



# ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



APRIL 2026 NEWS & EVENTS



## Debunking Myths About Dietary Supplements

Presented by:  
**Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum**

Holistic Clinical Pharmacist, Rx  
Integrative Solutions  
Loveland OH



**Debunking Supplement Myths**, with Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum: **Thurs, April 2 at 2 pm, Downtown**

Not all that glitters in the capsule is gold. Uncover what really works, what doesn't, and how to take charge of your wellness, with this free talk by Dr. Cathy Rosenbaum, Holistic Clinical Pharmacist.

## K-Pop Demon Hunters Craft



School ages, teens, family

**Tuesday, April 7, 6 pm to 7:30 pm, Watts-Midtown Branch**  
**Registration required.**

KPop Demon Hunters-inspired crafts! Make Sussie the bird, KPDH flower pot, Huntrix-inspired bracelets, and coloring pages.

Register at library calendar or call 309-732-READ

*Tuneful Tuesday*

# CHERRY & JERRY

*Ragtime Music*

Tues., April 2 @ Noon  
Downtown Library



**RIPL**

Sponsors: Carol Horstmann and the late James Horstmann  
**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**Ragtime, blues, and jazz with Cherry & Jerry!**  
**Tuesday, April 7 at noon, Downtown Library**  
*Final Tuneful Tuesday til December.* Sponsored by Carol & James Horstmann. Free, all ages welcome!

## Library Apps for RIPL Cards



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## LIBRARY CITIZENS' ACADEMY: *Opening the Book on Library Services!*

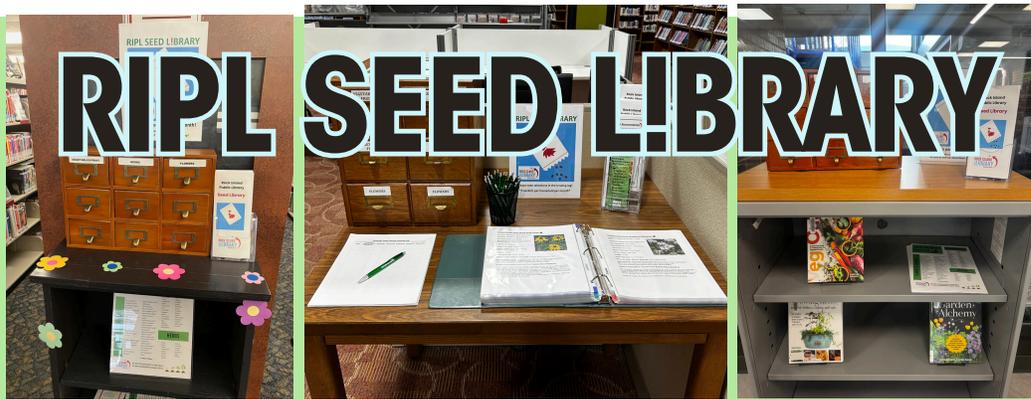
**Mondays, April 20 - May 11 at 6 pm**

**Watts-Midtown Branch, 2715 30<sup>th</sup> Street**

- **April 20: How do libraries work? How are they funded?**  
Learn what makes a library run.
- **April 27: How do books (and more) get on our shelves?**  
How & why do we decide what to buy? Learn the ins and outs.
- **May 4: Meet our departments.**  
How does each one fit into the big picture?
- **May 11: What's ahead for libraries?**  
Strategic and future planning, new technology, and more.



**Please register at our website or call:** Attend all 4 sessions for a special keepsake and "Honorary Librarian" certificate! Questions? Call Angela at 309-732-7300.



## Now available at all RIPL locations

- **Primary catalog at our Downtown Library,**
- **Smaller catalogs at Southwest and Watts-Midtown Branches**
- **5 packets per household, per month**

Seeds are free and open to anyone for personal use. Please take a variety (options include vegetables, flowers, herbs, and native plant varieties.) Native plants are marked with a leaf. Illinois Growing Guide available!

**America's 250 -  
The War for Freedom**

**April 8 at 2 pm,  
Downtown Library**

Early impacts on the colonies by the British government. Talk by Army Sustainment Command historians.



**LIBRARY2GO** **On the Road this Spring**

- Red route: Mondays: MLK Center; Thursdays: Highcliff Estates
- Blue route: Mondays: Maple Ridge; Thursdays: Shelter Park at Big Island.

See website for dates and times.

## Robert Ridgway, Illinois' "Bird Man"



## Historical impression: Thursday, April 9 at 2 pm Downtown Library



Brian "Fox" Ellis becomes Robert Ridgway, telling the story of his 1868 journey across the American West as a teenager, his lifelong work at the Smithsonian Institution, birding trips into Central America and across Alaska. Ridgway's research transformed the field of ornithology.

