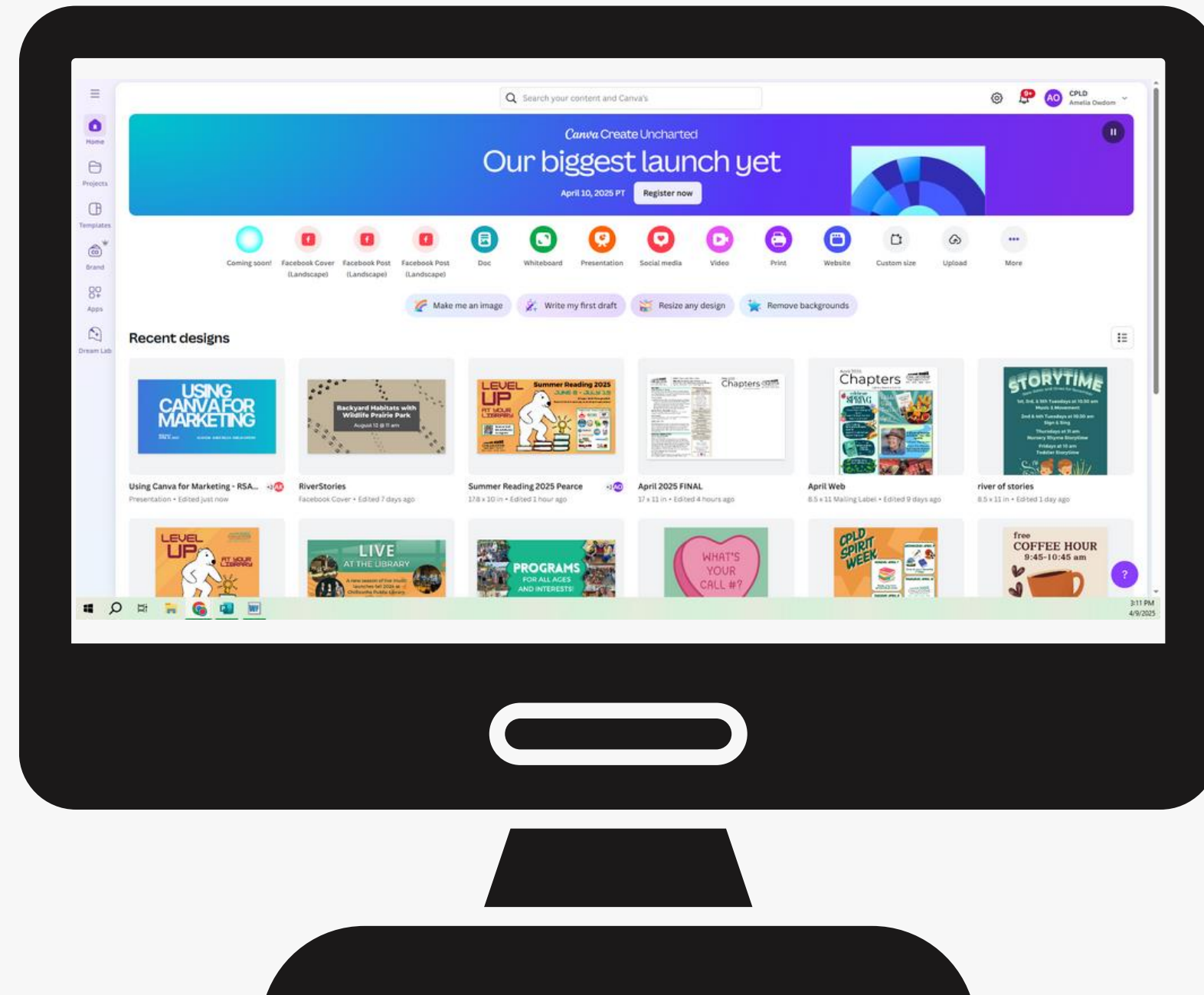


# USING CANVA FOR MARKETING

**RSA DAY**  
**APRIL 10, 2025**

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# CANVA BASICS



# PRINT MATERIALS



**Brochures & Info**



**Flyers**



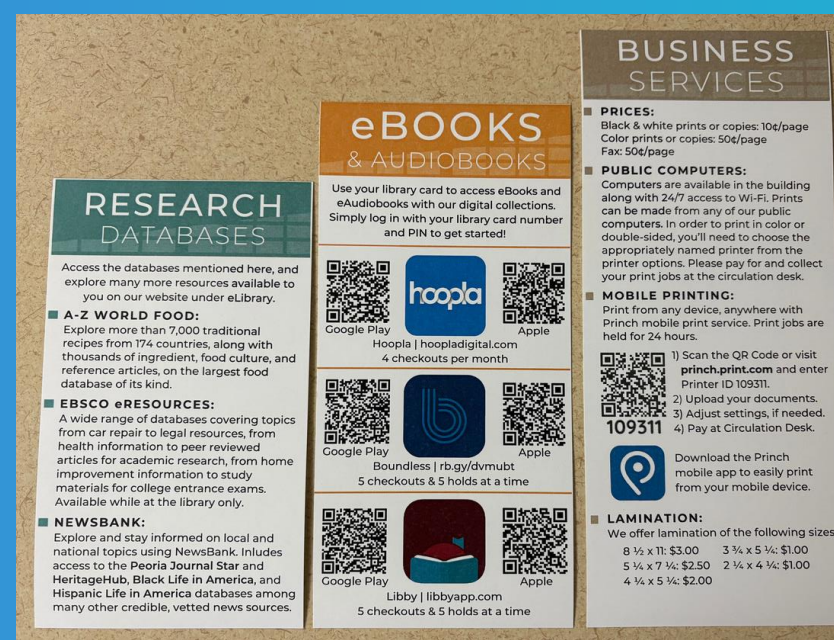
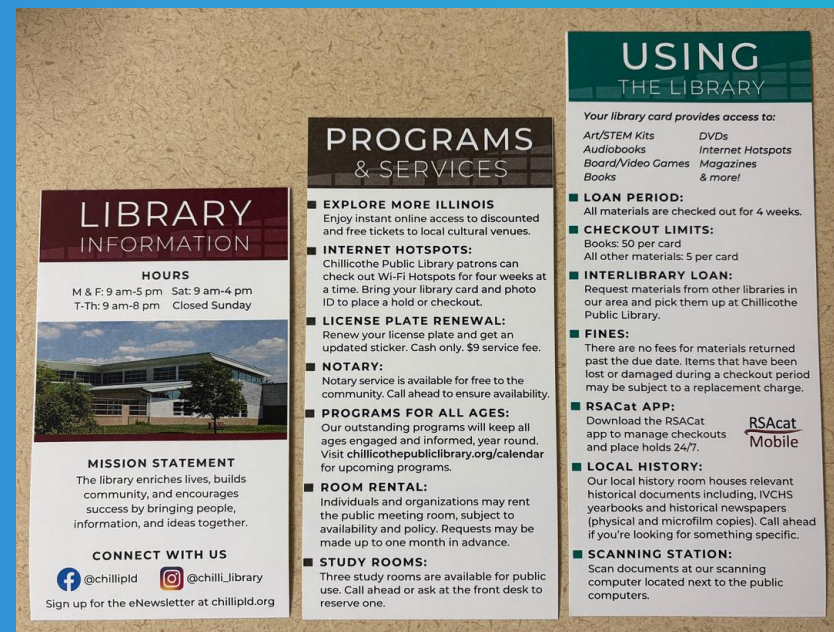
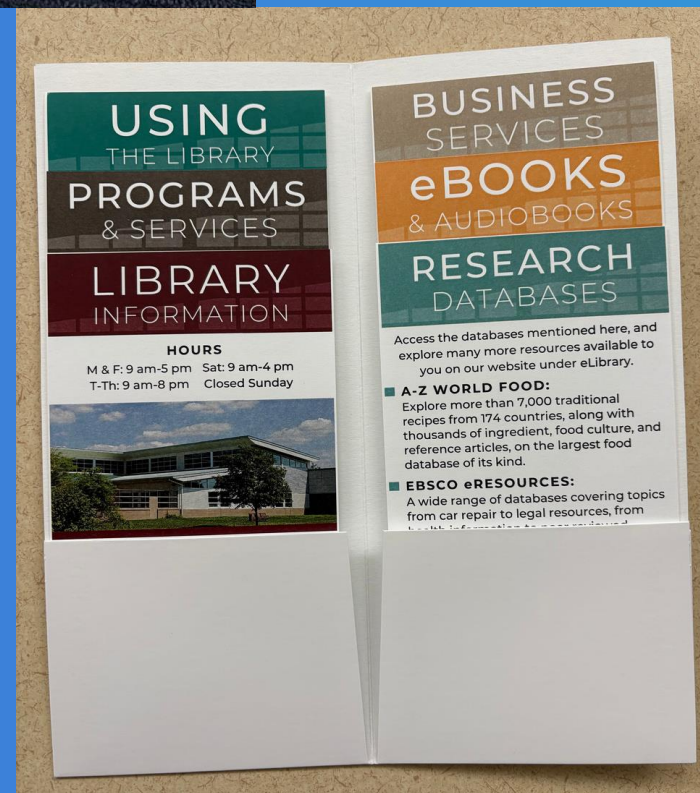
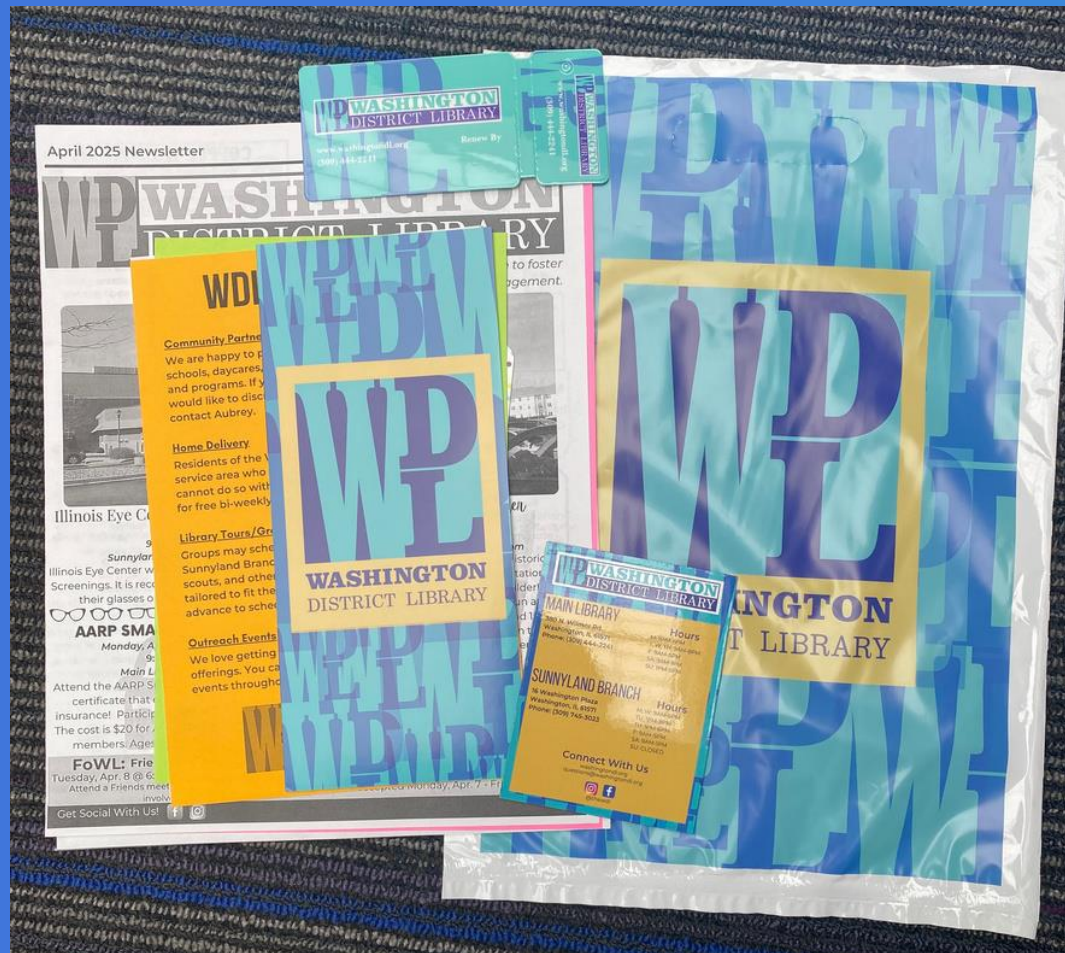
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**Program Materials**



