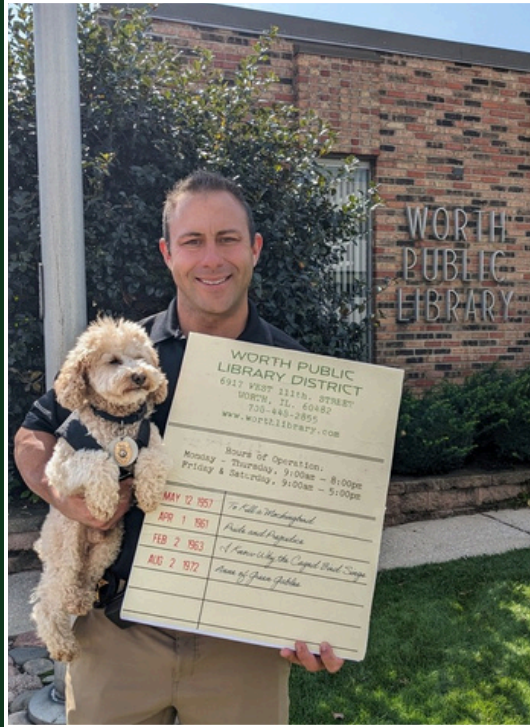




# WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

SPRING 2026 • MARCH/APRIL/MAY



## How to Get a Library Card

Do you need a library card or to renew an expired one? We have made it easier than ever! All you need is to live in Worth and bring in your photo ID with a proof of residence (if your ID shows a different address) that can be a utility bill, rental agreement, property tax bill, or we can send you a postcard to bring back to the library. Once you have an adult card, kids cards are easy to add. Stop by the Circulation Desk the next time you are in the library and we will get you signed up.



## Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026



## Seed Library Opens!

The Seed Library will open on March 2 for the 2026 growing season! The Seed Library contains a wide range of vegetables, flowers, herbs and native seeds to plant and enjoy in your home gardens. All seeds are free and open to any garden enthusiast. Seeds will be available first come, first served (while supplies last - the library will not hold seeds for patrons). Variety availability will change throughout the season. Please only take what you will use so there is enough for fellow gardeners in our community.



## New Collection: Baby Bundles

Now available as a grab and go collection! Each bag will contain 4 board books and an educational toy on a theme or concept for our littlest learners. Pick from topics like holidays, seasons, dinosaurs, and more! Available for checkout now from our Youth Services Department.



Our newsletter is also available in Arabic, Spanish and Polish on our website. Follow the link here to read them: [worthlibrary.com/newsletters](http://worthlibrary.com/newsletters) or scan the QR code.

وفي محاولة لتسهيل الوصول إلى مكتبتنا وبرامجنا، تتوفر نشرتنا الإخبارية أيضًا باللغات العربية والإسبانية والهولندية على موقعنا الإلكتروني. اتبع الرابط هنا لقراءتها

En un esfuerzo por hacer que nuestra biblioteca y nuestra programación sean más accesibles, nuestro boletín también está disponible en árabe, español y polaco en nuestro sitio web. Sigue el enlace aquí para leerlo.

W trosce o łatwy dostęp do biblioteki i oferowanych zajęć, nasz biuletyn jest dostępny w języku arabskim, hiszpańskim i polskim na naszej stronie internetowej lub przez zeskanowanie kodu QR.



# KIDS

Programs with **R** require registration. Worth residents will be given priority. To register email [ysreg@worthlibrary.com](mailto:ysreg@worthlibrary.com) or call 708-448-2855.



## Books with Ms. Bonny NEW DAY! Fridays, 10:30 - 11am

Enjoy weekly story time with Ms. Bonny! Stories, activities and art for ages 2-5. Older and younger siblings are welcome. No registration necessary, just drop in.



Pawfficer Louie knows the key to success is reading with your child every day!

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school and foster a lifelong love of reading. This new, ongoing literacy program is open to any child from birth to five-years-old who has not started kindergarten.

### How it Works:

- Sign up at the Children's Services Desk and pick up a starter packet. This self-paced program runs continuously.
- Color in or check off one circle on your log for each book you read together. If you read a book more than once, you can record it every time. You can also include books read at storytime, books read to your child by others, recorded books, and books read on e-devices.
- Each time you read 100 books, come back to the Library! Your child will get a prize, get to put their name on our Proud Paws Window and get their picture taken.

NEW DAY AND TIME!

# BINGO!

## 5th Grade and Under Bingo

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30  
March 19, April 16, May 21

Play Bingo with friends and win prizes. Just walk in! First come, first served.



