

PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

Sucursal Rock River / Salón de Programas
jueves: 7 de septiembre – 26 de octubre
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

TARDE DE CUENTOS

EDADES DE 2 – 10 AÑOS

Acompañenos a nuestra Tarde de Cuentos que es interactiva y divertida. Cada semana leeremos historias interesantes y haremos una manualidad para llevar a casa. Traiga su oso de peluche u otro amigo; pijamas opcional.

Sucursal Montague / Salón de Clase
jueves: 7 de septiembre - 19 de octubre
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
(excepto 5 de octubre)

JUEVES DE CUENTO

EDADES DE 2 – 10 AÑOS

Vengan cada jueves a escuchar nuestros cuentos y al terminar haremos una manualidad muy divertida y diferente. ¡No se lo pierdan!

Sucursal Rock River / Salón de Programas
jueves: 7 de septiembre - 26 de octubre
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMA PARA MAMÁS

A PARTIR DE 18 AÑOS

Un programa diseñado para desarrollar las relaciones familiares y reconocer a sí a la madre y mujer emprendedora que cada madre lleva adentro.

AYUDA CON SU TELÉFONO INTELIGENTE

A PARTIR DE 18 AÑOS

¿Tiene usted un nuevo teléfono inteligente que lo hace sentir un poco inepto e intimidado? ¿Necesita aprender a hacer llamadas, crear textos, añadir contactos, tomar y compartir fotos, o simplemente tiene preguntas acerca de su teléfono inteligente? Traiga sus preguntas con usted y le ayudaremos. Traiga su teléfono inteligente, cordones, y contraseñas. ¡Traiga sus contraseñas!

Sucursal Montague / Sala Connie Lane
viernes: 8 de septiembre
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

FUNDAMENTOS DE SEGURIDAD DE ASIENTO DE AUTO

TODAS LAS EDADES

¡Padres y Cuidadores, acompañenos para celebrar la Semana de Seguridad del Niño Pasajero! Venga a una sesión informativa sobre cómo mantener a su hijo a salvo de lesiones prevenibles. Presentado por Mercy Health.

Sucursal Montague / Sala Connie Lane
jueves: 21 de septiembre, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES AT ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM

ALL AGES

Join us for weekly storytimes at the Rockford Art Museum during their Bittersweet Observations feature exhibition. Parents and kids will experience the exhibition while participating in an engaging story and small craft project. Tailored for ages 2-5, open to all. \$5 suggested donation

Saturdays: September 2, 9, 10:00 a.m.

MAIN LIBRARY

RPL'S CHALK FEST



ALL AGES *Patron Lounge Main Library*

Help transform RPL's staff parking lot into a colorful display of chalk art! Single artists or teams of all ages must register for their parking spot canvases!

Saturday: October 7, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

EAST BRANCH

CROCHET GUILD!

AGES 16 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Calling all crocheters ages 16 and up! We are forming a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America in the Rock River Valley area and you are invited to join. All skill levels are welcome as we seek to expand our crochet skills by sharing and collaborating with each other.

Saturdays: September 2, October 7
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

THE TWISTED STITCHERS KNITTING GROUP

AGES 18 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Join this friendly group of welcoming knitters to knit alongside others who are happy to discuss and share techniques and help each other out with knitting projects.

Wednesdays: September 6 - October 25
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturdays: September 30, October 28
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration Required

MEDITATION WORKSHOP

AGES 18 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Meditation helps reduce stress, increases productivity, and improves concentration. We will cover the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual benefits of meditation, developing the meditation technique, sitting still and focusing, and stilling the mind. Presented by Dr. Shanti Hulsebus.

Mondays: September 11, 25, October 9, 23
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Registration Required

MATS (MAKING PLASTIC BAGS INTO BED ROLLS)

AGES 18 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

MATS is an organization that makes plastic bags into bed rolls. They will show how to make plarn (yarn) out of plastic bags; how to crochet squares out of yarn for blankets; and how to make a pillow with extra plastic bags; and how to make a MAT out of plastic bags. If you are trying to get plastic bags out of your house, please bring them to the East Branch Library for this program.