# New Patron Brochures





# Program Flyers

Read, Renew, Repeat  
Summer Reading Adventure 2024

**Register for your 2024 Summer Reading Adventure!**

Pick your challenge:  
Read to Me: 50 Books  
Casual Reader: 15 Hours  
Avid Reader: 30 Hours

Register on Beanstack or pick up a Reading Log to log your reading and meet your goals!

Earn prizes as you read!  
Complete your goal to be entered into a Grand Prize Drawing and earn an End of Summer Reading Party Ticket!

Register for programming for various age groups:  
Infant-Pre-K Storytime  
Explorers: Grades K-3 activities  
Adventurers: Grades 4-6 activities  
Video Editing Workshop series for Grades 4-12  
Teen Scene: Grades 7-12

**BRIMFIELD**

**Kid's Craft Night**  
For All Ages

**Marble Heart**

Feb. 24th\*

5:00-6:00pm  
\*Registration Required

**BRIMFIELD**

**LEGO CLUB**

Thursdays @ 3-5 pm

Bring your friends and your imagination - we'll provide the Legos!

Stop by anytime during our open hours to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby.

New members are always welcome - no registration needed. Ages 4+

**HOMESCHOOL LIBRARY HOUR**  
SELECT MONDAYS AT 1 PM

Connect with homeschoolers in the community and explore the resources the library has to offer!

**FEBRUARY 10 - KINDNESS CARDS**  
Get crafty at the library and learn different techniques to make homemade cards to spread love and kindness through your community.

**FEBRUARY 24- BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
February is Black History Month! Join us to learn about important figures in Black History and how they have helped shape our world.

Let us know you're coming:  
[tinyurl.com/3tnwwmut](https://tinyurl.com/3tnwwmut) or at the front desk

**FREE VISION SCREENINGS**  
WITH ILLINOIS EYE CENTER

**MARCH 15**  
**9:30-11:30 AM**

**FREE VISION SCREENING. NO APPOINTMENT OR ADVANCED PREPARATION REQUIRED.**



**Brimfield Annual Christmas Walk**

Saturday, December 2  
5:00-7:00

Live Music with  
Harlan, Meister, & Mitts

Crafts Treats Hot Cocoa

Special Guest Llama LLama  
from the children's book series  
Llama LLama Red Pajama

**BRIMFIELD**

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PRESENTS

**SATURDAY NOT LIVE**

SHORT FILM PREMIERE  
AUGUST 2 | 6:00 PM  
BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

JOIN US IN PREMIERING A SPECIAL PROJECT  
CREATED BY LOCAL STUDENTS THIS SUMMER



**COFFEE & COMPANY**  
EAT, MEET, CONNECT

Wednesday, May 14  
10:30 - 11:30 AM  
Sunnyland Branch

Every 2nd Wednesday of the Month!

Ages: 18+

**THE PROPERTY TAX PUZZLE:**  
**SOLVED!**

Saturday, May 17  
10:00 AM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Ages: 18+





# Programs



## March Events

- Little Learners Storytime (Ages 0-5)**  
Tuesdays 10:30-11:00AM  
Fridays 10:00-10:30AM  
Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs as we learn early literacy skills together.
- Mechanical Monday (Grades K-4)\***  
Monday March 3rd, 5:00-6:00PM  
Learn basic programming and engineering skills each month by completing LEGO design builds.
- Creation Lab (Grades 5-12)**  
Wednesday March 12th, 3:00-5:00PM  
Create a themed project using a variety of technologies and craft supplies!
- Wicked Showing Party (All Ages)**  
Saturday March 15th, 10:00AM-1:30PM  
Pop into our Wicked party to watch the movie and enjoy themed crafts, games, and more.
- Seed Bomb Initiative (All Ages)**  
Monday March 17th, 5:00-6:00PM  
Stop by for a hands-on workshop where we'll create seed bombs- small bundles of soil, clay, and native seeds designed to bring greenery to neglected spaces!
- Kid's Craft Night (All Ages)\***  
Monday March 31st, 5:00-6:00PM  
Theme: Kandi Keychains  
Join us for a kandi keychain and bracelet crafting session, where we'll explore the colorful world of beadwork and self-expression.

\*=Registration Required



## Creepy Crawly Scavenger Hunt



March 2025

Find all the pictures of creepy crawlies around the library, and then come back for a small prize.  
Good luck!

