

# MAY



**NORMAL**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MAY 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

## Temporary Branch

201 W. College Ave.  
Normal, IL

## NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

May 1 & 15 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

## GETTING STARTED WITH NATIVE PLANTS

WITH WILD ONES ILLINOIS PRAIRIE CHAPTER

May 1 | 6–7 pm

Community Activity Center

Gardening with native plants can help you save water, spend less time on garden maintenance, and help pollinators and other wildlife! Ann Schreifels and Dianne Feasley of the Wild Ones Illinois Prairie Chapter will present on why native plants are good for the earth, which plants are native to our area, how growing native plants differs from growing non-natives, and how to start incorporating native plants into your own yard.



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# tiny book concerts

May 2 | The Coffeehouse | 12–1 pm  
Kari Kaps Duo, piano



## NORMAL, IL UKELELE FUN JAM

May 4 | 2–4 pm

The Coffeehouse

## WRITING MEETUP

Rewrite an ending to one of your stories or a book you've read.

May 4 | 2–3:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

## NPL CRIME CLUB

Fire Fatalities

May 5 | 2–3:30 pm

TBD

## NPL CODE CLUB

ages 10–18 years

May 6 | 4–5 pm

City Hall | Room 409

This program is grant-funded. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

## GENEALOGY MEETUP

May 7 | 2–3 pm

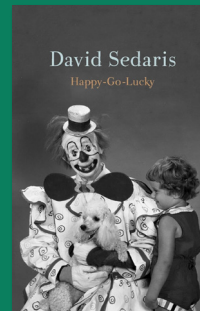
In-Person: Normal Township Hall

At Home: on Zoom

## PAPER CRAFTING CLUB

May 8 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room



stranger  
than fiction:

NON-FICTION  
BOOK CLUB

MAY 8 \* 6:30–7:30 PM  
DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall



## BIN TO BLOOM

WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

May 9 | 2–3 pm

Ecology Action Center

Want to learn more about how food waste impacts our environment and what you can do to help? Come to learn more and help celebrate International Compost Awareness Week! This workshop will be talking about how food waste breaks down in the landfill vs how food breaks down through composting. It will also discuss three different methods of composting and how to get started diverting your food waste today!

■ 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

## CRAFTERNOONS: WATERCOLOR PAPER PINWHEELS

ages 10–18 years

May 9 | 4–6 pm

Community Activity Center

## SIGN & SING

WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years

May 10 & 24 | 10:30–11 am

Community Activity Center

## CREATE WITH CRICUT

May 11 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

## DE-STRESS FEST TAKE & MAKE PICK-UP BEGINS

May 13 | 4 pm | *While supplies last*

Temporary Branch or through Curb It!

Decompress from the frenzy of finals week and the end of the school year with a take & make kit including zentangle coloring, journaling prompts, mindfulness exercises, and more.

## TEEN D&D CLUB

May 13 | 5–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

## TAKE & MAKE: SENBAZURU (1,000 ORIGAMI CRANES)

May 14 | 4 pm | *While supplies last*

Temporary Branch or through Curb It!

## BETWEEN A ROCK & A HARD PLACE:

BREAK THROUGH YOUR GENEALOGY BRICK WALL

WITH TAMARACK GENEALOGY

May 15 | 6:30–7:30 pm

on Zoom

Whether due to a courthouse fire, natural disaster, or late records collection date, each of us has that one ancestor, place, or era where the records remain steadfastly elusive. Tina Beard, owner of Tamarack Genealogy, will share success stories and offer tips and strategies to break through that brick wall and find that evasive ancestor.

## ITSY ARTS

WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION

ages 0–5 years

May 17 | 10–11 am

Illinois Art Station

## RECIPE ROTISSERIE: DUMPLINGS

May 19 | 2–3:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

# adult reading challenge



may  
read a book about someone  
over 60 years old.

## book brunch

may 21 | 10–11 am  
the coffeehouse

## POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS: AMIE WHITEMORE

May 21 | 6:30–7:30 pm

on YouTube Live


## FRENCH CREOLES OF THE ILLINOIS COUNTRY: FIDDLE JIGS, CREOLE FOLKTALES, AND HAUNTING BALLADS

May 29 | 6–7 pm

Community Activity Center

Fiddler and educator Dennis Stroughmatt will take audiences on a journey of discovery where they will hear the history of this group's arrival, the French dialects still spoken, and the unique music still performed in the old "Illinois Country." Perhaps most importantly, through story and song, including a performance of local French "fiddling" on violin and sing-a-longs, audiences will have fun learning how the Illinois French serve as a time capsule for their cousins to the north and south—those in Canada and Louisiana.

*This program is presented through Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Democracy Demands Wisdom and the Illinois General Assembly [through the Illinois Arts Council Agency], as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations.*



**Romance Me**  
BOOK CLUB

MAY 23 6:30–7:30 pm  
Normal Township Hall

## BE YARD SMART! WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

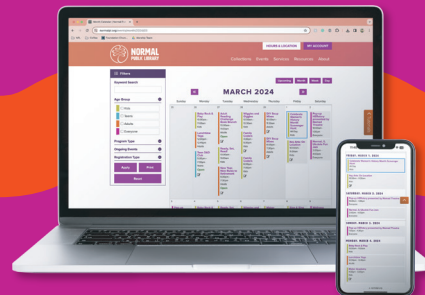
May 29 | 6–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

Join the Ecology Action Center to learn how to be more "yard smart" with a variety of gardening and lawn care practices that work with nature, making your garden space safer for children, adults, pets, wildlife, and all living things. This presentation will talk about ways to avoid or minimize synthetic pesticides and high-nitrogen fertilizers, conserving natural resources like water and fossil fuels, and supporting native diversity in plants and wildlife.

# VISIT OUR WEBSITE

for the most up-to-date  
event information!



[normalpl.org/events](https://normalpl.org/events)

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



**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.



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!

**NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION**



Normal Public Library  
206 W. College Ave.  
Normal, IL 61761  
309.452.1757  
Children's: 454.4668  
normalpl.org  
ask@normalpl.org

**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**

Program details are subject to change.

/normalpl  
 normalpubliclibrary  
 NPLtweets

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!

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