## Pajama Storytime

Thursdays, 6pm  
March 19  
April 16  
May 21

Join Ms. Olivia in your most comfy pjs (you can even bring a stuffie friend) for an evening storytime to get you ready for bed.



## Make Your Own

Pick up a take and make craft from Ms. Bonny to take home and create on your own time. Kids must checkout item to receive craft kit. Designs will vary. *Grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up.*

**March 2**  
St. Patrick's Day Signs

**April 6**  
Hug-A-Bunny

**May 4**  
Succulents for Summer



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## Donuts with Grownups

**Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:15am**  
**March 21, April 18, May 16**

Come one, come all! Bring your littles for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and of course, donuts. *Ages 3-8 with caregiver.*

## Taste Offs

Grades 4-8. Taste the flavors and choose a winner!



**March 23**  
Tootsie Roll Day



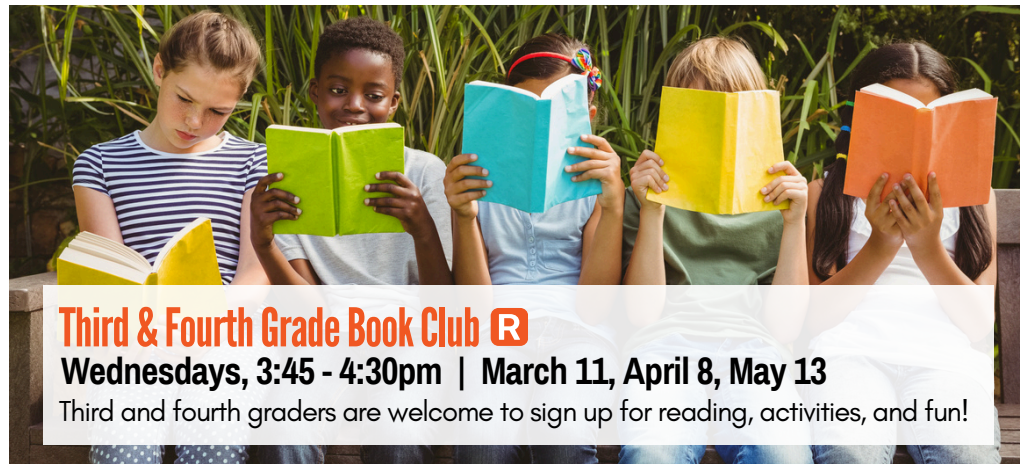
**April 27**  
Gummy Candy



## Wicked Double Feature

**April 1, 11am - 4pm**

*Wicked* (160 minutes, PG) & *Wicked For Good* (138 Minutes, PG) Popcorn and themed snacks will be served.



## Third & Fourth Grade Book Club **R**

**Wednesdays, 3:45 - 4:30pm | March 11, April 8, May 13**

Third and fourth graders are welcome to sign up for reading, activities, and fun!

# DIY STEAM+ Workshops

4pm

Join us for new STEAM Projects each month. *Grades K-5.*

**MARCH**

**March 11**  
Pastel Art Four Left Clovers

**March 17**  
St. Patty Day's Fluffy Slime

**March 25**  
Sand Art in Jars

**APRIL**

**April 15**  
Straw Airplanes

**April 22**  
Pot Your Own Flower

**MAY**

**May 5**  
National Astronaut Day

**May 7**  
Mother's Day Craft

**May 20**  
Moon Sand Day



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## Tonies

Have you checked out one of our Tonies kits yet?! Each bag comes with a speaker box and 3-4 figurines, each of which will tell your child a story. We have a variety of themes such as Pixar, Mickey Mouse, Things That Go, Non-Fiction titles, Classics and more, sure to capture the attention of your child. Find them at the top of the stairs in the Youth Department.



## Museum Passes

Explore More Illinois is a free service provided by the Worth Library that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theatres, and other fun and local cultural venues.

With our *Museum Adventure Passes*, you can check out free or reduced admission to a plethora of Chicagoland museums and attractions, including the Brookfield Zoo.

See what passes you have access to at [worthlibrary.com/adult-services](http://worthlibrary.com/adult-services).

## Vox Books

VOX™ Books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read. **These books are great for building reading confidence and we have titles in English, Spanish, and Arabic with more on the way.**



# ADULTS

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## Take and Make

Each month a new kit will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk. Limited quantities available on a first come-first serve basis. Worth cardholders have priority for pickup on Monday and Tuesday; all other patrons are able to pick up starting on Wednesday. *Must checkout item to receive craft kit.*

### April 1: Bunny Butt Pot



## One-on-One Tech Help

Book a session with one of our librarians for help with your specific technology issues.