## THE LITTLE MERMAID INTERACTIVE MOVIE

When you see or hear...	Do this!
Prince Eric 	Make kissy noises.
Max 	Bark.
King Triton 	Hold up 3 fingers like his trident.
Sebastian 	Make clicking noises with your castanets.
Shark 	Put hands in the air and scream "Ahhhhh!"
Scuttle 	Squawk!
Scuttle with fork 	Use a dinglehopper to comb your hair when Scuttle is explaining what a fork is.
Ursula 	Boo!
Fireworks 	Say OOH and AHHH.
"Under the Sea" Song 	Shake your shaker during the song. Get up and dance if you want!
Chef 	When you first see Chef, say "Hee hee hee, haw, haw, haw."
Chef chasing Sebastian to the Can-Can 	Clap to the beat.
"Kiss the Girl" song 	First sing like Scuttle (wah wah wah), then shake your shaker gently to the beat.
Merfolk waving at the end 	Wave at the screen.

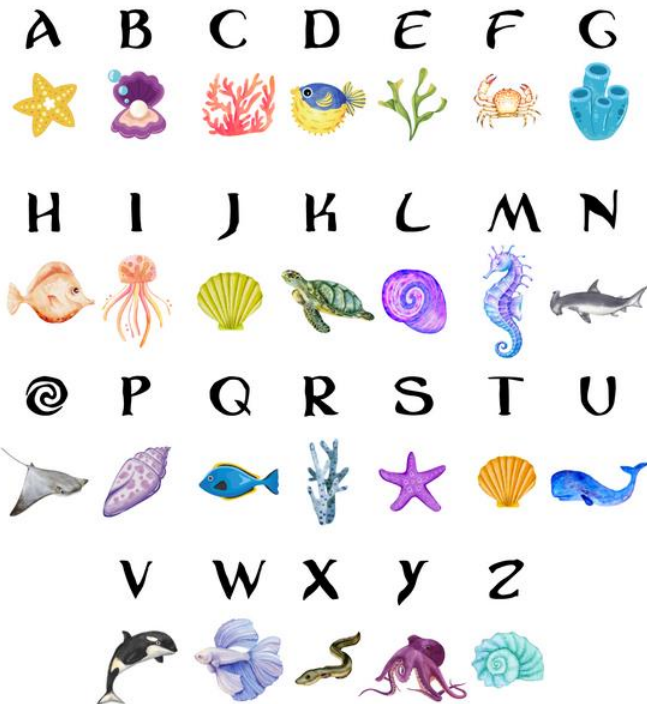
Please return your shaker before you leave!

## Did you know...

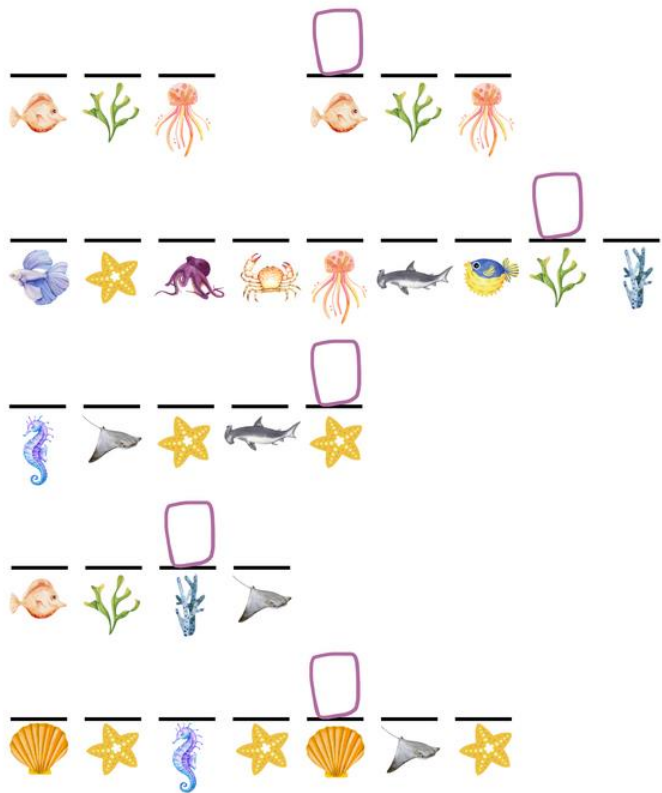
Mourning cloak butterflies (*Nymphalis antiopa*) are the first to wake from hibernation in late March/early April, and are usually the first butterflies seen in the spring!



## CODE SHEET



USE THE CODE SHEET TO REVEAL THE SECRET WORD!



## Snowflake Slime



### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 CUP OF CLEAR GLUE
- 1/4 CUP WATER
- 1/4 TSP BAKING SODA
- 1 1/2 TSP SALINE SOLUTION
- GLITTER
- FOAM BEADS
- SNOWFLAKES
- CONFETTI

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. COMBINE GLUE AND WATER IN A BOWL AND MIX WELL.
2. STIR IN SCENTED SLIME OILS IF WANTED.
3. ADD BAKING SODA AND MIX WELL. BREAK UP ANY CLUMPS.
4. MIX-IN STEPS. ADD A SMALL AMOUNT OF GLITTER, CONFETTI, OR FOAM BEADS AS DESIRED.
5. POUR IN SALINE SOLUTION AND MIX UNTIL SLIME FORMS.
6. USE YOUR HANDS TO KNEAD SLIME UNTIL CONSISTENCY IS ACHIEVED.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

CHEMISTRY!  
WHEN YOU MIX GLUE (A POLYMER- A LONG CHAIN OF MOLECULES) WITH A SLIME ACTIVATOR LIKE BORAX (AN INGREDIENT IN THE SALINE SOLUTION), SOMETHING COOL HAPPENS. THE ACTIVATOR HAS SPECIAL IONS THAT CONNECT THE GLUE'S LONG STRANDS TOGETHER. THIS IS CALLED CROSS-LINKING. AS THE STRANDS LINK UP, THE MIXTURE CHANGES FROM A RUNNY LIQUID TO THICK, STRETCHY SLIME!



Song: Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom,  
We're going to the Moon.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom,  
We're going to the Moon.  
If you want to take a trip,  
Climb aboard the rocket ship.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom,  
We're going to the Moon.  
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1  
Blast-off!

Book: Hush, Little Rocket by Mo O'Hara

Song: Rocketship Run by Laurie Berkner  
5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 Blast off! Another rocketship run  
5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 Blast off! Another rocketship run  
Take me to the sun.  
Take me to the sun  
When I get there  
I'll go spinning through the air  
Spinning round the sun

Take me to the moon...  
Take me to the stars...  
Take me to the Earth...

Flannel Board: Star Color Matching

Ending Song  
Sung to Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star  
Hands go up and hands go down.  
I can turn around and round.  
I can bend and touch my shoes.  
I can clap and so can you!  
I can wave, I'll show you how.  
Storytime is ending now.

Craft: Space Mixed Media

### Upcoming Events:

Library Closed for President's Day - February 17  
No Storytime on Friday, February 28

### Raising a Reader

Before children can begin reading, they need to develop five early literacy skills:  
Phonological Awareness: Ability to hear and play with sounds in words.  
Vocabulary: Knowing the meaning of words, learning new words.  
Print Awareness: Knowing that print has meaning; how to handle a book; direction of print.  
Letter Knowledge: Letters have names and represent sounds.  
Background Knowledge: Book and story knowledge; narrative skills and story structure.



# DIGITAL MARKETING



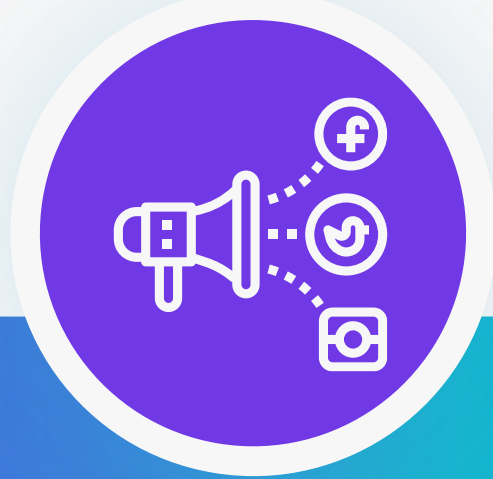
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# Website

## Library Receives Project Next Generation Grant for 10th Consecutive Year

Learn more about the  
grant and how  
students ages  
10-18 can get involved.



