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LIBRARY NEWS **NOVEMBER - JANUARY** 

### THE HARVARD COMMUNITY STORVALA

CONTEST 2023 Congratulations to the

winners of the 2nd **Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest:** 

The Collins Family

"Jack Skellington"



SCARECROW

### Try our new catalog!

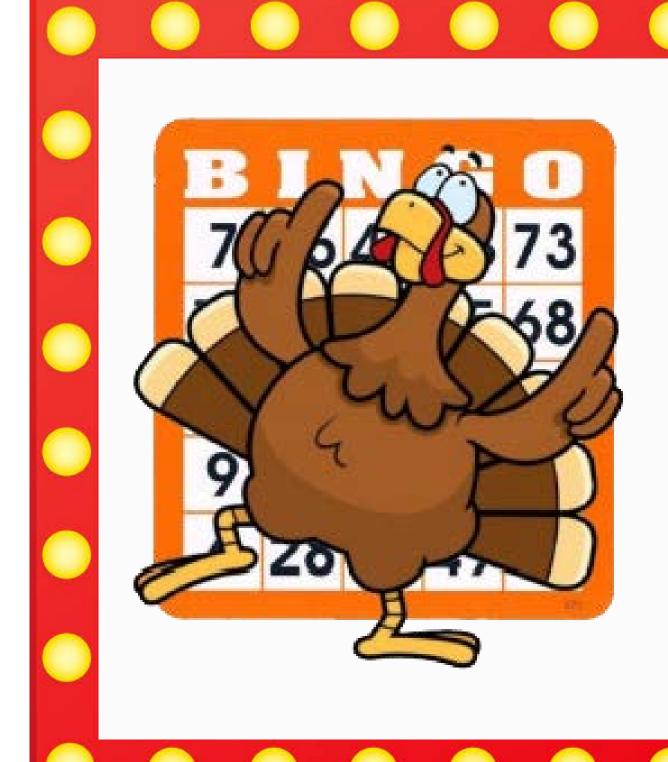
If you have previously used the Library's online catalog to search for books, movies, and more, you'll notice soon that it will look a little different. PrairieCat, the consortium of libraries that Harvard Diggins Library is part of, is switching to an online catalog called Vega Discover.

For the most part, searching for library items will be as simple and easy as it has always been. However, Vega Discover will allow us to have even more ways to easily find the items available to borrow from the Library. Now, books will no longer be separated by format (i.e. separate pages for Large Print, Audiobooks, etc.) If you are looking for Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, you can click on one page to see all formats of this book that are available - including Large Print, Audiobook on CD, and more. The book's catalog record will even show you if the book is available as a digital download on Libby and Explore More Illinois!

Please be patient as PrairieCat staff help us transition from the current Encore library catalog to the new Vega Discover catalog. If you have questions about using the new Vega Discover library catalog, library staff are happy to help.

### **FAMILY/ALL-AGES PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER - JANUARY** 





### Saturday November 11, 10:30am 🔀

Enjoy some Thanksgiving-inspired bingo for a chance to win part of Thanksgiving dinner. Registration required. Attendees are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for the Library's Little Free Food Pantry.

