrons ages 2 and older at all indoor programs. Registration for in-person events starts two weeks prior to the event's date and ends when full. Take and Make kits will be available starting the date listed, while supplies last. To register call 708-687-3700 or email jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org.
In-Person Family Programs

Book Cover Bingo
Wednesdays, September 1, October 6, November 3, 6:30 PM, All Ages
Be the first to say ‘Bingo!’ in this library version of the game and win prizes!
Registration begins two weeks prior, ending when full.

Picture Book Mini Golf
Saturdays, September 25, October 23, November 20, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Drop in and play mini golf in the Youth Services Department on our picture
book themed course!

Second Annual Recycled Scarecrow Contest
September 7-October 15
Families may register to participate. You will receive a bag
for the “head” and a dowel for the arms, you provide the rest!
Find objects from around the house, stuff with plastic bags,
and glue it all together! When you are finished bring it to the
library. We will post it outside and the librarians will vote for their
favorites. The winning families will get a pizza party gift card! To
register please email dkoll@acornlibrary.org.

Library Card Sign Up Month

September is Library Card Sign Up Month. Register for
a new card or show your library card at the Circulation
or Youth Services Desks for a chance to win a $25
Target Gift Card. We’ll also have sweet treats and fun
give-a-ways! Tell your friends and family to sign up!

Halloween Party
Saturday, October 30, 2021, 11:00 AM, All Ages
Dress up in your costume and enjoy games, crafts and
treats! All activities are available first-come, first-serve.

Outdoor Halloween Movie Night
Friday, October 1, 7:00PM
North Parking Lot
Join us for an outdoor spooky movie on
Friday, September 30! We’ll be showing
the 1993 classic The Nightmare Before Christmas!
Individually wrapped snacks and water will be served. Feel free to
bring your own snacks! Be sure to bring a blanket or chair to sit
on. Registration Required. To register please email
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Programs for Adults

In Person Events

Outdoor Strength Class
Tuesday, September 14th at 11:00 AM
Join us for an outdoor strength class! Space is limited. Please make sure to bring your own mat. Registration required.

Outdoor Zumba Class
Tuesday, September 21st at 11:00 AM
Join us for an outdoor Zumba class! Space is limited. Registration required.

Flu Vaccine Clinic
Wednesday, September 22nd from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Walgreens will be here to give flu vaccinations from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Flu shots will be billed to your insurance so be sure to bring your insurance card! This service will be by appointment only. To make an appointment, call the Library at 708-687-3700 or email kspringer@acornlibrary.org.

Bingo
Tuesdays, September 28th and October 26th at 11:00 AM
Join us for an hour of bingo! The winner of each game will have their name entered into a drawing to win a gift card at the end of the hour.

Fall Leaf Salt Painting
Wednesday, November 10th at 7:00 PM
Join us to create a fall leaf design using paint and salt! Space is limited. Ages 18 & up.

Virtual Events:

Restoring our Environment One Plant at a Time
Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 PM on Zoom
Join Catherine Bryla, of Sag Moraine, as she helps viewers improve our environment and help increase our bird and pollinator populations through their home and business landscape plant choices. This program will occur live via the Zoom application. Registration required.

Pruning Tools and Techniques for Trees, Shrubs and Ornamental Grasses
Saturday, October 9th at 2:00 PM on Zoom
Kathleen Obirek, landscape designer and educator, will show you the best pruning tools and how to use and care for them. Informative handouts will be provided. Registration required.

Author in the Spotlight: Chris Bohjalian
Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 PM on Zoom
Chris Bohjalian is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 22 books. His work has been translated into 35 languages and has been adapted into three movies and a TV series. He will be talking about his newest release The Hour of the Witch. Space is limited. Registration required.

In-Person Discussion Groups

Barcodes Nonfiction Book Discussion Group
Thursdays, September 2nd, October 7th, and November 4th at 7:30 PM
The Barcodes Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will hold their monthly meeting in the Library’s Conference Room. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact the Adult Services Department.

Acorn Movie Club
Wednesdays, September 15, October 20, and November 17 at 7:00 PM
Join us on the third Wednesday of the month to discuss new movies and old classics. In September we will discuss Harvey (1950), in October we will discuss The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) and in November we will discuss Hannah and her Sisters (1986).

Make and Take Craft Kits:

Paint Your Own Coaster
Pick up begins Monday, September 13th
We’ll provide you with a coaster, paint, and a brush. Supplies are limited.

Mini Painted Pumpkins Crafts Kit
Pick up begins Monday, October 4th
We’ll provide you with a mini pumpkin, paint, and a brush. Supplies are limited.

Monster Bookmarks Craft Kit
Pick up begins Monday, October 4th
We’ll provide you with paper and instructions to fold a monster bookmark. Supplies are limited.

Halloween Canvas Panels
Pick up begins Monday, October 11th
We’ll provide you with a mini canvas, paint, and a brush. You can choose to design a jack-o-lantern, Frankenstein, a ghost, or a vampire. Supplies are limited.

Book Page Leaf Garland Craft Kit
Pick up begins Monday, November 1st
We’ll provide you with cutouts of leaves, book pages, and twine to create a leaf shaped garland out of book pages. Supplies are limited.

Beaded Corn Craft Kit
Pick up begins Monday, November 8th
We’ll provide you with beads and stems to create mini ears of corn. Supplies are limited.

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