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SPRING BREAK FUN AT THE LIBRARY

It was a chilly winter, but Irving Public Library is turning up the fun for Spring Break with a full week of hands-on creativity, high-energy performances and family-friendly entertainment across all locations. Children can enjoy crafts, science, animals demonstrations and live shows. There is always something exciting waiting at the library!

At South Library, families can enjoy whimsical storytelling with Le Theatre de Marionette, get creative with colorful spring crafts and settle in for a special

Spring Break movie screening. Valley Ranch brings interactive fun with an animal-themed team challenge, an exciting magic and comedy show, and even a special robotics demonstration from the Irving Police Department. Over at West Library, kids can stretch their imaginations with outdoor chalk and games, recycled crafting for St. Patrick's Day and a lively two-person circus performance that is sure to delight all ages.

It will be an unforgettable week of learning, laughter and games at the library and the Friends of the Irving Public Library play an important part by sponsoring the series! See the entire list of events on the Programming section of this newsletter.



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FRIENDS NEWS

LIBRARY GIVING WEEK 2026

One of Irving's most valuable community services is the Irving Library System. Help build the resources that are important to Irving's citizens by supporting: LIBRARY GIVING WEEK, April 6-13.

Last year donations supported THE NORTH TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL and, again, the Friends of the Irving Library are committed to the belief that "GOOD READERS, MAKE GOOD LEADERS!" Every dollar raised by Friends helps the library continue to inspire and connect teen readers with the authors and stories they love. Please join in the effort to exceed 2025's goal of \$3400 by visiting the [Friends website](#) on April 6 through midnight April 13.

Reaching \$1000 by noon on April 6, will be rewarded with matching funds of \$1000!

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 6

Demonstrate support for the Friends of the Irving Library by participating in the annual meeting on May 6, 12:45 p.m.

May 6, is a member's special day for shopping at the Friends First Wednesday Sale, and for those special Friends who attend this brief meeting, special favors will be given!

SUMMER BOOK SALE JUNE 5, 6 AND 7

3 DAYS of tremendous book buys. Invite a friend to the book sale and celebrate a shared love of reading along with the pride and community spirit behind the "BEST LITTLE BOOK STORE IN IRVING" located at 3000 Rock Island Road!

JUNE 5, 3 to 7 p.m. (3 to 5 p.m. for Members only)

JUNE 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

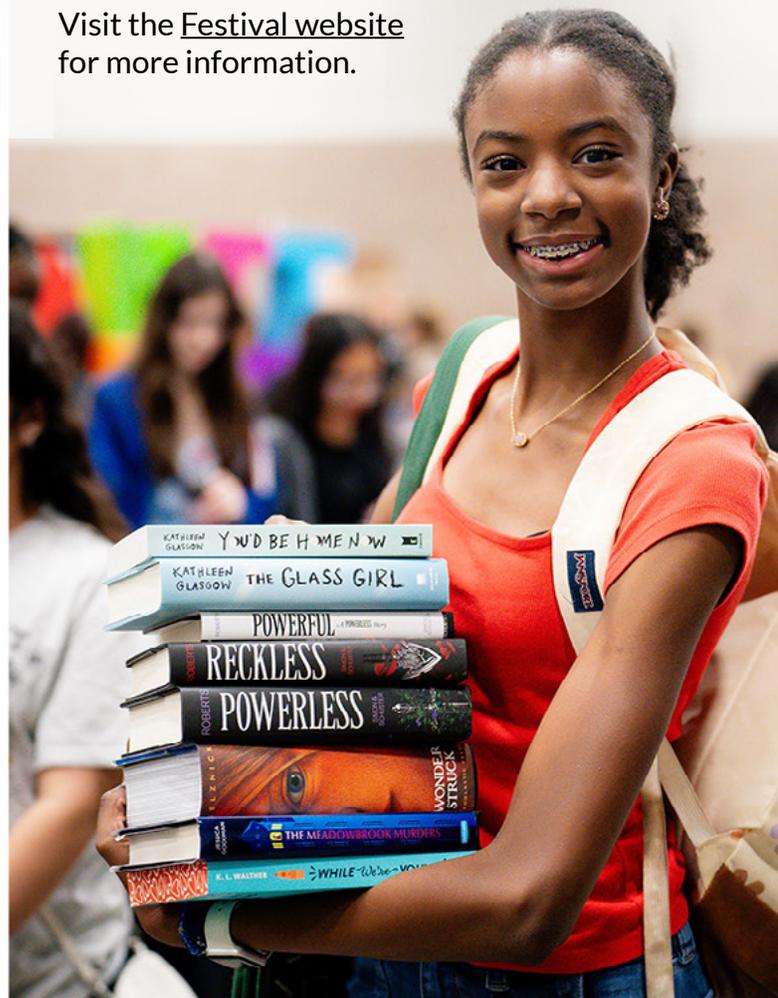
JUNE 7, 1 to 4 p.m.

Members Book Sales
at 3000 Rock Island Road
1 to 3 p.m. March 4, April 1
and May 6
(Annual Members Meeting)

NTTBF RETURNS MARCH 7

It's that time of year again! The North Texas Teen Book Festival (NTTBF) runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 7 at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd. Each spring, thousands of book lovers gather to share laughter, adventure and a sense of belonging. This year promises to be one of the most memorable yet! With more than 70 authors joining the lineup, the day will be packed with energy, from graphic novel draw-offs and writing workshops to panels featuring BookTok favorites. For the first time, festivalgoers can also enjoy a lively K-Pop game show, leading into the grand finale of signing lines at 3:30 p.m.