The Harvard High School

### Madrigals Holiday

Concert

Monday December 4, 6:30pm

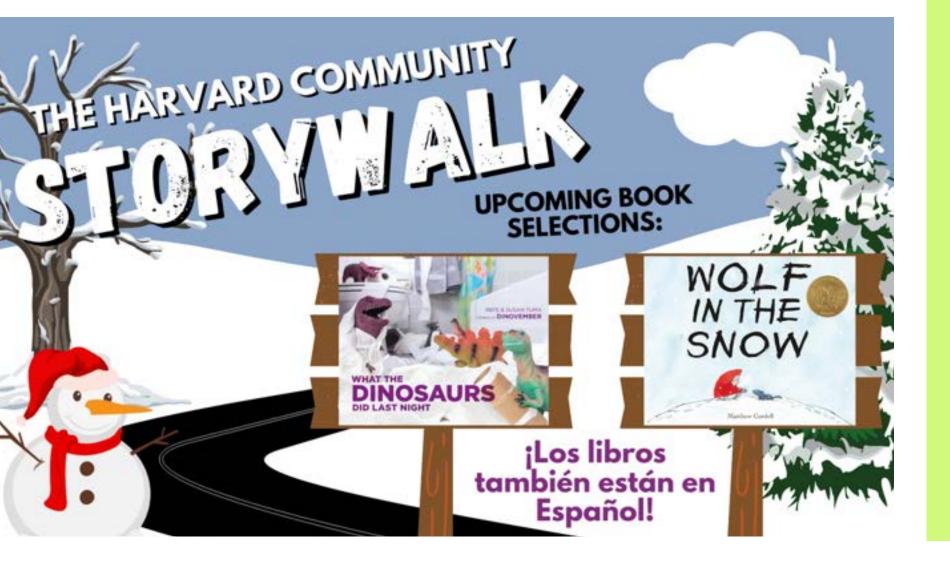
The Harvard High School Madrigals will return to Harvard Diggins Library for a special public performance of holiday songs. Join us to hear the sounds of the season from our talented local young musicians around the Christmas tree.



### UFO NIGHT

Thurs Nov 9, Dec 14, & Jan 11, 6:00pm R

Calling all crafters! Got a stash of UFO's (Unfinished Objects)? Spend an evening with fellow crafters getting those UFO's closer to completion. All who knit, crochet, cross stitch, embroider, sew, and paper craft are invited. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. All ages.



### Rook Nook

Diorama Contest

Registration Jan 3 - 27 Submissions Jan 23 - 31 **Voting Feb 1 - 29** 

All are invited to submit their **Book Nook Diorama creations** in the Library's first Book Nook



Diorama Contest. What is a book nook diorama, you ask? It is a slender, recycled cardboard box, roughly the width of 2-4 book spines, that contains a diorama of a tiny room or scene. It is meant to sit on a bookshelf between the books.

Participants may register for the contest as individuals (all ages), families, organizations. Upon registration, you will receive contest rules, instructions, and tips on how to create your book nook diorama. Then, return your diorama to the Library between January 23 – 31. Library visitors will have the opportunity to view the contest submissions and vote for their favorite during the month of February. The winner will be displayed at the Circulation Desk, announced on Facebook, and will be featured in the next newsletter.

### **YOUTH EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER - JANUARY** 

### **HOLIDAY GIFT BONANZA FOR TEENS**

Fri Dec 8, 3:00pm-7:00pm



Tackle your holiday gift list in this workshop featuring four different gifts to craft for someone special. All supplies provided. Note that part of this event takes place after library hours. Gr. 6-12

### **TASTE TEST CHALLENGE:** NAME BRAND VS. STORE BRAND

Thurs Jan 25, 4:00pm



Think you can tell the difference between a name brand food and the cheaper store brand? Take the challenge in this fun face-off featuring assortment of foods.

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### **TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**

Wed Jan 3, 6:00pm



Spend an evening watching a blockbuster on the big screen while enjoying a popcorn buffet. Gr. 6-12.



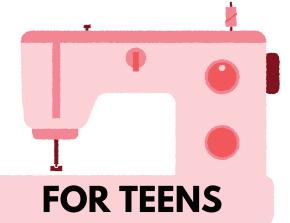
### READER LEADER BOOK CLUB

### Every other Tuesday at 11:00am beginning Sept 5

Our book club for homeschool students in grades 5-9 continues into the new year. We will read and discuss titles from the 2024 Rebecca Caudill list and other selections. Meetings will be every other week through March 2024. For more information about this program,

please contact Karen at ilovestories@harvard-diggins.org





Teens who have completed at least three sewing classes at the library are

eligible to participate in the advanced sewing classes. Class size is limited. Supply lists available at the Circulation Desk.

### HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOPS



Fri Nov 17 & Fri Dec 15, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Holiday gift-making sessions. Choose from a variety of projects to make for a special someone. Projects will include fabric basket, zip pouch, lanyard.

### **READING PILLOW**



Fri Jan 19 & Fri Jan 26, 3:00pm-5:00pm

## Sew a pocket pillow to stash a book.

### KIDS CRAFTERNOON

Harvard District #50 students have an early release day! Join us this afternoon for some crafting fun. Please register for each session separately. Pre-K-5th.







Wed Nov 8, 1:30pm-5pm - Ball Drop Game

Wed Dec 13, 1:30pm-5pm - Jar Lid Snowman Ornament

Wed Jan 17, 1:30pm-5pm - Milk Jug Houses R



Tuesdays at 10:00am beginning Nov 7 R Join us every week for stories, songs, and a craft with Mrs. Karen. For children ages 3-5 and their caregivers. No storytime Tues Nov 21.



### **LEGO BUILD IT! NIGHT**

Thurs Nov 2, Dec 7 & Jan 4, 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of LEGO building fun with a unique building challenge! Pre-K-5th.

### 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

### Ongoing R



The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is open to Harvard Diggins Library cardholders and their child or children who are not yet in Kindergarten.

For each book you read together, record it on your paper reading log or in our Beanstack app and receive stickers and prizes for your reading milestones.



Visit the Library to sign up and receive your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packet.

**ADULT PROGRAMS NOVEMBER - JANUARY** 

### **FOOD SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

### Monday November 6, 6:00pm



Do you really know the safest ways to handle and prepare foods? Before you prepare your feasts and treats for the holidays, visit the library for a one-time training class with staff from the McHenry County Department of Health.

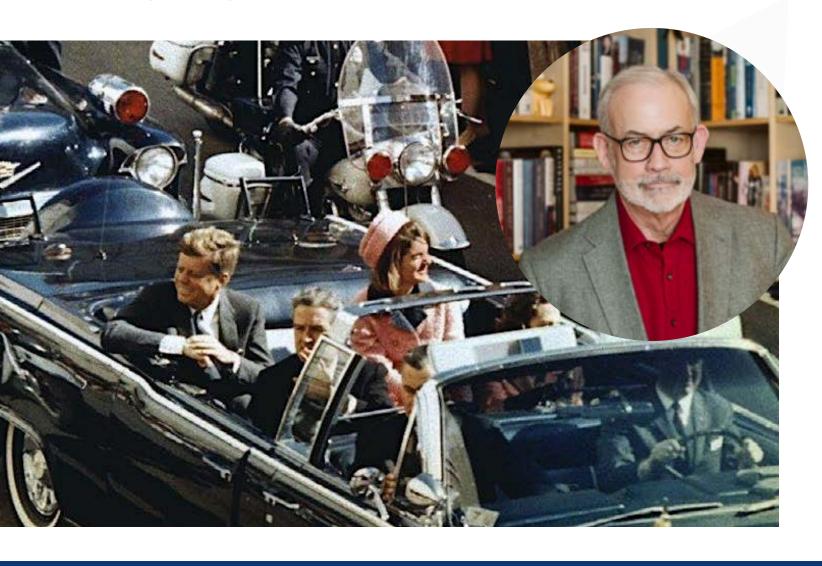


### **60 YEARS LATER: THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION**

### Monday November 20, 6:30pm



We have had four Presidents assassinated – Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley and John Kennedy. In the first three cases we know with absolute certainty who pulled the trigger. But in the fourth case despite the report of a Presidential Commission (The Warren Report) - uncertainty, innuendo and rumor continue to swirl and question the validity of the story. The American people were promised a complete release of all U.S. government information, but that did not happen – so we are left with conjecture. This program will discuss what we do know, what we might know and what the American public deserves to know. Presented by author, analyst, and professor at North Park University, Gary Midkiff.