Project Next Generation grants are made possible using  
[LSTA](#) grant funds provided to the Illinois State Library by  
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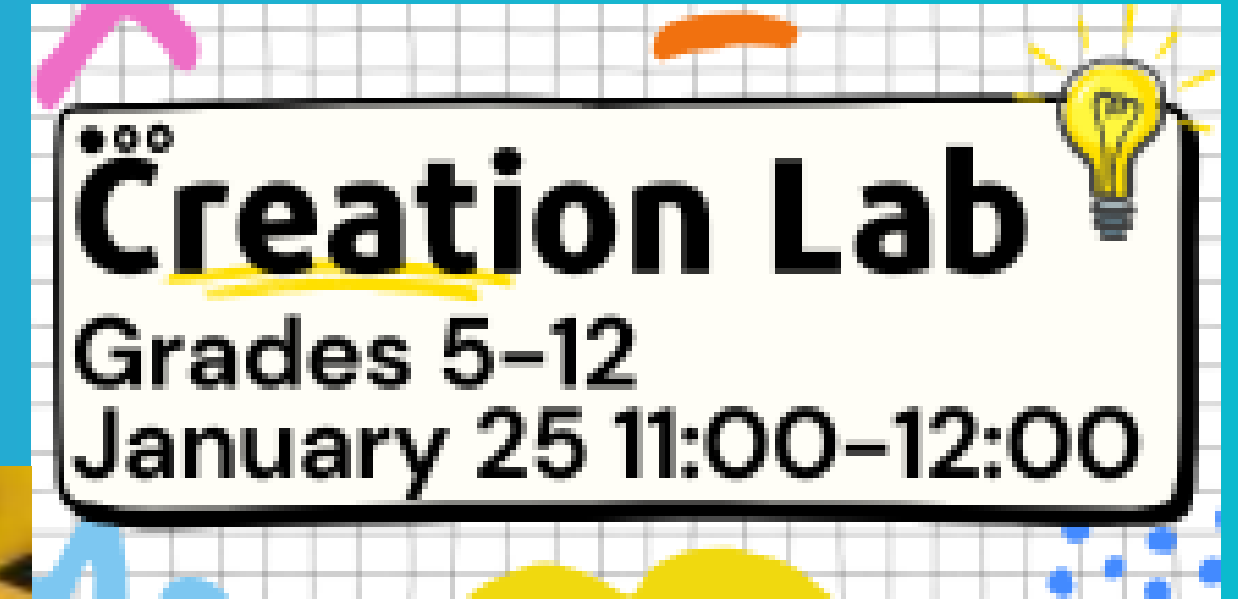


# Digital sign



## Filmmaking Workshop

October 16 & 23  
5:00-6:30  
Grades 5-12





# Newsletters



**VISION:** Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

**MISSION:** The library enriches lives, builds community and encourages success by bringing people, information, and ideas together.

## ALL AGES

### Spring Reading Challenge

Explore award-winning books with our brand new reading challenge for all ages! Read one book from each of three different award lists to earn a special prize from our sponsor, Picket Fence. Get more info and pick up a log at the library or visit our website.

### Call for Poems!

April is National Poetry Month! Here's how you can help us celebrate:

1. We'll be featuring a daily video of a community member reading a poem on our social media. We hope to feature readings by people from all across our community, from city leaders to school kids. Visit [bit.ly/poemaday25](http://bit.ly/poemaday25) to submit your recording.
2. Write an original poem for our poetry wall! Bring your poem to the library any time (make sure it's a copy we can keep).

### Exhibit: Bloom into Spring | April-May

The acrylic paintings of Renée Roos employ vivid colors and bold designs to celebrate the seasons and cycles of nature.

### I Spy Display

Come check out the new "I Spy" display near the reference desk! Can you find everything mentioned in the riddle?

### Edible Book Fest

Sat., Apr 5  
Calling all bibliophiles and food lovers to celebrate the book arts and the (literal) ingestion of culture! Participants create an "edible book," which can be inspired by a favorite tale, involve a pun on a famous title, or simply be in the shape of a book (or scroll, or tablet, etc). Entries will be exhibited, judged, and eaten! Schedule and more info at [bit.ly/bks2eat](http://bit.ly/bks2eat).

## LOOKING AHEAD AT MAY

### \*AARP Safe Driver Class

May 6 & 7 @ 9 am-1 pm  
Refresh your driving skills and learn defensive driving techniques, proven safety strategies, and new traffic laws and rules of the road. Upon completion of the two-day class, you could receive a multi-year discount on your car insurance (other restrictions may apply. Consult your agent for details). AARP members must bring AARP cards. \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members (cash or check, collected in class). To register, stop by the library, call 309-274-2719, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](http://bit.ly/3uX9G4w). For more info about the course, visit [aarp.org/drive](http://aarp.org/drive).

### Live at the Library: Marcia & Friends

Sat., May 10 @ 2 pm  
Join violinists Marica Henry Liebenow, Hyo-Jung Chun, and Molly Nogaj for an engaging program of classical and modern chamber music.

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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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Keep up with us on social media!



April 2025

# Chapters

Library News & Events



**celebrate SPRING**

**Youth Craft: Flower Paint Stamping**  
April 1  
Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm  
Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

**Kids Cooking: Springtime Snacks**  
April 15  
Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm  
Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

**Books & Brew**  
April 15  
6:30 pm

**Seedling Swap**  
April 28-May 3

**Adult Craft: May Baskets**  
April 28 @ 11 am

**Edible Book Festival**  
April 5

**A River of Stories with Brian "Fox" Ellis**  
April 24  
3:30 pm: Discussion  
6 pm: The History and Natural History of the Illinois River

**LIVE AT THE LIBRARY THE SMILEY TILLMON BAND**  
APRIL 26 @ 2 PM

## YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

**Craft: Flower Paint Stamping** | Tue., Apr 1  
Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm | Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm  
Use paint & recycled materials to create a springtime scene!

**Music & Movement Storytime**  
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5  
A place for little ones to explore music and movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational music, literacy, communication, and motor skills.

**Lego Club** | Ages 4+  
Thursdays @ 3-5 pm & 4th Saturdays (4/26) @ 1-3 pm  
Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by during open hours to build a creation to put on display. New members are always welcome!  
No Lego Club on April 10.

**Sign & Sing**  
Tue., Apr 8 & 22 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5  
Join friends from Communication Junction for an ASL storytime with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

**Half-Day Hangout**  
Wed., Apr 9 @ 10:45 am | Ages 8+  
Hang out at the library after school gets out! Play games, color, or just chill and eat snacks with friends.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Old-Time Folk & Country Jam**  
Tue., Apr 1 @ 6-7:30 pm  
Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

**What the Tech?! | Select Wednesdays**  
**\*Mobile Devices (Android)** | Apr 2 @ 11 am  
Learn features and functions of Android devices.  
**\*Mobile Devices (iOS/Apple)** | Apr 16 @ 11 am  
Learn features and functions of Apple devices.  
**\*Computer Basics: Windows, Part 1** | Apr 30 @ 11 am  
Learn how to navigate Windows 11, open & close applications, resize & move windows, and more.  
*DigitalLearn.org Workshops and Modules were created by the Public Library Association, with support from AT&T.*

**Knots of Fun**  
Wed., Apr 2 @ 3 pm  
Bring your project (crochet, knitting, sewing, or whatever!), share tips, and enjoy some creative camaraderie. Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

**Spanish Conversation Café**  
Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm  
Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

**Movies** | Select Mondays @ 12 pm  
Popcorn served; feel free to bring a snack or sack lunch.  
Apr 7—*Here* (2023, NR, 1h 23m)  
Apr 21—*River* (2021, NR, 1h 14m)

**Bingo!** | Wed., Apr 9 @ 1 pm  
Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

**\*The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson**  
Thur., Apr 10 @ 7 pm | Online  
Register at [bit.ly/LP\\_AlexisNikoleNelson](http://bit.ly/LP_AlexisNikoleNelson) to watch live and receive a limited-access recording after the event. Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and an outdoor educator using her platforms, TikTok @alexisnikole and Instagram @blackforager, to celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

**\*Dementia Caregiver Support Group**  
Tue., Apr 15 @ 5 pm  
This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers or those who have loved ones with dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit [bit.ly/3MTEUcp](http://bit.ly/3MTEUcp) to register.

**Books & Brew**  
Tue., Apr 15 @ 6:30 pm  
*You Are Here: Poetry in the Natural World*, ed. Ada Limón.  
Join us to discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew (we'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs).

**Volunteer Opportunity: Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve**  
Wed., Apr 16 @ 9 am-12 pm  
Help restore historic Root Cemetery and Nature Preserve! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, work gloves, and good conversation provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile northwest of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For info, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or [dvdgpittman@gmail.com](mailto:dvdgpittman@gmail.com).

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Wed., Apr 16 @ 12-5 pm  
For appointments, call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give). You are eligible to donate at this drive if your last whole blood donation was on or before Feb 19.

**\*Cooking around the World: Foraging**  
Thur., Apr 17 @ 6 pm  
Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about foraging wild food and sample some recipes! Visit [cpidcooking.weebly.com](http://cpidcooking.weebly.com) for recipes and photos from past programs.