Call (708) 448-2855 ext 2 to schedule your time slot.

## Spice of the Month Club



March  
Old Bay



April  
Lemon Pepper



May  
Turmeric

Explore a world of flavor from the comfort of your home. Each month we will explore new spices, their history, and how to use them. Kits available while supplies last. Pick up yours starting on the first Monday of the month!

## Bingo with Bob\* **R**

Fridays, 12pm  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8



Fun, snacks, and prizes! Our guest Bingo caller is Bob Trzeciak. Bob is a local Historian who has presented several historical presentations at the Worth Public Library. Bob will be calling the Bingo numbers with some trivia, funny facts, and amusing stories. Call 708-448-2855 to register.

## Worth Watching Movies start at 1pm

Just drop in to join us for a movie and fresh popped popcorn!



March 20  
Hamnet (125 min, PG-13)



April 17  
One Battle After Another (161 min, R)



May 15  
Sinners (128 min, R)

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Lunch with a Vet

**March 9, 12:30pm**

The Worth Public Library invites you to Lunch with a Vet—an intimate community gathering honoring our local veterans. Enjoy lunch, meaningful conversation, and an opportunity to recognize the service and stories of those who have served. *This program is limited to 4 participants.*



## Carol's Craft Class: Clay Garden Markers

**March 10, 1pm**

Our Seed Library is open, and we are getting ready for Spring! Carol will help us create Garden Markers for the seeds we just picked up. Join us for light refreshments and crafting.

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

**March 11, 1pm**

Hollywood is coming to Worth for an Academy Awards Party! Join us for a glamorous evening of dressing up, movie trivia, fun prizes, snacks and your chance to walk the red carpet. Get ready to strike a pose, show off your star power, and celebrate a night of glitz and glam—Worth-style!

## Mushroom Education

**March 19, 6:30pm**

Mushroom education covers the biology, identification, cultivation, and culinary uses of fungi, often focusing on sustainable foraging and growing techniques. Key areas include identifying wild mushrooms, growing edible varieties, understanding mycelium networks, and utilizing their health benefits.



## The Great Houdini

**March 24, 6pm**

Harry Houdini (1874-1926) escapes from an underwater box in front of fifteen thousand people in New York on July 15, 1914. Houdini, known as the 'Handcuff King,' made numerous notable escapes from the beginning of his career in the 1890's until his death in 1926, including wriggling out of a straightjacket while suspended in the air as well as escaping being buried alive.



## Kick off to the Kentucky Derby & History about the Derby

**March 26, 1pm**

The Kentucky Derby, often called 'The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports®,' has a storied history dating back to 1875. Held annually on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, the race is the oldest continuously running sports event in the United States. This race is filled with history and tradition and is considered most prestigious horse racing events worldwide.

## Make your own Kentucky Derby Hat!

**April 7, 1pm**

Let's get creative! Design your own Kentucky Derby hat with classic flair and timeless charm. We'll provide the hat and a selection of accessories—you bring the bling, heirloom touches, and personal style that makes it uniquely you.

## Protect your Money: Avoiding Phone & Internet Scams

Presented by the Cook County Sheriff's Office

**April 10, 11am**

Guard against common scams that target older adults and reduce the risk of fraud & Financial exploitation. This presentation will offer helpful resources to combat financial exploitation. Sponsored by Pathlights.

## Make a Dog Happy

**April 14, 1pm**

Let's Make Tails Wag! Join us for an afternoon of creating dog toys out of t-shirts. This hands-on program is a great way to get creative while making something special for dogs in need. Toy donations will be dropped off at The Animal Welfare League. Cake and coffee will be served.



## Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Keep an eye out for available passes for the upcoming season! Each pass is redeemable for two tickets.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Laura Ingalls Wilder

**April 16, 6:30pm**

In the summer of 1937, author of the beloved Little House books, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and her husband Almanzo moved from the Rock House on their property in Mansfield Mo., back into the farmhouse they loved. Call on Laura in September of that year. Her 4th book, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, is about to be published, and Laura prepares for what will be her only national public speaking engagement, for the Detroit Book Fair. Listen as Laura reminisces about her childhood, her marriage, and the "truth" of her tales.




## Feed the Birds for Earth Day

**April 22, 1pm**

On this earth day we are dedicated to feeding the birds. Join us for making bird feeders out of oranges and pinecones. Feeding birds offers benefits like supporting bird survival in harsh conditions, helping populations grow, controlling pests and weeds, aiding pollination, and providing humans with mental health boosts, relaxation, and educational opportunities to connect with nature and contribute to citizen science.