Wednesday: September 20
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration Required

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA AND THE PRINCIPLES OF MONTESSORI BASED DEMENTIA CARE

AGES 18 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Do you have a friend or loved one with dementia? Would you like to learn how to improve your interactions and learn new methods and activities to engage individuals with dementia? You will learn about Montessori principles and techniques to help you develop engaging activities for individuals with dementia. Presenter: Mary Hallock, Executive Director, The Atrium, Rockford, Illinois

Thursdays: September 21, October 19
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration Required

BOOK TALK

AGES 18 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Presenting Jazz Keyes, the author of *If We Knew Better*. Jazz Keyes is a clinical psychologist, certified life coach, author, and motivational speaker. She is also recognized for her work as an empowerment specialist. Jazz is an aspiring bestselling author. Come and join our book talk.

Thursday: October 12, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Registration Required

MONTAGUE BRANCH MAKERS: ADULT CRAFTING



AGES 18 & OVER *Connie Lane Room*

A Maker Space is a place for everyone, creative or not, to come and explore. Let's CREATE! THINK! SHARE! GROW! Come and relax and use your imagination to create something unique in this crafting session.

Friday: September 1, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration Required

ROCKTON CENTRE

KNITTING GROUP



AGES 18 & OVER *Program Room*

Join this friendly group of welcoming knitters to knit alongside others who are happy to discuss and share techniques and help each other out with knitting projects.

Tuesdays: September 5 - October 31
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Registration Required

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

AGES 15 AND OLDER, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

COMPUTER LITERACY

Computer Literacy features five courses that cover computer basics; using the internet and productivity programs; security and privacy; and digital lifestyles. Each student completing the instructor led lab will receive a Microsoft Digital Literacy Certificate. Each course takes approximately one hour to complete and will be completed over five classes. Students may begin on any designated Microsoft Digital Literacy class date.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 11 - October 23
(except October 2), 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 13, 27,
October 11, 25, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 19, 26, October 17, 24
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 21, October 19
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Required

MICROSOFT WORD



Learn the basics of this powerful word processing software to develop professional documents. Prerequisites: Using a mouse

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 11, October 9
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 19, October 17
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 27, October 25
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Get help organizing and calculating data in this interactive instructor-led course. Prerequisite skills: using a mouse

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 11, October 9
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 19, October 17
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 27, October 25
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Required

IPHONE BASICS

This class instructs in the basics of iPhone phone operations. Topics include tour of the phone interface, understanding settings, connecting to Wi-Fi, adding/deleting apps, sending a text, and sharing pictures. This class is designed for those who are new to the iPhone. Please bring your password for your iCloud account.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 12, October 10
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 20, October 18
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 28, October 26
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Required

KINDLE FIRE HELP

Bring your Kindle Fire, all your cords, and your Amazon password to this help class to get your questions answered!

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 12, October 10
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Thursdays: September 14, October 12
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 20, October 18
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 28, October 26
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Required

FACEBOOK

This RPL course covers how to create, use, and maintain a Facebook page, including understanding Facebook privacy policies and settings. Prerequisite skills: using a mouse.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesday: September 12, October 10
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 20, October 18
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

AGES 13 & OVER

Get help creating and managing presentations in this interactive instructor-led course. Prerequisites: using a mouse

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 13, October 11
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 25, October 23
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Registration Required

EMAIL BASICS

This course offers an introduction to email, including how to use common features and use proper email etiquette.

Montague Branch / Classroom
Wednesdays: September 13, October 11
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 21, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 25, October 23
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

ANDROID BASICS

This Android course offers the basics of using an Android device, including help with managing settings, privacy, and more.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 14, October 12
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Monday: September 18, October 16
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 26, October 24
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration Required

COMPLETING JOB APPLICATIONS ONLINE



This course will teach you how to complete job applications online and attach résumés to job boards, such as Indeed, Monster, or Career Builder. Prerequisite: Resumes must be saved to a Flash Drive, USB thumb drive, or be able to download from email account. This is not a resume preparation class.

Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 14, October 12
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Mondays: September 18, October 16
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Nordlof Center / Walmart Computer Lab
Tuesdays: September 26, October 24
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Required

DROP-IN TECH HELP

You may bring any device for which you need assistance — smartphones, tablet, ereader, and laptop. Please bring USB and power cables for your device. Apple device users must have Apple ID for support. Kindle users must have Amazon account credentials. This class is intended to help with learning new skills, not repairing equipment.