**A River of Stories** | Thu., Apr 24  
3:30 pm: Join local officials, business owners, and fellow citizens as Brian "Fox" Ellis facilitates a discussion of river history, ecological and historical tourism, and how the river plays a role in Chillicothe's economic development.  
6 pm: "A River of Stories." Explore the human and natural history of the Illinois River through a dynamic presentation with storyteller Brian "Fox" Ellis. Stick around after the formal program to share your own personal river stories, concerns, and hopes. Best suited for adults, teens, and children ages 6+.

**Remember When...**  
Fri., Apr 25 @ 1:30 pm  
at Evergreen Senior Living (public welcome)  
Talk a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about new topics each month. In April, we'll talk about nature memories.


**Live at the Library: The Smiley Tillmon Band**  
Sat., Apr 26 @ 2 pm  
One of the busiest blues outfits in Chicagoland, the Smiley Tillmon Band is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser. After 55+ years on the local blues scene, Smiley knows how to have a good time and makes sure his audience does, too. Tillmon serves up the blues and soul standards that people never seem to stop craving, his rich vocals and fluid guitar backed by a band that keeps his grooves tight and right.

**Seedling Swap**  
Apr 28-May 3  
Do you have too many seedlings for your garden? Share them at our seedling swap! Label each plant clearly and drop them off at the table at the library entrance. And feel free to take a few others home!

**Adult Craft: May Baskets**  
Mon., Apr 28 @ 11 am  
Revive an old tradition and get ready to surprise your friends on May Day with a merry May basket.

**\*Let's Taco 'bout It: Free for All: The Public Library**  
Tue., Apr 29 @ 6 pm  
Join us for a screening and discussion of this documentary about how public libraries shaped the country and the quiet revolutionaries who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all. The 60-min screening will be followed by a conversation with Alyce Jackson, director of Chillicothe Public Library, and Roberta Koscielski, retired deputy director of Peoria Public Library and 2020 Illinois Library Association Librarian of the Year. Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register to let us know you'd like a taco.

*Presented by Indie Lens Pop-Up and WTVR.*

 **\*Registration Required**  
Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2710, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](http://bit.ly/3uX9G4w) to register.



# Newsletters

DECEMBER 2024

Library Events



BRIMFIELD

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Library Hours

Mon-Thu: 10 AM - 7 PM  
Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 2 PM  
Sunday: Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9	10 Little Learners Storytime 10:30-11:00 AM Social Justice Book Club 1:00-2:00 PM	11 Creation Lab 3:00-5:00 PM	12 Yoga 6:00-7:00PM	13 Little Learners Storytime 10:00-10:30 AM Taylor Swift Party ✓ 4:00-6:00 PM	14 Bell & Field Music Concert 6:00-8:00 PM
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Programs with a ✓ require registration. Visit <a href="https://brimfieldlibrary.org">brimfieldlibrary.org</a> to explore more about the Library. Find details for all events on the back of this calendar.						

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Library Event Descriptions

ALL AGES

**The Barking Ballroom**  
Tuesday, December 3 6:00 PM  
Be entertained by freestyle dog team demonstrations from a group of the Peoria Obedience Training Club and enjoy a meet and greet period after the show!

**Brimfield Area Christmas Walk**  
Saturday, December 7 5:00-7:00 PM  
Stop by the library for The Nutcracker-themed festivities including treats, crafts, and live music.

**Taylor Swift Party** ✓  
Friday, December 13 4:00-6:00 PM  
Join us for the second annual Taylor Swift Birthday Party! Swifties of all ages are invited for crafts, bracelet making, and a dance party! Registration is not mandatory, but appreciated to ensure enough supplies for everyone!

**Bell & Field Music Concert**  
Saturday, December 14 6:00 PM  
Featuring Tom Campbell on guitar & Greg Percifield on a mini grand piano, specializing in easy listening and classic rock hits, plus festive holiday tunes you won't want to miss! Non-alcoholic beverages welcome.

**Gingerbread House Decorating** ✓  
Wednesday, December 18 5:00-6:00 PM  
It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us to decorate a pre-made gingerbread house. Participants must register by Monday, December 16 for a pre-made house. Drop-ins will still have access to supplies to make their own to decorate.

**Scavenger Hunt**  
Theme - Winter Wonderland  
Winter is here! Find all of the winter goodies hiding throughout the library! Return your sheet for a small prize.

KIDS

**Little Learners Storytime (Ages 0-5)**  
Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 AM  
Fridays 10:00-10:30 AM  
Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs as we learn early literacy skills together. The same storytime is offered two times each week. Join us when you can!

**Mechanical Monday (Grades K-4)** ✓  
Monday, December 2 5:00-6:00 PM  
Learn basic programming and engineering skills each month by completing design builds using LEGO WeDo Robotics kits.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** ✓  
Reading Challenge - At Your Own Pace  
Keep track of the books you read with your child and earn prizes after 100, 500, and 1,000 books. Log your reading on the Beanstack website, app, or paper logs.

**Art & STEM Take-It, Make-Its (Ages 5+)**  
Take home a Take-It, Make-It kit today! We have new art and STEM activities on the 1st of each month.

**Teen DIY Take-It, Make-Its (Ages 12+)**  
This month's DIY includes supplies to make Borax snowflakes! While supplies last, new kits monthly.

TEENS

**Creation Lab (Grades 5-12)**  
Wednesday, December 11 3:00-5:00 PM  
Digital Illustration - Procreate  
Join us in the Maker Space every third Monday for a themed project using a variety of technologies and craft supplies! Drop in and pop out any time from 3:00-5:00.

ADULTS

**Classic Movie Monday**  
Monday, December 16 1:00 PM  
Movie: Holiday Affair  
Join us for free popcorn and comfortable seating to watch the 1949 classic starring Robert Mitchum, Janet Leigh, and Wendell Corey.

**Book Club**  
Tuesday, December 17 1:00-2:00 PM  
Book: When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi  
New members are always welcome! Stop by the library's Circulation Desk to reserve your copy.

**Social Justice Book Club**  
Tuesday, December 10 1:00-2:00 PM  
Book: The Embattled Vote in America by Allan J. Lichtman

**Mahjong Club**  
Every Other Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Come play a classic Chinese game of strategy, skill, and summation. Beginners welcome.

**Yoga**  
Thursdays 6:00-7:00 PM  
Learn yoga with instructor Nancy Shallenberger. Appropriate for all fitness levels. Wear comfortable, stretchy clothing, and bring a yoga mat. \$4/class.

How to Register

Call the library at 309-446-9575  
Use the QR code & fill out the Google Form  
Email [adultservices@brimfieldlibrary.org](mailto:adultservices@brimfieldlibrary.org) for Adult Events  
Email [youthservices@brimfieldlibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@brimfieldlibrary.org) for Family, Children, & Teen Events

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# TEEN EVENTS

Drop-off events for grades 6-12

## TEEN TAKEOVER

Tuesday, April 1  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Hang out at the library and play games, work on your projects (writing, crafting, etc) and more. Food and drinks provided.

**Registration Required.**

## ANIME

Tuesday, April 8  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Meet other fans of anime and manga, watch anime, and eat ramen every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

## 100 Books Before Graduation

-An ongoing reading challenge for high schoolers-  
Your goal, should you choose to accept it, is to read 100 books before you finish high school.

Join at any time during your high school career and track your progress on Beanstack.

Read whatever you want and count it toward your goal!

## THE ERAS PAR-TAY (LIBRARY'S VERSION)

Tuesday, April 15 @ 5:00 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Calling all Swifties! Come celebrate all things TS with games, food, crafts, music, and more! Pizza and other snacks provided!

## Iron Chef: Twinkies

Tuesday, April 22 @ 6:00 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Compete to make the best dessert using Twinkies! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

**Registration Required.**

## Don't forget to grab a Take Home Craft!

(While Supplies Last)

Children's: Crinkle Paper Garden  
Teen: Guitar Ornament  
Adult: Beeswax Wraps

### CrafTEEN: Butterflies in a Jar

Tuesday, April 29 @ 6:30 PM  
Main Library Study Rooms

Sign up to make a different craft every month!

**Registration Required.**

## OUTREACH EVENTS

PROGRAMS HOSTED OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Library Lobby Stops

Tuesday, April 8      Monday, April 21  
1:30 - 3:30 PM      &      11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Charter Senior Living      Villas of Holly Brook

Books will be available for the facility's residents to check out.