### **DE-MYSTIFYING INTERIOR DESIGN**

### Monday November 13, 6:00pm



You don't need to spend thousands of dollars on renovations to create an impressive interior home design that is uniquely yours. Join us to learn how easy it is to arrange YOUR home before friends and family visit for the holidays from a professional interior designer, at no cost to you. Send photos of your humble abode to Leticia at adultservices@harvarddiggins.org upon registration. Elizabeth Black, interior designer, will evaluate the photos and provide design tips and tricks tailored to your individual style and preferences. You may even learn some great ideas from other attendees' interiors! Sending in your photos is strongly encouraged, but optional. Deadline to submit photos is Nov 9.

### **ADULT BEGINNER SEWING**

### Tuesday January 23 & 30, 6:00pm-8:00pm



Learn machine sewing basics in this two-session class. Students (age 18+) will create a simple project. A supply list for the class is available at the circulation desk.

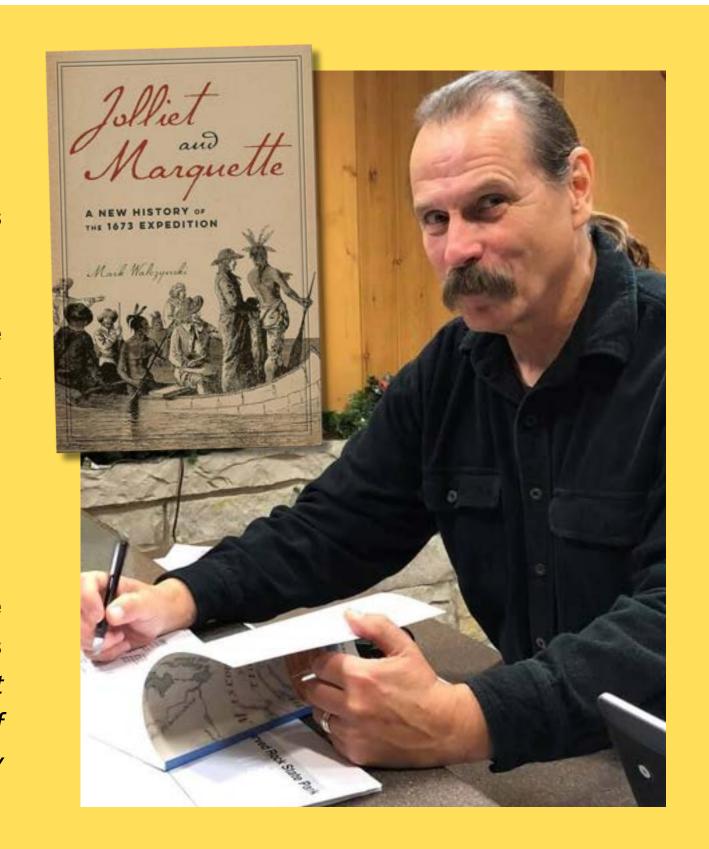


### JOLLIET & MARQUETTE: A NEW HISTORY OF THE 1673 EXPEDITION

Monday December 11, 6:00pm

Historian and Author, Mark Walczynski joins us at Harvard Diggins Library to discuss a wealth of original research that will take you among the region's diverse Native American peoples and into a vanished natural world of treacherous waterways and native flora and fauna. He will also chart the little-known exploits of the French-Canadian officials, explorers, traders, soldiers, and missionaries who created the political and religious environment that formed Jolliet and Marquette and shaped European colonization of Illinois and America's heartland.

Mark Walczynski is a Park Historian for the Starved Rock Foundation. Mark's work has been published in historical journals including the Journal of Illinois State Historical Society, Le Journal, and Michigan's Habitant Heritage. His books include *Starved Rock State Park, The First 100 Years, Massacre 1769, The Search for the Origin of the Legend of Starved Rock, Inquietus, La Salle in the Illinois Country,* and *The History of Starved Rock: 1673 to 1911*.