Rock River Branch / Program Room
Thursdays: September 14 and October 12
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration Required

IPAD BASICS

This class provides basic instruction for the operation of the Apple iPad. Topics include: tour of the iPad's interface, understanding settings, connecting to Wi-Fi, adding/deleting apps, and downloading the Library Cloud App. This class is for those that are new to the iPad. Please bring your password for iCloud Accounts.

East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room
Tuesdays: September 19, October 17
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration Required

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

EAST BRANCH

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR MEDICARE?

AGES 55 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Learn about eligibility, enrollment and benefits of Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Attendees will benefit from this educational program if they will soon be eligible for Medicare or are already on Medicare but losing their group retirement benefits. The class instructors are local area professionals in Health Insurance and Social Security. Resource material will be provided.

Wednesday: September 6
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: October 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

LIFE REIMAGINED (DISCOVERING YOUR NEW LIFE POSSIBILITIES)

AGES 50 & OVER

Friends Community Meeting Room

Join AARP as we discuss the book *Life Reimagined*. The midlife time of your life is a time full of enormous potential, and this book helps you navigate that time. If you are one of the first 15 people to register, come to the East Branch Library on September 6 and get a free copy of the book.

Thursday: September 14, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Registration Required

ROCKTON CENTRE

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

AGES 55 & OVER *Program Room*

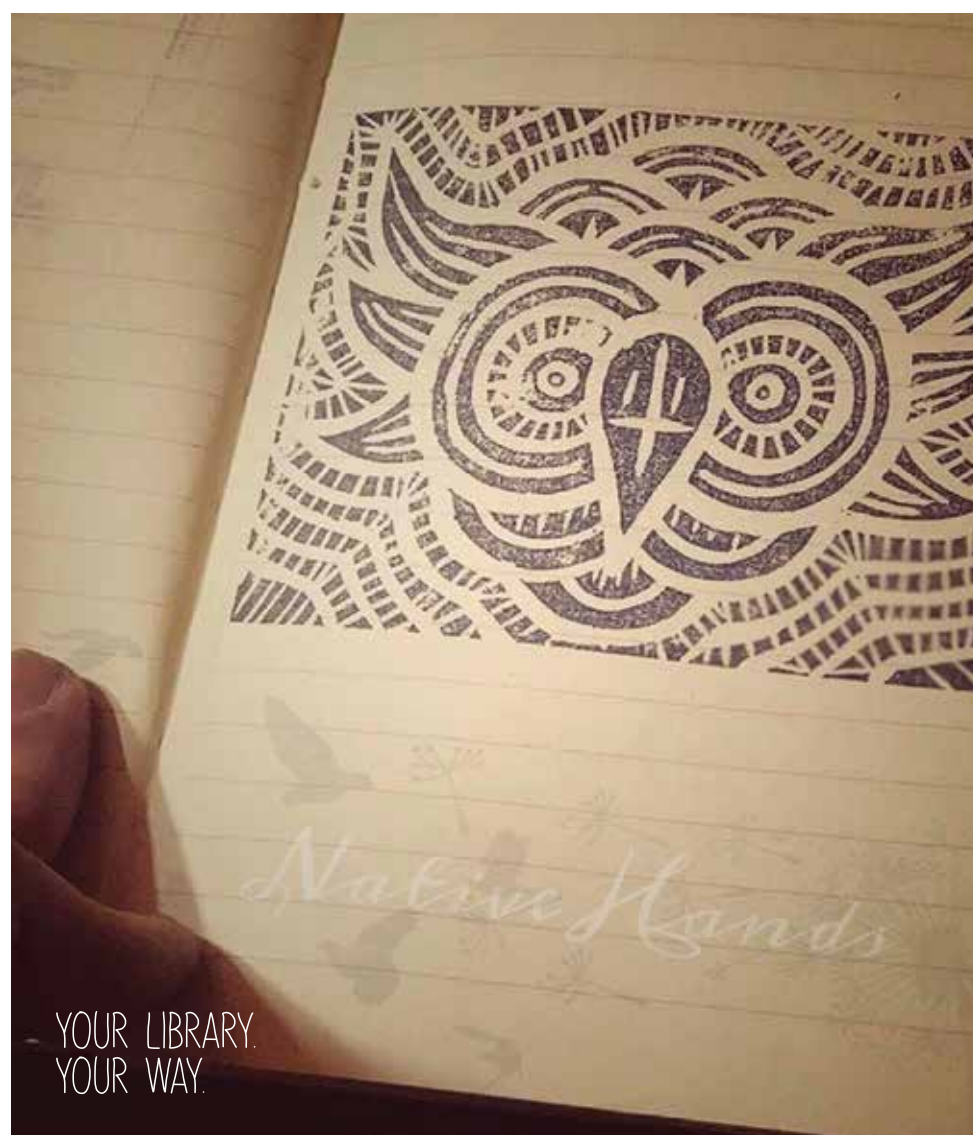
This is an updated 8-hour course for drivers over age 50. It includes research-based safety strategies on several topics that affect driving. Course completion may qualify you for an auto insurance reduction and help refine safe driving strategies in today's challenging driving environment. This program is \$15.00 for AARP members or \$20.00 for non-members.