### Supportive Living Book Club

Thursday, April 17  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Washington Supportive Living

Supportive Living Residents, join us for a book discussion on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

## Library Day

Friday, April 25  
2:30 - 3:30 PM  
Leisure Acres

Leisure Acres Residents, Come for a fun afternoon hosted by the library on the last Friday of every month. This month we will be learning about container gardening!

<b>Main Library</b> 380 N Willmor Rd 309-444-2241  <b>HOURS</b> Mon: 9-6 Tues-Thurs: 9-8 Fri: 9-5 Sat: 9-1 Sun: 1-5 <a href="http://washingtontd.org">washingtontd.org</a> Closed: April 10 until 5 PM, April 19 & 20 Delayed Opening: April 25	<b>Branch Library</b> 16 Washington Plz 309-745-3023  <b>HOURS</b> Mon: 9-6 Tues: 1-8 Weds: 9-6 Thurs: 1-6 Fri: 9-5 Sat: 9-1 Sun: Closed
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# WASHINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY

A welcoming, inclusive community space to foster learning, enjoyment, and engagement.

## Illinois Eye Center - Vision Screenings

Saturday, April 5  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Sunnyland Branch Meeting Room

Illinois Eye Center will be conducting free Visual Acuity Screenings. It is recommended that participants wear their glasses or contacts as usual. Ages: 18+

### AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

Monday, April 14 & Tuesday, April 15  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Attend the AARP Smart Driver Course and receive a certificate that can provide a discount on car insurance! Participants must attend both sessions. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Ages: 50+. **Registration Required.**

### FoWL: Friends of Washington Library

Tuesday, Apr. 8 @ 6:30 PM - Main Library Study Rooms

Attend a Friends meeting to discover how you can get involved at the library

Get Social With Us! [f](#) [i](#) [t](#)

## Laura Ingalls Wilder

Sunday, April 6  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Main Library Meeting Room

Join us and the Washington Historical Society for Laura Keyes' presentation of "Moving Day for Laura Ingalls Wilder!" See the challenges and some of the fun aspects of life on the frontier in 1870s and 1880s. Children and adults alike will learn that the extraordinary Laura Ingalls Wilder had a rather ordinary life, just like them! All Ages.

### LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

For more information check our website and Facebook in early May.

### WDL Summer Reading

June 1 - July 13  
Sign-up Starts: May 26

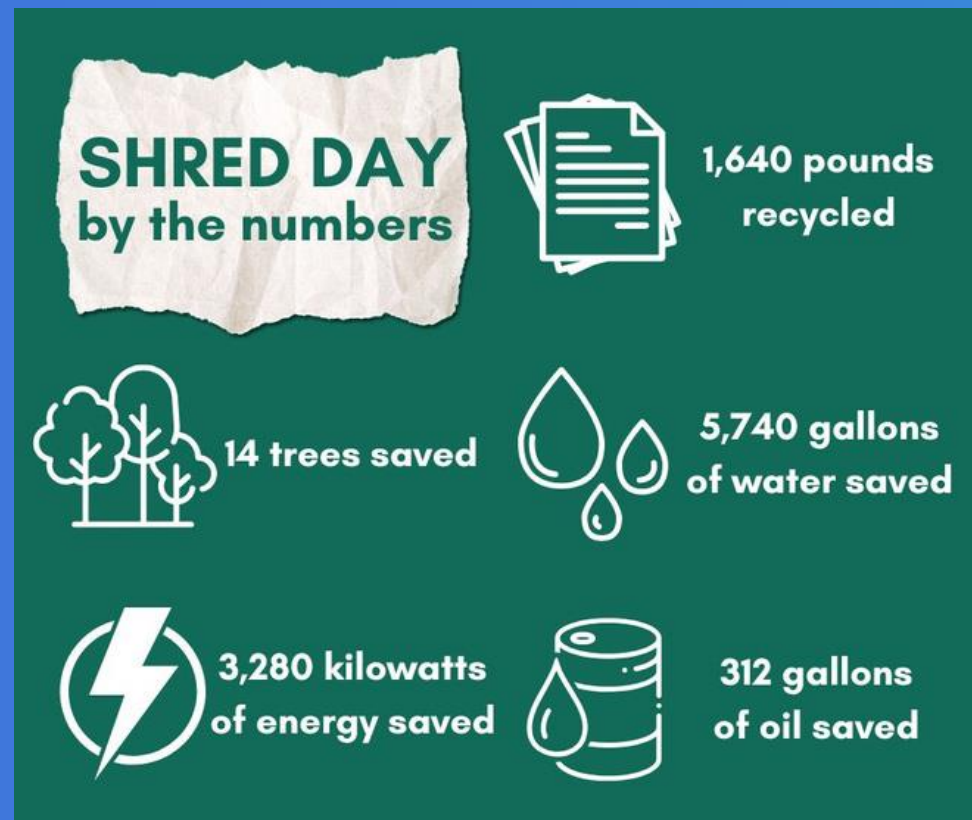
### FoWL Book Sale: April 25 @ 1:00 PM - April 29