Visit the [Festival website](#) for more information.



PROGRAM NEWS

Looking for more events or event details? Check out the [Beyond the Stacks newsletter!](#)



Le Theatre de Marionette is sponsored in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

KIDS' SPRING BREAK

Le Theatre de Marionette: Silly Strings
2:30 p.m., March 14 | South

Chalk & Bubbles
2:30 p.m., March 17 | South

Craftastic Junior: Spring Suncatchers
2:30 p.m., March 19 | South

Spring Break Movie
2:30 p.m., March 20 | South
"How To Train Your Dragon" (Live Action).

All About Animals Team Challenge
2:30 p.m., March 16 | Valley Ranch

McTeggart Irish Dancers
2:30 p.m., March 17 | Valley Ranch

Mike's Magic and Comedy Show
2:30 p.m., March 18 | Valley Ranch

Irving Police Dept. Robots Demo
2:30 p.m., March 19 | Valley Ranch

Pom Pom Pointillism Craft
2:30 p.m., March 20 | Valley Ranch

Outdoor Chalk & Games
2:30 p.m., March 14 | West

Painting Party
2:30 p.m., March 16 | West

St. Patrick's Day Recycled Crafting
2:30 p.m., March 17 | West

The Ramazini's Two-Person Circus!
2:30 p.m., March 18 | West

Animal Shelter Pet Story Time
2:30 p.m., March 19 | West

BABY DAY[®]

PRESENTED BY: FIRST 3 YEARS

10 a.m., April 18 | All Locations

Baby Day is the only statewide celebration of the first three years of life. It's an opportunity for families, caregivers and supporters to come together, participate in enriching activities and celebrate the milestones of early childhood.

This event is sponsored by First3Years.



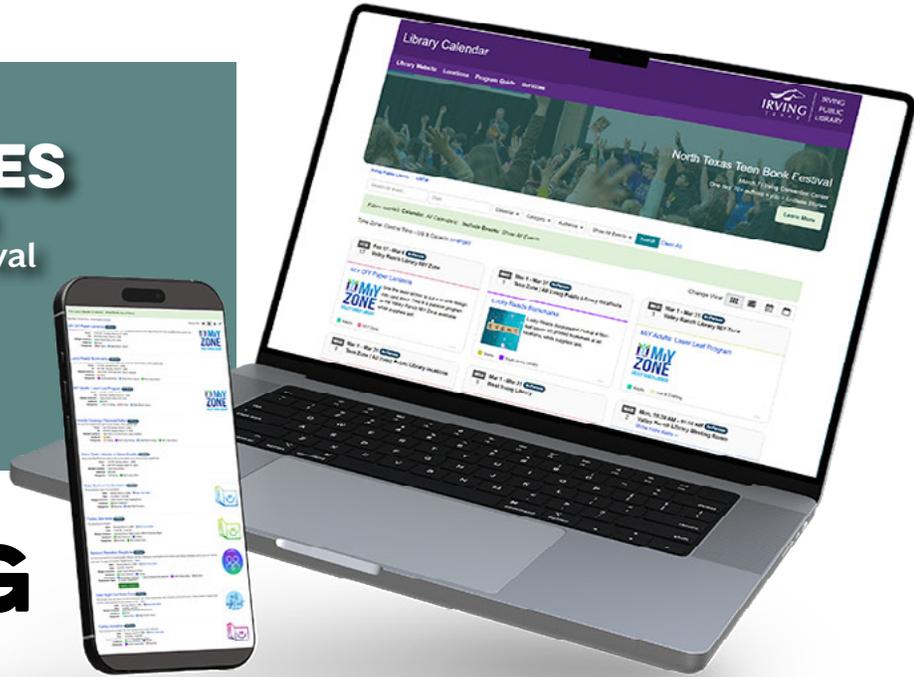
SERVICES NEWS

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

March 7, All Libraries Closed
for North Texas Teen Book Festival

April 5, All Libraries Closed
Easter Sunday

May 25, All Libraries Closed
Memorial Day



INTRODUCING LIBCAL

Irving Public Library is excited to introduce LibCal, a new and improved event calendar and registration system designed to make discovering library programs easier than ever!

With LibCal, patrons can quickly search for events by keyword, making it simple to find programs that match their interests. Enhanced filtering options allow users to sort by location, age group or event type to narrow down event search results in just a few clicks. Detailed event pages now include embedded maps, ensuring patrons always know which library location is hosting the program. Whether visiting South, Valley Ranch, West, or an off-site location, clear location details help plan visits with confidence.

Registration is now seamlessly integrated into event listings, creating a smoother and more convenient sign-up process for classes, workshops and special performances.

LibCal also sets the stage for future improvements. In the coming weeks, the system will pave the way for online meeting room reservations, offering even more convenience for community members who rely on library spaces.

Explore [LibCal online](#) and experience a smarter, simpler way to connect with the library.

DISCOVER MORE! NEW CATALOG AND MOBILE APP

The library is excited to roll out a new online catalog and mobile app this spring!

In late March, the library's mobile app launches. Conveniently track holds, checkouts and more from a smartphone. Access fun features, such as the ability to search by scanning an ISBN barcode. Each app includes a digital version of the library card, too!

In mid-April, the new online catalog launches, bringing a smoother and more intuitive experience for finding and managing library materials.

See which locations have a title in stock right from the search results screen! All formats of a title now appear together in a single result, with separate tabs showing holdings for each format.

A notable new feature is Account Linking, which allows patrons to view and manage multiple library accounts from one login.

Library staff are currently training on the new systems.