Brian is an internationally acclaimed author, storyteller, historian, and naturalist. He is the author of 16 books, and the Artistic Director for Prairie Folklore Theatre, a unique theatre company that celebrates ecology and history through original musical theatre productions.

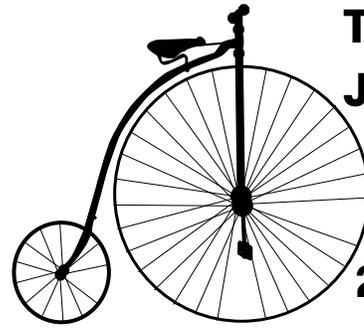
## New! Southwest Stitch Club Tuesday, April 7, 5 pm to 7pm, Southwest Branch



Gathering of crafters of all levels and all craft interests. Drop in, bring a craft to work on and meet your neighbors.



Please note, this is not an instructional class. You may pick up tips from other crafters, but these are mainly working sessions. All welcome.



## The Extraordinary Journey of the Bicycle

*Documentary movie*

**Tuesday, April 14**

**2 pm, Downtown Library**

For 200 years, the bicycle has offered us free climate-friendly travel. Learn how this invention spawned myths and legends and fueled the movement for equality of the sexes. The world would look very different without it!

Teens, adults, all ages

# Library Book Sale

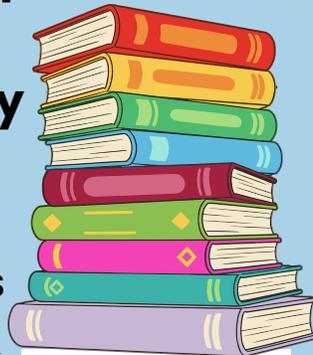
**Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25**

**10 am to 1 pm each day**

**Rock Island Downtown Library**

**401 -19<sup>th</sup> Street**

Unless specially marked, pay what you want with a donation. Your deals benefit library projects. Fill up a box (or two,) a bag, or buy a library bag! Cash, check, credit/debit accepted.



## Light-Up Bookend Craft

**Tuesday,**

**April 21**

**5 pm-6 pm**

**Southwest**

**Branch**

**School age,**

**teen, adult**



Celebrate National Library week with this creative bookend craft! Must register - limited spots.

## Fun for Littles

- Toddler Tales: 10:30 am Tuesdays & Fridays, Watts-Midtown
- Southwest Toddler Tales: 11 am, 3 Wednesdays a month,
- Petite Picassos: 11 am, April 8, Southwest

All for ages birth to 5 with caregiver.



## Fun for School Ages Graphic Novel Book Club

April 7, *Batcat*,  
5 pm to 6 pm  
Watts-Midtown



## Afterschool Activity

3:30 pm to 4:30 pm,  
Tuesdays at Watts-Midtown;  
Thursdays at Southwest  
Grades K-6

## How to Buy a Car (& Other Stuff!) April 29 at 2 pm Downtown Library

Free access to Consumer Reports independent testing results is yet another perk of your RIPL card. Learn how to access and use this remarkable resource! Consumer Reports tests 1,000s of products annually and accepts no advertising, for results you can trust!

# Consumer Reports<sup>®</sup> at your library



## CRISTINA HENRÍQUEZ:

*Voice, Culture, and Human Connection*  
in conversation with Carmen Alvarez

**Thu, Apr. 16 | 7 PM**

Registration limited to  
cardholders/residents of Rock  
Island and Milan-Blackhawk Area  
Public Library District



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Online event,  
register online or  
call 309-732-7341

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

## LOCATIONS

Downtown Library: 401 19th Street  
Southwest Branch: 9010 Ridgewood Rd  
Watts-Midtown Branch: 2715 30th St.  
Library2Go (see website for routes)

**www.rockislandlibrary.org | 309-732-READ**

RIPL locations closed Thursday, April 23 for staff development



# April

## Ongoing Events

- Coffee & Conversations: April 9 ONLY, 10 am to Noon, Southwest Branch
- Downtown Movie Club: *F1, The Movie*. April 16 at 1 pm
- Drop in Computer Skills/Job Search: Mondays, 3 pm, Downtown
- Knitting Circle: April 20, 2 pm to 4 pm, Downtown
- Living with Loss: April 18, 11 am to 1 pm, Watts-Midtown
- Teen Advisory Group: April 17 at 4 pm, Watts-Midtown
- Book Clubs:
  - Alpha, April 6 at 1 pm, Downtown
  - Midtown: No meeting
  - Silent Book Club, 5:30 pm April 15, Watts-Midtown
  - Freedom to Read 'Em, April 28, 2 pm, Downtown
  - Southwest: April 22, 3 pm
  - RIFAC Club: April 24, 10 am, at RIFAC

## Teens After Hours

Friday, April 17  
7 to 9 pm  
Watts-Midtown



Ages 12-18. Retro gaming and pizza.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026



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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK  
HONORARY CHAIR

**Find Library Joy Here!**