### **FRESHWATER FISH TANKS 101**

Monday January 15, 6:30pm

Have you been thinking about getting a new pet in your home? Freshwater fish tanks are more than just a goldfish and a bowl, but they don't have to be rocket science! Jeff Magnus, owner of Aquatic Specialty Group Sales, will bring examples of starter aquarium equipment and share tips and tricks for making your first freshwater aquarium thrive. All ages.





### **COMPOSTING FOR BEGINNERS**

Monday January 22, 6:00pm



Join us at our next Seed Library event to learn about nature's way of recycling and how compost can help you easily reduce your trash and build healthy soil for your gardens later in the year. Staff from the McHenry County Department of Health will return to present this free class at your library.



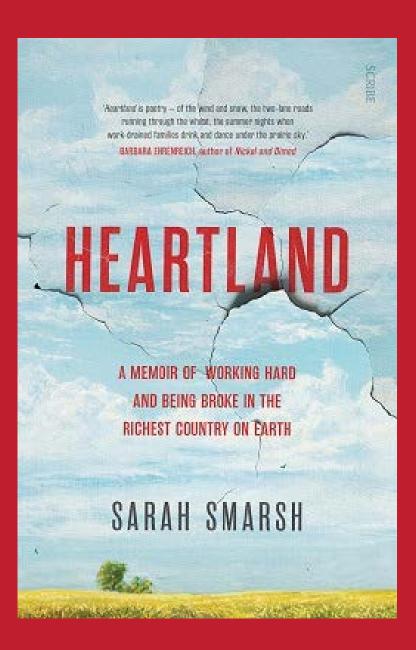






**ADULT PROGRAMS** 





### You're invited to join us for

### THE BIG READ

Harvard Diggins Library joins several Illinois libraries for a program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and Illinois Humanities to read and discuss two important books this winter for this year's theme of *Reconsidering the American Dream*. Participants can check out the books at the Library and join us for in-person discussions at offsite locations.

If you are a participant in the Laid Back Book Club, these book selections coincide with the January and February Laid Back Book Club picks! You can participate in The Big Read <u>and</u> earn raffle entries towards the LBBC drawings at the end of 2024!

### HEARTLAND BY SARAH SMARSH - MEETING #1

Wednesday December 6, 6:00pm at the Harvard Historical Society, 308 N. Hart Blvd, Harvard, IL

At this first meeting, we will join to discuss the first half of *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh. This deeply humane memoir shares stories of the author's family in rural Kansas and her childhood in the 1980s and '90s while offering "an unsentimental tribute to the working-class people Smarsh knows—the farmers, office clerks, trash collectors, waitresses—whose labor is often invisible or disdained" (NPR).

### HEARTLAND BY SARAH SMARSH - MEETING #2

Wednesday January 10, 6:00pm, location TBD

At this second meeting, we will discuss the second half of Heartland by Sarah Smarsh.

### INFINITE COUNTRY BY PATRICIA ENGEL - MEETING #1

Wednesday February 7, 6:00pm, location TBD

At this first meeting of our second book selection, we will discuss the first half of Infinite Country by Patricia Engel. This fiction novel tells the powerful tale of a family divided. Set in Colombia and the United States and told through the shifting perspectives of each family member, Engel examines the beauty and cruelty of life in the diaspora, crafting "a breathtaking story of the unimaginable prices paid for a better life" (Esquire).

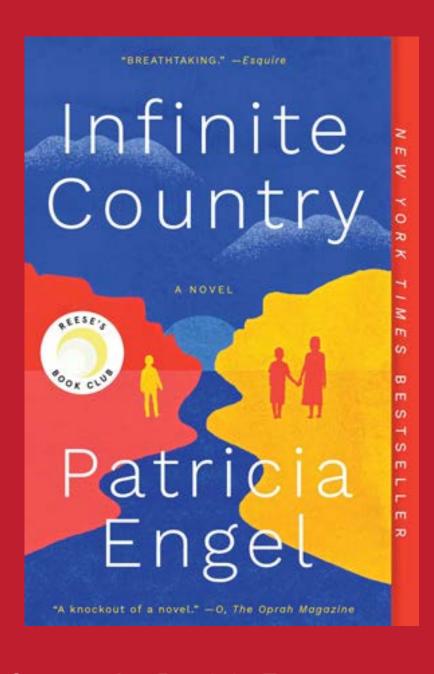
### INFINITE COUNTRY BY PATRICIA ENGEL - MEETING #2

Wednesday March 6, 6:00pm, location TBD

At this final book discussion meeting, we will read and discuss the second half of Infinite Country by Patricia Engel.