Book, DVD, and CD donations will be accepted Monday, Apr. 7 - Friday, Apr. 18

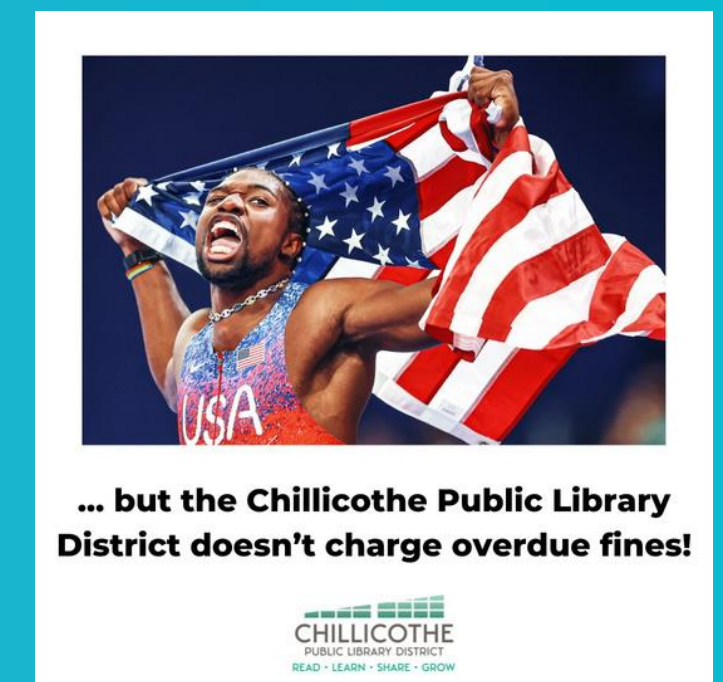
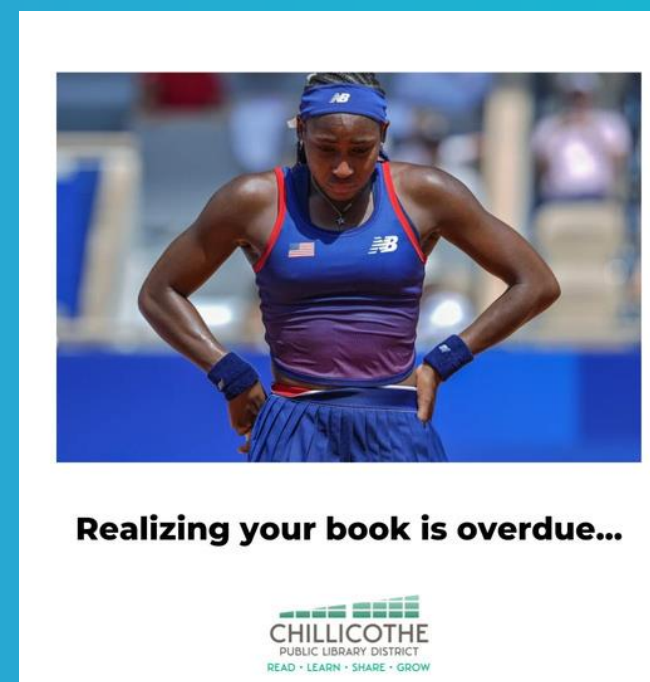
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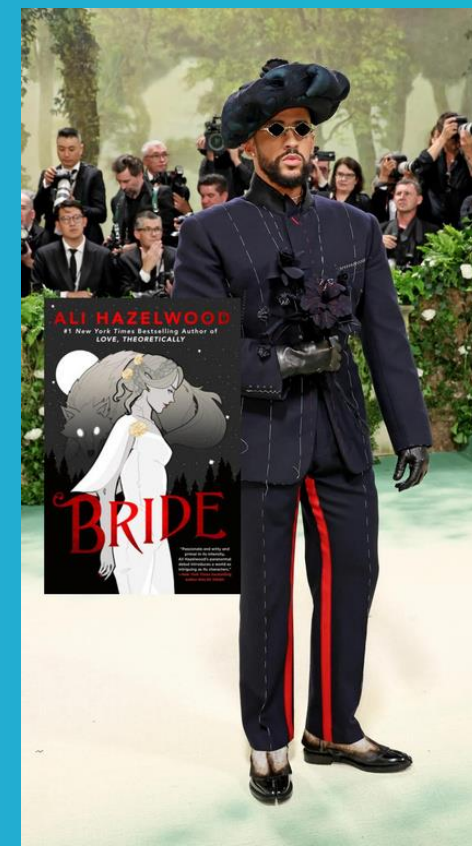
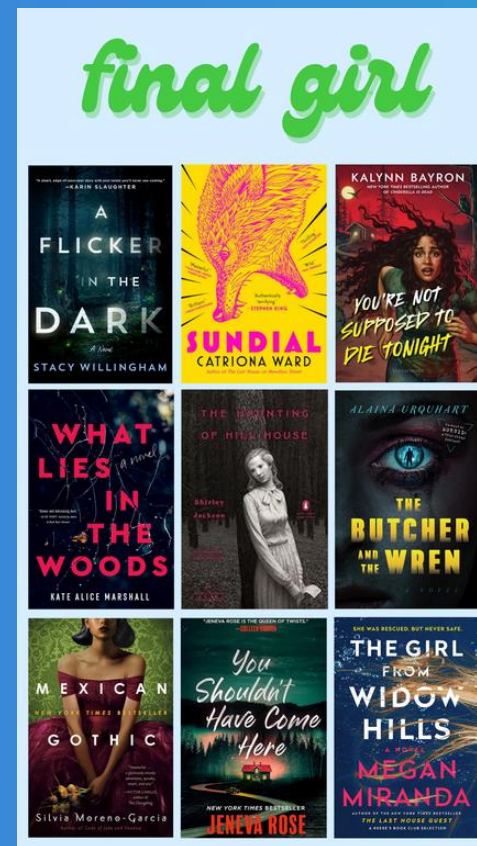
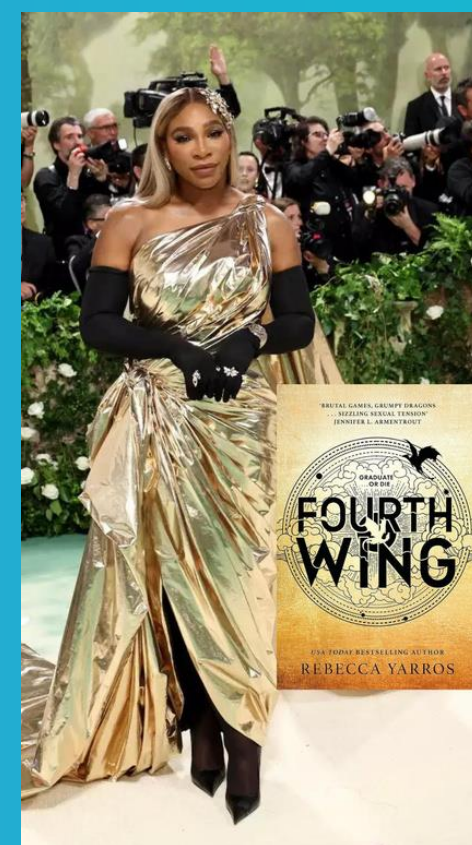
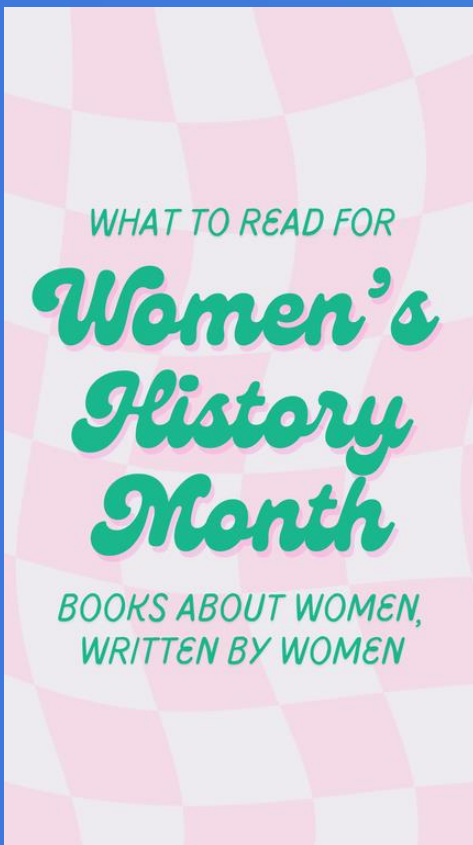


