

## 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.

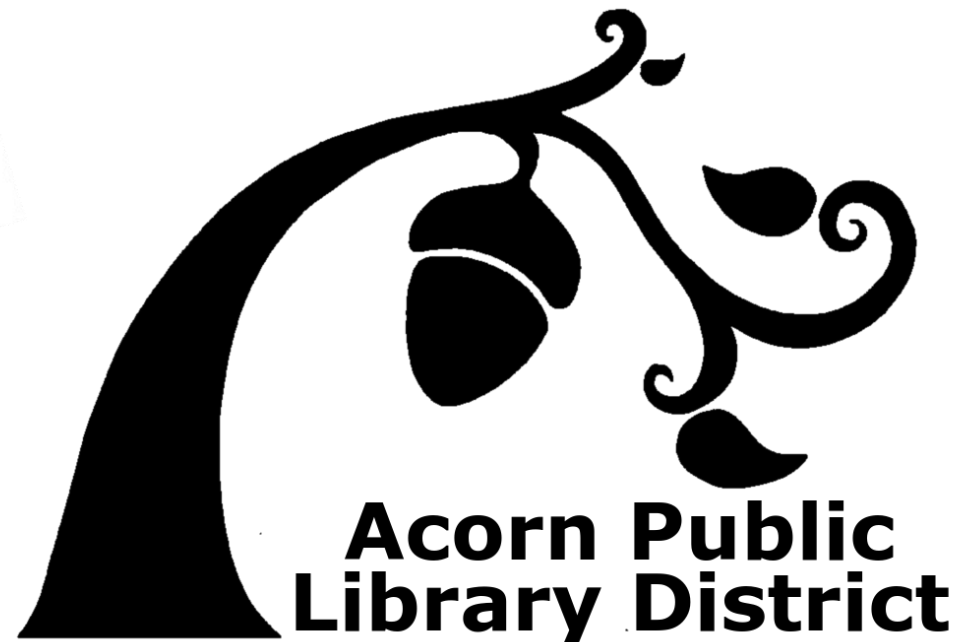
Prize drawings, door prizes and more!



## Acorn Public Library District Fall Programing Guide 2021



**September, October, November**



# Programs Kids & Teens

## 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. Come 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto:jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org).**

# Programs for Families

## 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](mailto:dkoll@acornlibrary.org).



## Library Card Sign Up Month

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month in September

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.



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## 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 [jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org](mailto:jmarquardt@acornlibrary.org).





# 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](mailto: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 Craft 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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