## Cinco De Mayo

**May 5, 1pm **

So, what does Cinco de Mayo celebrate? On the morning of May 5, 1862, 6,000 French troops stormed the Mexican city of Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza to bring it under French rule. The Mexican soldiers were outnumbered, but they fiercely fought back. By early evening, the French had retreated. Now the people of Puebla, Mexico, observe the holiday Cinco de Mayo to celebrate this victory. The holiday is also widely celebrated in the United States. Americans use the celebration to honor the battle as well as Mexican culture. Join us for music, Trivia, and a nacho bar.

## An Evening with Abigail Adams

**May 7, 6:30pm**

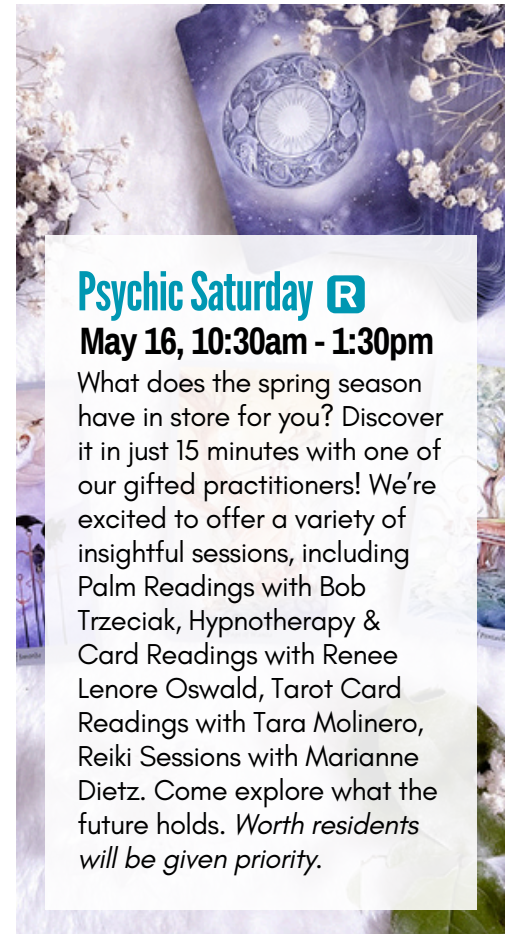
Hailed for her now-famous admonition that the Founding Fathers "remember the ladies" in their new laws, Abigail Adams was not only an early advocate for women's rights, she was a vital confidant and advisor to her husband John Adams, the nation's second president and the Mother of John Quincy Adams. She opposed slavery and supported women's education. A real rebel for the time.



## Carol's Craft Class: Create Your Own Canvas Bag

**May 12, 1pm**

Whether you need a book bag, garden bag, or shopping bag, join Carol for a guided crafting session. We'll provide the canvas bag and accessories—you bring the creativity. Refreshments will be served.



## Psychic Saturday

**May 16, 10:30am - 1:30pm**


What does the spring season have in store for you? Discover it in just 15 minutes with one of our gifted practitioners! We're excited to offer a variety of insightful sessions, including Palm Readings with Bob Trzeciak, Hypnotherapy & Card Readings with Renee Lenore Oswald, Tarot Card Readings with Tara Molinero, Reiki Sessions with Marianne Dietz. Come explore what the future holds. *Worth residents will be given priority.*

## AI Examined: What's Real? What's AI Generated? What's Next?

**April 28, 6pm**

Recent advances in Artificial Intelligence makes it nearly impossible to distinguish between what's real and what is AI generated. Join IT professional, Sean Bernard, as he explains how the latest Artificial Intelligence technology works, and how you can use it to create and identify AI generated content. Sean will demo some features which are available in AI systems that are free to use. He will also discuss what changes may occur in the future, as a result of AI technology. This program will help you become more comfortable using AI tools and help you identify what is created with them.

## History in Music by Mr. Riley's Ghost

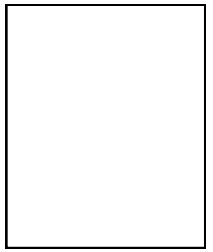
**May 21, 6:30pm **

Can music give us history lessons? Absolutely! Join us for an engaging and educational musical experience as Mr. Riley's Ghost brings history to life through song. Discover how music can teach us about the past, connect us to important moments, and make learning fun. Don't miss this unique blend of performance and storytelling!



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## HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9am-8pm  
Friday 9am-5pm  
Saturday 10am-2pm

*Library closed days: May 25*



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## BOARD MEETINGS

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (March 10, April 14, May 12). Minutes and agendas are posted on the library website. Meetings are open to the public.

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