The National Endowment of the Arts is planning additional public programs, both virtual and in-person throughout the state of Illinois, as supplements to these book discussions. More information will be available as dates are finalized - stay tuned!

Make sure to visit our website to join the online discussion forum where you can discuss these two books not just with our group in-person, but with other readers throughout Illinois! Visit our website for more information.

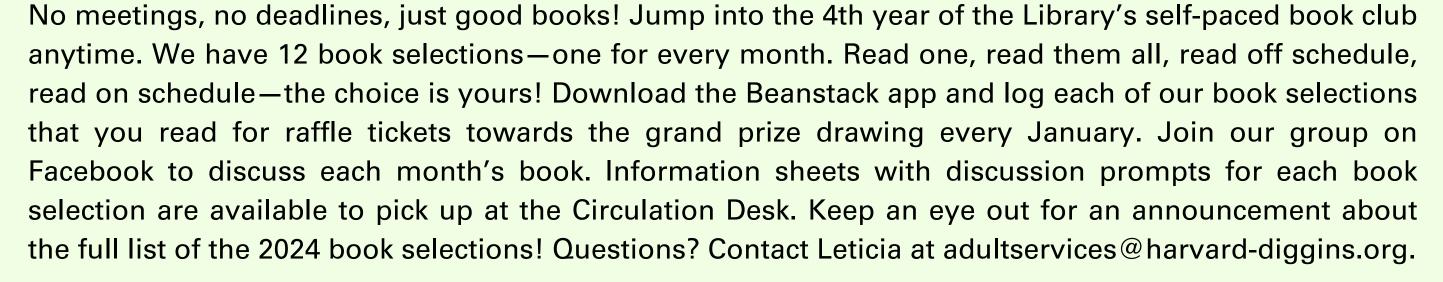


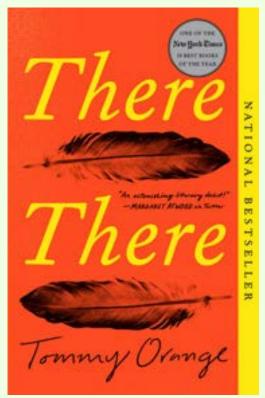
### THE LAID-BACK BOOK CLUB



**November 2023 Selection:** There There by Tommy Orange

### **Ongoing**







### LIVE VIRTUAL EVENTS WITH ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Harvard Diggins Library offers free, live author events held virtually on Zoom courtesy of its participation in Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

ILP is funded in part by a grant 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 (LSTA). ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email: illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com

### **MAYA-CAMILLE BROUSSARD**







Join Maya Camille Broussard, star of Netflix's Bake Squad, owner of Chicago based Justice of the Pies, and cookbook author, for a demo from her kitchen. Just in time for Thanksgiving, Chef Maya-Camille will share her love of pie, stories of those that inspired her, and tips and tricks to help you make the perfect pie.



### **LORI GOTTLIEB**

### Wednesday December 6, 7pm





Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of Maybe You Should Talk to Someone, and cohost of the "Dear Therapists" podcast joins us for a thought-provoking conversation about mental health in anticipation of the winter holiday season.

### THE NUTCRACKER BY THE ROYAL BALLET

### Saturday December 16 & Sunday December 17 🔼 🤼



Get in the spirit of the season with a recorded virtual performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* performed by the United Kingdom's internationally renowned Royal Ballet. The ballet, a holiday staple for all ages, can be viewed Saturday, December 16, and Sunday, December 17. Registrants will receive an

email with a special link to the performance.

