



ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY LINES

DOWNTOWN, SOUTHWEST, WATTS-MIDTOWN, LIBRARY2GO, & ONLINE

MARCH 2026

Your Mind Matters

Cultivating Self-Care & Resilience in a Busy World



**Thursday,
March 5 at 1 pm
Southwest Branch**

With Anne McNelis, co-CEO and Clinical director, Transitions Mental Health

Tools to prioritize self-care, manage stress, and build resilience. Funded by ARPA dollars designated by the City of Rock Island.

Investing & Taxes - 2-part seminar

**Wednesday, March 4 and March 11
6:30 to 7:30 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch**

Part 1: Investment Planning for Retirees
Investing for retirement income, managing risk and sequencing of returns, coordinating investments and Social Security, and more.

Part 2: Tax Planning, ROTH, and Legacy Strategies
Tax planning for retirement income, ROTH IRA conversions, managing RMDs and future tax exposure, tax-efficient legacy and wealth transfer.

Not a sales event - educational only



with Ray Kozicki, Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA)



SEW

Much

Fun!



**2nd Saturday
10:30-12:30 pm
Downtown Library**

March full, Save the Date for:

April 11: Quilted Coasters. Registration opens March 16.



Registration Required. Teens & Adults. Sign up online or call!

LIBRARY2GO On the Road again this Spring, March 2-May 28

- Red route starts March 2: Mondays: MLK Center; Thursdays: Highcliff Estates
 - Blue route starts March 9: Mondays: Maple Ridge/Pepsi lot; Thursdays: Shelter Park at Big Island.
- See website for times. School visits continue on Tuesdays.



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Tuneful Tuesdays

Free music, 1st Tuesdays
Downtown Library

**March 3: Tony
Hoepfner & Friends**
Noon to 1 pm

Tuneful Tuesdays are made possible through a generous sponsorship from Carol Horstman, and her husband, the late James Horstmann. Free, open to all. Join us again for Cherry & Jerry on April 7!



**2026 Rock
Island Arsenal
Lectures:
America's 250th**

**2 pm, March 11: French
& Indian War, Downtown**

Lectures from Army Sustainment Command History Office on the events leading up to the founding of America. This month, how the French & Indian War influenced the American Revolution.



America at 250 – Women's History Month



Founding Mothers of America

Thursday, March 12
5 pm to 6 pm
Watts-Midtown

Illustrated lecture on the often unsung women who had a first-hand view of the founding of the nation. With Laura Keyes of Historic Voices



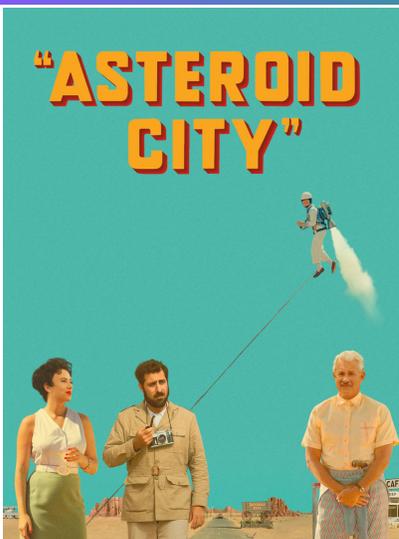
Mrs. Lincoln's Salon
Saturday, March 28
11 am to Noon
Watts-Midtown Branch

Celebrate Women's History Month with a visit from Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by actress Debra Ann Miller. Mrs. Lincoln's Salon takes place in her Blue Room on April 4, 1865.

Movies

"ASTEROID CITY"

**Downtown
Movie Club:**
Thursday,
March 19,
1 pm - 3:00 pm,
Asteroid City,
PG-13 (2023,
Sci-fi/Comedy)



Beyond the Page with

PERCIVAL EVERETT

in conversation with Brandis Friedman

Thu, Mar. 19 | 7 PM

This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

Illinois Libraries Present brings you Percival Everett, author of the award-winning bestseller *James, A Novel*.

Online program:
Register at library
calendar, scan
code or call us!



SCAN ME

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB



**Graphic Novel Book Club:
March 3, 5 pm to 6 pm**

Watts-Midtown Conference Room, *Warriors 1*, by Erin Hunter



For Grades K-6. Pick up a bookmark with all dates and titles!



Five Nights at Freddy's Pizza Party

Video gaming and pizza on the big screen.

Monday, March 16

5:30 pm to 7 pm

Watts-Midtown Branch

Elementary After School Activity

3:30-4:30 pm



**Grades
K-6!**

Tuesdays: Watts-Midtown

Thursdays: Southwest



Minute-to-win-it games, Leprechauns, Kid-led sticker craft, and more fun at the library!

Just drop in.

Dissection Event

Ages 12 to 18



Thursday,

March 26 at 5 pm

Southwest Branch

Registration required!

Sign up online or call
309-732-7315.

Storytimes & More

Tuesdays & Fridays at
10:30 am,
Watts-Midtown

Wednesdays at 11 am,
Southwest.

Petite Picassos -
messy art for
littles, Wednesday,
March 11, 11 am,
Southwest Branch



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Palace
Project

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Illinois
collection

for Apple & Android devices

Arts, Literacy, and More



Mark Turcotte, Illinois Poet Laureate

Thursday, March 26, 5:30-7 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch



Rock Island Public Library and Augustana College present an evening of poetry with Mark Turcotte, Illinois poet laureate and Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at DePaul University. Mr. Turcotte is also a member of the Turtle Mountain Band Anishinaabe tribe.



Digital Literacy Class with American Job Center

Tuesday, March 17

10 am to Noon

Downtown Library



Register now for this free 2-hour class! Learn how to use the Internet, search safely, create and use email, organize files, and more. Call **American Job Center** at 309-429-6429 to sign up.

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- Career license exams
- GED test prep
- Grad school test prep
- Explora Points of View

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Multiple age levels and topics



Available to any
Illinois resident

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ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARIAN



Sneak preview: RIHC Seed Swap at QCBC March 11, 5 pm to 7pm. Full availability at library: March 16.



BOOK CLUBS

See website for titles

Alpha Books: March 2, 1 pm,
Downtown Library.

Midtown Readers: March 17,
6:30 pm, Watts-Midtown.

Silent Book Club: March 18,
5:30 pm, Watts-Midtown.

Freedom to Read 'Em Club:
March 24, 2 pm, Downtown.

Southwest Book Club, March 25,
3 pm, Southwest Branch.

RIFAC Book Club: March 27, 10 am,
RI Fitness & Activity Center. Open to
all, no membership required.

LOCATIONS

Downtown Library: 401 19th Street

Southwest Branch: 9010 Ridgewood Rd

Watts-Midtown Branch: 2715 30th St.

Library2Go (see website for routes)

Online: www.rockislandlibrary.org



Teens After Hours

Friday, March 20

7 to 9 pm

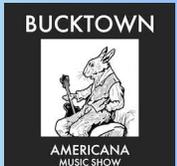
Watts-Midtown

Food and fun for ages 12
to 18, 3rd Friday of month.

Bucktown Review at Watts-Midtown Branch:

Friday,
March 20
7-9 pm

Tickets: bucktownamericana.com



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