Thursday and Friday: September 14 and 15
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Required

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NORDLOF CENTER

ARTSCENE-NATIVE HANDS

ALL AGES *Lobby*

Everyone is welcome to walk through the gallery, located in the lobby of J.R. Sullivan Theater at the beautiful downtown Nordlof

Center. Guest Artists will be present for the event as well as live music on Friday night and the Art Truck parked out front all weekend! Featured artists include, the Mighty works of Sarah McNamara, Jeremy Klonicki, Steve Nofsinger, Kari McDonald, Damion Davis, and Carmen Turner.

Friday: October 6, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: October 7, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS & HOURS

MAIN LIBRARY	EAST BRANCH	LEWIS LEMON	ROCKTON	ROCK RIVER	MONTAGUE	NORDLOF
215 N. Wyman St. MON-THU: 12-8 FRI & SAT: 10-6 CLOSED: SUN	6685 E. State St. MON-THU: 10-8 FRI & SAT: 10-6 CLOSED: SUN	1988 Jefferson St. MON-FRI: 2-6 CLOSED: SAT & SUN	3112 N. Center Rockton Ave. MON-THU: 10-8 FRI: 10-6 CLOSED: SAT & SUN	3128 11th St. TUE-THU: 12-8 FRI: 10-6 CLOSED: MON, SAT & SUN	1238 S. Winnebago St. TUE-THU: 12-8 FRI: 10-6 CLOSED: MON, SAT & SUN	118 N. Main St. Open for classes, programs and special events.



STORYTIMES

MAIN LIBRARY

DROP IN STORYTIME

ALL AGES Little Theatre
Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and crafts. **Fridays: September 1 – October 27 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

STEAM STORYTIME

AGES 5 - 9 Little Theatre
Every week we'll read stories, sing songs, and engage in the world around us with exciting activities as we learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. **Wednesdays: September 6 – October 25 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

SUNSET STORYTIME

ALL AGES Little Theatre
This evening storytime includes stories, songs, and a craft. You can even come in your pajamas! **Thursdays: September 7 – October 26 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

ROCK RIVER BRANCH

FAMILY STORY HOUR

AGES 2 - 10 Program Room
Join us for this weekly story hour where we'll celebrate a theme, read exciting stories, and make a craft to take home! **Tuesdays: September 5 – October 31 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** (Except October 17)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

WIGGLES AND GIGGLES STORYTIME

AGES 2 - 5
This storytime will have you leaping and laughing as we share stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts for pre-school aged children. **Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room Tuesday: September 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.** **Main Library / Little Theatre Tuesdays: September 5 – October 31 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.** **East Branch / Friends Community Meeting Room Thursdays: September 7 – October 26 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**

NORDLOF CENTER

CRAZY 8S MATH CLUB

AGES 5 - 8 West Multi-Purpose Room
Season 3 of Crazy 8s is here! A recreational club that helps kids in grades K-2 enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. It is strongly encouraged for participants to attend all 8 sessions. **Mondays: August 21 – October 16 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** (Except September 4)

EAST BRANCH

TALES FOR TWOS AND THREES

AGES 2 - 3 Friends Community Meeting Room
We will read stories, sing songs, and make a simple craft each week. **Mondays: September 11 – October 30 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.**

ROCK RIVER BRANCH

BABES AND BOOKS

AGES 0 - 2 Friends Community Meeting Room
Focuses on your child's early literacy skills through songs, rhymes, and stories. **Mondays: September 11 – October 30 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.** **11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

