



NORMAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

APRIL 2024
ACTIVITY GUIDE

where to find NPL during our

RENOVATION

City Hall Room 409

11 Uptown Circle
Normal, IL

The Coffeehouse

114 E. Beaufort St.
Normal, IL

Community Activity Center

1110 Douglas St.
Normal, IL

Ecology Action Center

202 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL

Heartland Bank Community Room

4th Floor
1200 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL

Illinois Art Station

101 E Vernon Ave.
Normal, IL

Normal Township Hall

304 E Mullberry St.
Normal, IL

NPL CODE CLUB

ages 10–18 years

Mondays • April 1–May 6 | 4–5 pm

City Hall | Room 409

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MAKER MONDAY

April 1 | 6–7:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

READY, SET, READ!

ages 3–5 years

Tuesdays in April | 10–11 am

Community Activity Center

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

April 3 & 17 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

WIGGLES & GIGGLES

ages 19–36 months

Wednesdays in April | 10–10:30 am

Community Activity Center



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tiny book concerts

The Coffeehouse | 12–1 pm

april 4

Emilele, ukulele performer

april 18

Twang, guitar and fiddle cover songs

may 2

Kari Kaps Duo, piano



ITSY ARTS: ON LOCATION WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION

ages 0–5 years

April 5 | 10–11 am

Illinois Art Station

WRITING MEETUP

Happy National Poetry Month! Write a poem, any length

April 6 | 2–3:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

GENEALOGY MEETUP

April 9 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Normal Township Hall

At Home: on Zoom

REDUCE YOUR WASTE! WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

April 9 | 6–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

While many are familiar with the phrase 'reduce, reuse, recycle,' the Ecology Action Center wants to help you delve deeper. Discover how to minimize waste at home, understand local recycling practices, and dive into composting.

PAPER CRAFTING CLUB

April 10 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

PEEP THIS!

Peep Diorama Contest

Submit photos by April 14

Voting begins April 15

BABY ROCK & PLAY

ages 0–19 months

Mondays in April | 10–11 am

Community Activity Center

MAKER ACADEMY

ages 5–8 years

April 1 | 4–5 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

■ all ages event ■ adult event • ages 18+ ■ teen event • ages 13–18 ■ tween event • ages 10–18 ■ children's event

✓ Registration is required. Register on our online calendar, at 309.452.1757, or at the Front Desk.

🏠 Virtual / NPL @ Home Event 🧑 In-Person Event 🌐 sponsored by the Normal Public Library Foundation



stranger than fiction:

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

APRIL 10 * 6:30-7:30 PM
DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall



LEARNING CIRCLE: CANVA DESIGN SCHOOL

Thursdays • April 11-25 | 10 am-12 pm

City Hall | Room 409

For this learning circle, we will be working through courses from Canva Design School. Participants will learn the basics of Canva, a free online graphic design tool, as well as the basics of graphic design, typography, and layout. No prior experience is necessary, beyond basic familiarity with using a computer.

CRAFTERNOONS: NO-SEW T-SHIRT BAGS

Bring your own t-shirt!

ages 10-18 years

April 11 | 4-6 pm

Community Activity Center

POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC: RAIN

April 16 | 6:30-7:30 pm
on Zoom

ART SPARKS

ages 8-12 years

April 18 | 6-7 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

WORD/IMAGE POETRY ZINE WORKSHOP

April 20 | 10-11 am

Illinois Art Station

Celebrate poetry month by creating your own poetry zine! Zines are small-batch, independently published works of art. In this program, you will discover different folds and cuts and incorporate technologies to design and create your zine. Participants are encouraged to bring their own works of poetry to include, but this is not required.

TEEN D&D CLUB

April 22 | 5-7:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

adult reading challenge



april
read a book by an Arab American author

book brunch april 23 | 10-11 am
the coffeehouse

TAKE & MAKE: POP-UP PAPER CRAFT PICK UP BEGINS

April 23 | 4 pm | While supplies last

Check normalpl.org for pick up information

ANIME NIGHT

April 23 | 5-7:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

Celebrate your love of anime with a film showing, Japanese snack taste-testing, cosplay workshop, and more!

STEAM CLUB

ages 8-12 years

April 25 | 4-5 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

JAMMIE JAMBOREE

ages 0-5 years

April 25 | 6-6:30 pm

Community Activity Center



Romance Me

BOOK CLUB

APRIL 25

6:30-7:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

SIGN & SING

WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0-5 years

April 26 | 10:30-11 am

Community Activity Center

ASIAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

April 27 | 10 am-4 pm

Illinois State University

Join us in celebrating Asian history and culture throughout the library with many different performances and activities.

DEATH CAFÉ

April 28 | 2-3 pm

The Coffeehouse

RETIREMENT REDEFINED: A COMPREHENSIVE ADULT EDUCATION CLASS ON STRATEGIC RETIREMENT PREPARATION WITH INSTITUTE OF FINANCIAL EDUCATION

April 30 | 6-7:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

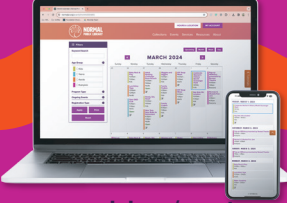


4-6 PM | ILLINOIS ART STATION

Visit our website for the most up-to-date information
normalpl.org

NORMAL ARC 10 AM	March 5 & 19 April 2 & 16 May 7 & 21
ADELAIDE APARTMENTS 1 PM	March 5 April 2 May 7
BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM	March 11 April 8 May 13
MERCY CREEK 10 AM	March 12 April 9 May 14
EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM	March 26 April 23 May 21
EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM	March 26 April 23 May 21

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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stay updated on our
BUILDING CHANGES



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Normal Public Library Foundation connects people to our library through programs for readers, adventurers, and explorers. For more than ten years, we have offered programs that delight, enrich, and nourish curious minds.

We support Normal Public Library through fundraising, advocacy, and programs because we believe that our community library is essential to a strong community.

Even in a town that loves its library, public funding is not enough to provide all the important resources that our community seeks.

Your investment in a library that strengthens our community is essential. Join us in support today by making a gift in the way that works for you.

Normal Public Library Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization that works as a catalyst to strengthen and inspire our growing community library.

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Thank you to all of our donors for both investing and believing in the vision of Normal Public Library. Your support makes all the difference!

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M - TH | 9 AM - 8 PM
F - SAT | 9 AM - 5 PM
SUN | 1 PM - 5 PM

Program details are subject to change.

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During library events staff may take photographs and/or video recordings for future publicity and promotional purposes.

If you prefer to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these photographs or videos, please immediately inform library staff present at the event. Thank you!

NEW CHECKOUT PROCEDURE

Library card or photo ID required for:

- All checkouts
- Hold pickups
- curb it service

apply for a library card at normalpl.org

MARCH							APRIL							MAY							
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31													26	27	28	29	30	31			

CLOSED ON MARCH 31 FOR EASTER • MAY 26 & 27 FOR MEMORIAL DAY