### CORY DOCTROW, KEN LIU, & MARTHA WELLS

### Thursday January 11, 7pm 🖂 🦹



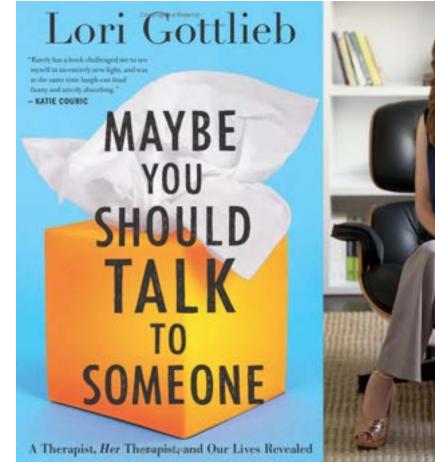


Join us for a panel discussion featuring three best selling science fiction writers, Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and Martha Wells. They will discuss the promise, perils, and possible impacts that AI will have on our future, as well as AI in contemporary and future science fiction writing.









### SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING "ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT" EVENTS:

February 6 - Meet American cartoonist and children's book illustrator Jerry Craft.

February 20 - #1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn helps us feel the romance all month with a discussion about Bridgerton and all things romance.

April 3 - Prominent speaker and professor, Dr. Temple Grandin, shares on the gifts of Neurodiversity.

May 7 - Kal Penn discusses his many lives: writer, producer, former White House staff member, starring actor of "Harold and Kumar" & much more.

# NOVEMBER 2023

# Children Teens Adult Family/Mixed-Age

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## DECEMBER 2023

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03	04 HHS Madrigals Concert, 6:30pm	05 Preschool Storytime, 10am Reader Leader Book Club, 11am	06 The Big Read (Offsite), 6pm Lori Gottlieb (Virtual), 7pm	07 LEGO Build It! Night, 6pm	08 Holiday Gift Bonanza, 3pm- 7pm	60
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### The Used Book Sale

### Returning this November!



The Friends of Harvard Diggins Library's ongoing used book sale will return this November 2023. A selection of used hardcover and paperback books will again be available by the community bulletin board near the Library's front entrance. A space for free used magazines will also be available. Keep an eye out for themed pop-up book sales organized by our volunteers.

Book donations to the Library have also resumed with a new book donation policy in place. Books must be donated in-person during regular operating hours and cannot be placed in outdoor book returns. Donations will be limited to one bag at a time due to storage constraints and to ensure the safety of our staff and volunteers. To read the full donation policy, please see a staff member.

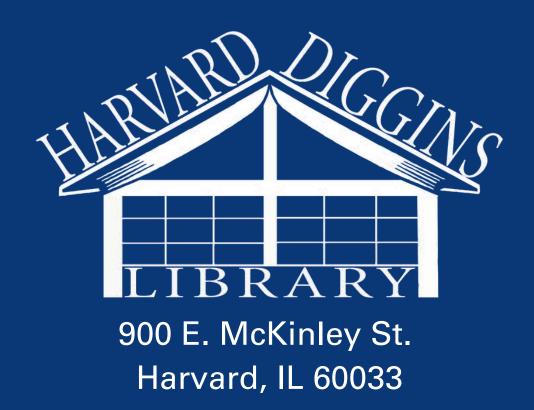


### MILITARY & HISTORY **POP-UP BOOK SALE**

Nov 6,10am - Nov 13, 10am

Browse a selection of Military & History book subjects for sale. Hardcover books are \$1 each and Paperback books are \$0.50 each.





### **LIBRARY HOURS:**

M-Th 9:00am - 8:00pm F-Sa 9:00am - 5:00pm **Closed Sundays** 

### **UPCOMING CLOSINGS:**

Wed Nov 22 - Closing Early at 5pm Thurs Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Fri Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Observed

Mon Dec 25 - Christmas

Tues Dec 26 - Christmas Eve Observed

Mon Jan 1 - New Year's Day

Tues Jan 2 - New Year's Day Observed

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