ROCK RIVER BRANCH

ADVENTURES WITH BUILDING BLOCKS

AGES 2 - 5 Friends Community Meeting Room
Young children will play construction with wooden blocks, Mega Bloks, and Jumbo blocks to enhance their motor skills, become more social, and get ready for preschool. **Tuesdays: September 12 – October 31 9:15 – 10:00 a.m.**

MAIN LIBRARY

AGES 5 - 9 Children's Area
Clap your hands and stomp your feet, if you're ready for a story, take a seat! **Wednesdays: September 6 - October 25 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

ROCK RIVER BRANCH

AGES 2 - 8 Children's Area
We are presenting the author Hanadie Bazzelle-Keys! Come and listen to the book *Hanadie and Teddy's First Day of School*. Bring your Teddy Bear! **Saturday: September 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.** **Registration Required**

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ROCK RIVER BRANCH

AGES 9 - 12 Little Theatre
Have fun discovering new worlds and adventures with this read-aloud book club just for tweens! Each week we'll read a few chapters of a book together, focusing on a different book each month. We will also participate in activities related to the stories, and enjoy a tasty snack. **Thursdays: September 7 - October 26 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

POKÉMON LEAGUE

ALL AGES
Pokémon League is now meeting twice a month! Bring your own DS/3DS and Pokémon games or Pokémon TCG cards (or borrow ours!) to battle for prizes. Players of any age and skill level are welcome. **Main Library / Auditorium Tuesdays: September 5, 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** **Rockton Centre Branch / Program Room Wednesdays: September 27, October 25 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** **Nordlof Center / Large Multi-Purpose Room Tuesdays: October 3, 17, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** **Registration Required**

MONTAGUE BRANCH

FAMILY COLORING

ALL AGES Connie Lane Room
Families are invited to an enjoyable and relaxing family coloring session. Spend time as a family unit engaging in fun activities. **Friday: September 8, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

MONTAGUE BRANCH

CAR SEAT SAFETY BASICS

ALL AGES Connie Lane Room
Parents and Caregivers, join us to celebrate Child Passenger Safety Week! Come in for an informational session and hear tips on how to keep your child safe from preventable injuries. Presented by Mercy Health. **Thursday: September 21, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.**

MONTAGUE BRANCH

FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

ALL AGES Connie Lane Room
It's never too late to teach children what to do in case of a fire. Join us for a kick-off to celebrate Fire Prevention week and learn about safety and fire prevention presented by Rockford's Fire Department Station 3, the Department's newest station located at 888 Marchesano Dr. Activities will include a fire truck on site, fun activities for children and lots of safety information. **Thursday: September 28, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.**

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TEEN TECH TUESDAYS @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

AGES 13 - 19 Young Adult Zone
The Creative ReUSE group is coming to RPL to bring you a fun makerspace project! This creative program will inspire you to turn garbage into art. All supplies provided. **Thursdays: September 28, October 26 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

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MARVEL FAN PARTY

AGES 13 - 19 Little Theatre
Do you love Marvel comics and movies? Can you name all the Avengers or know the most details about Ragnarok? Come to our Marvel Fan Party with snacks, trivia, and prizes for the biggest fan! Extra bonus points towards prizes if you come in cosplay. **Wednesday: October 4, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

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TEEN ART EXHIBIT

ALL AGES Young Adult Zone
Showcase your art at RPL's Teen Art Exhibit! All mediums accepted. Contact the YA Zone librarian to submit your art today! And while you're out and about for Rockford's Fall Art Scene, stop by to see all the young creativity in our community. **Friday: October 6, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.** **Saturday: October 7, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

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MAKE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO BUTTONS

AGES 13 - 19 Young Adult Zone
Drop in to make your own hero button from old comics. Marvel, DC, & more! **Monday: October 9, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

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UNPLUGGED GAMERS

ALL AGES Young Adult Zone
Join us to throw down in card, dice, board, and other tabletop games! Pick a new game from our eclectic selection or bring a favorite to share with the group. Bring your friends! **Wednesdays: September 27, October 25 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

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TEEN READ WEEK: BOOK TRAILERS + BITES

AGES 13 - 19 Young Adult Zone
Help us celebrate Teen Read Week's theme, Unleash Your Story, with this fun craft! We'll watch YA book trailers all about superheroes and have some stellar snacks. **Thursday: October 12, 5:00 -**