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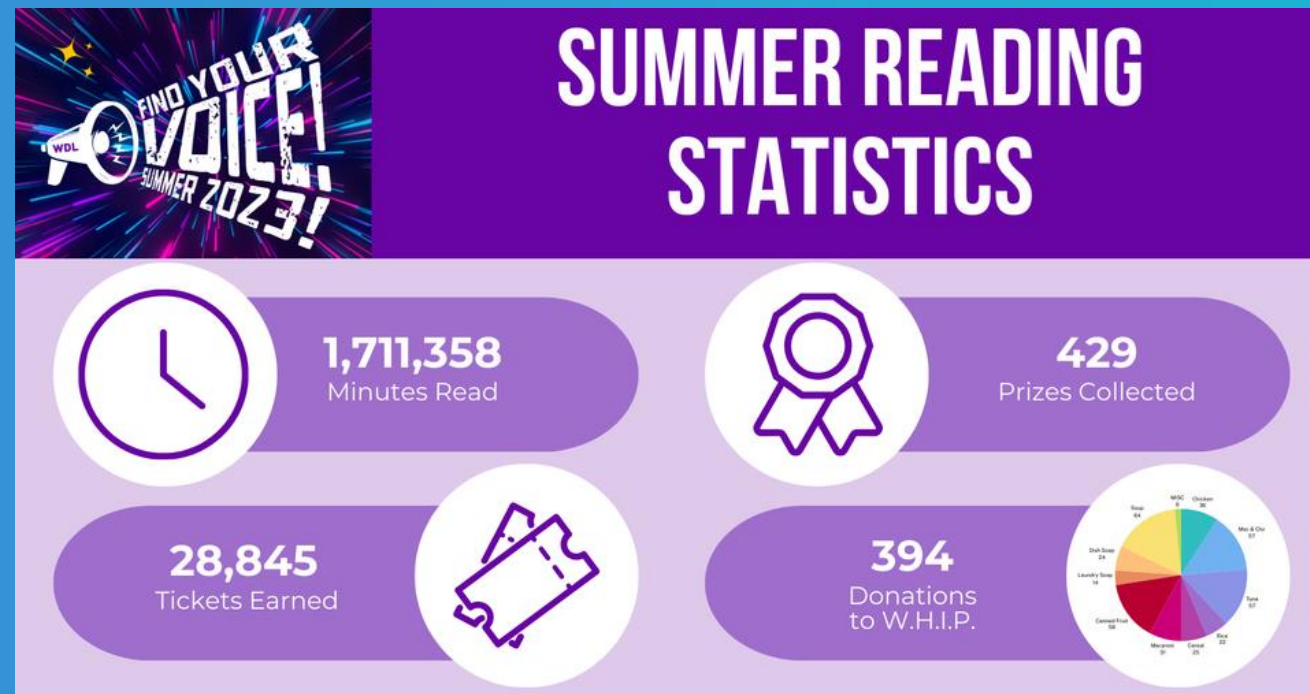
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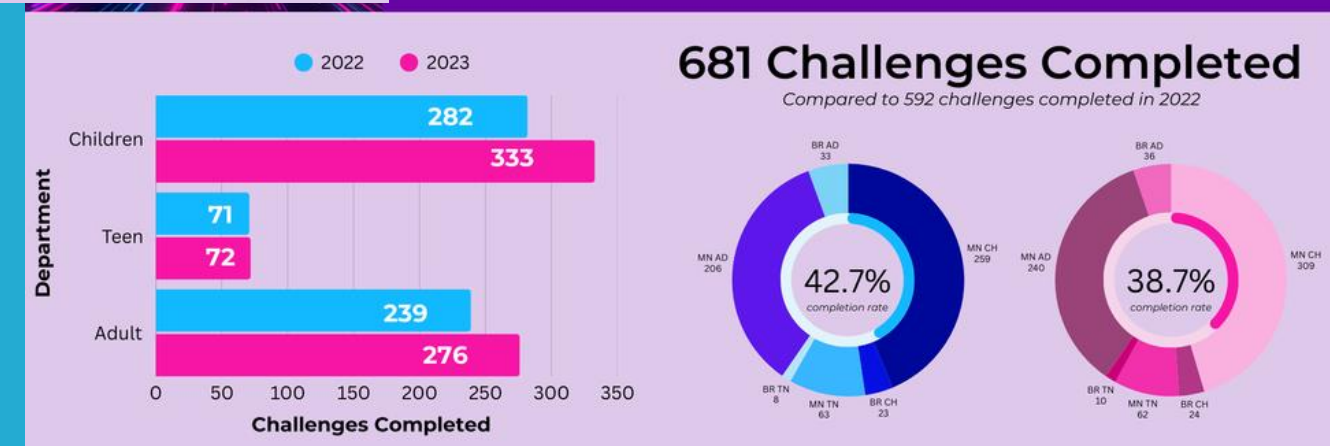
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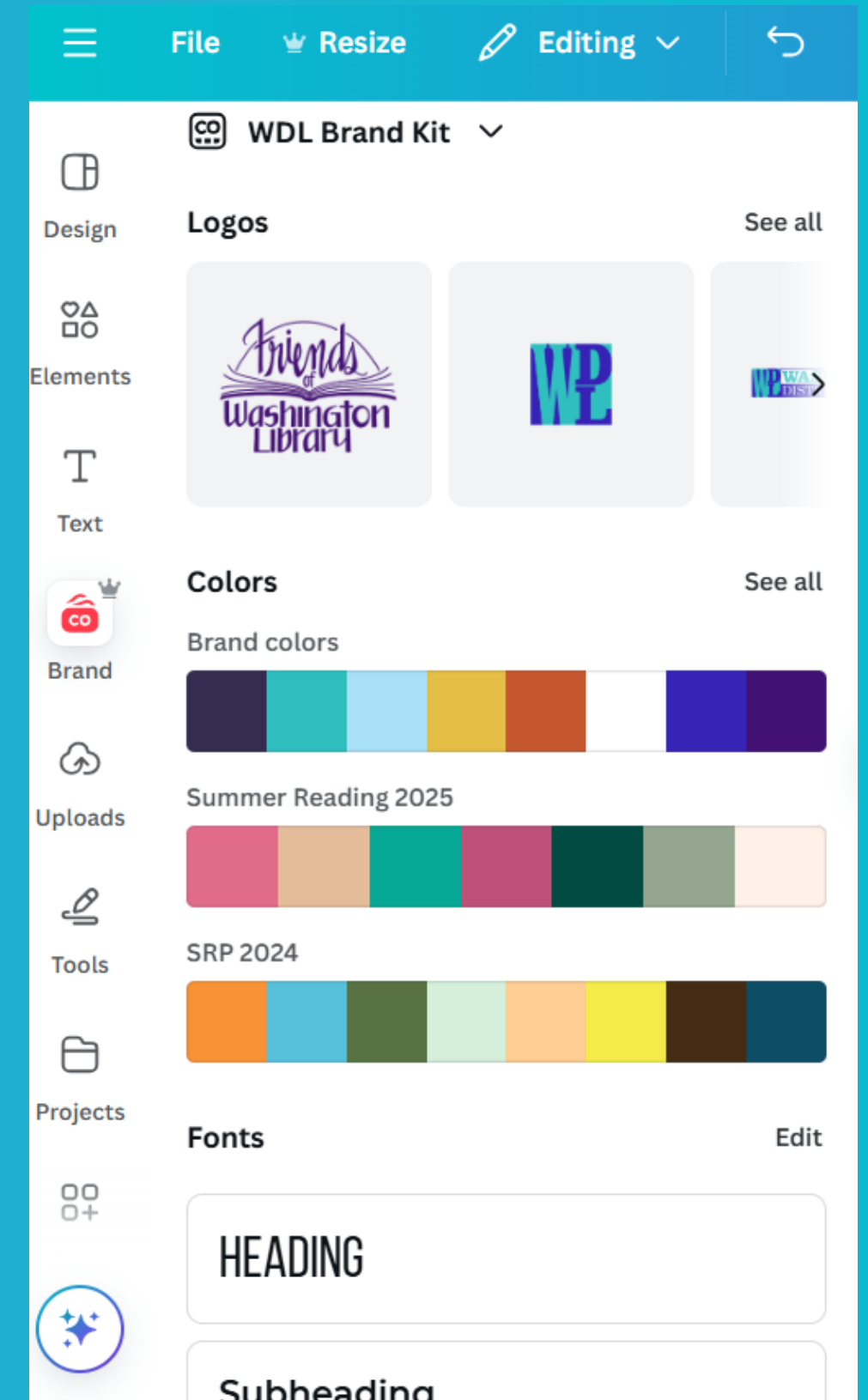
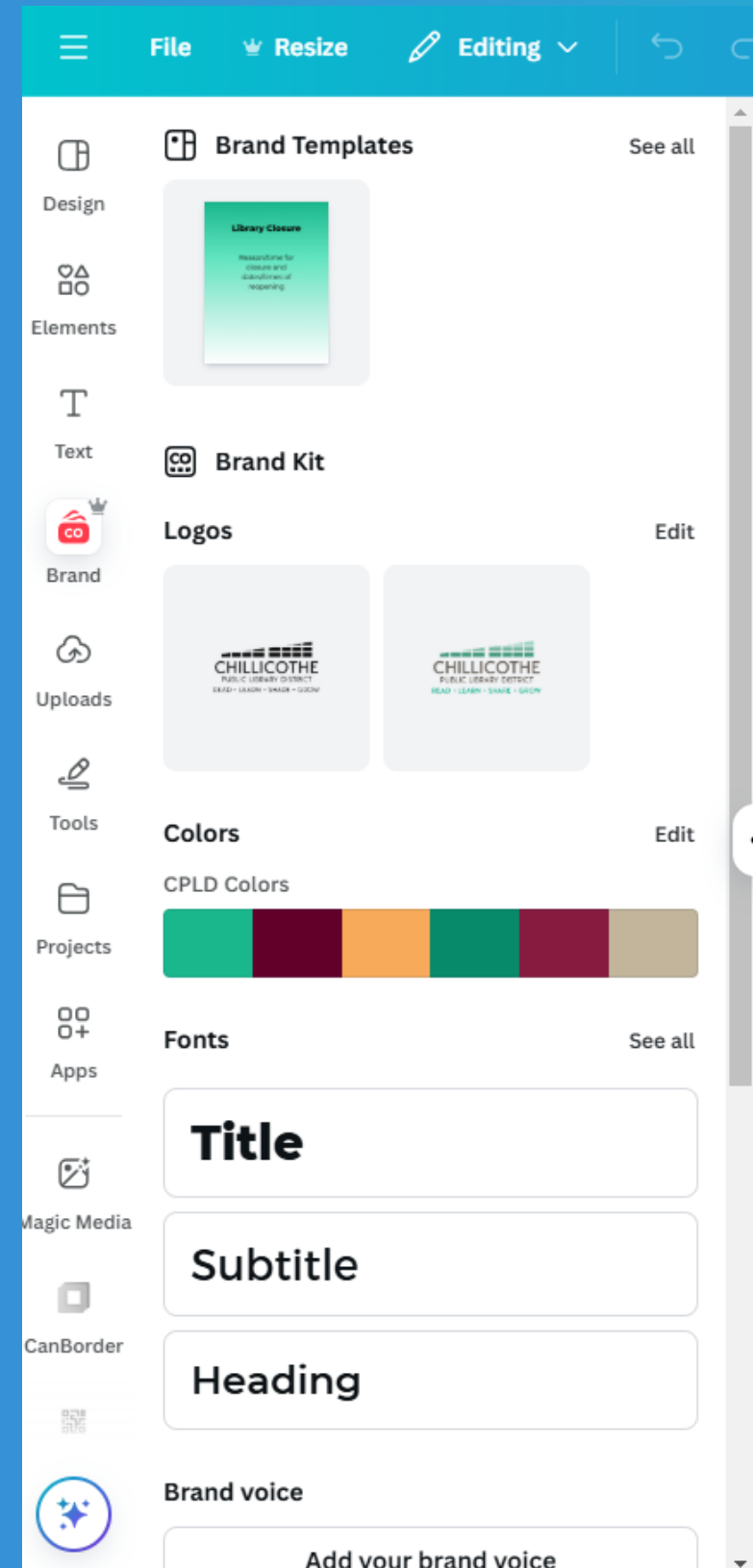
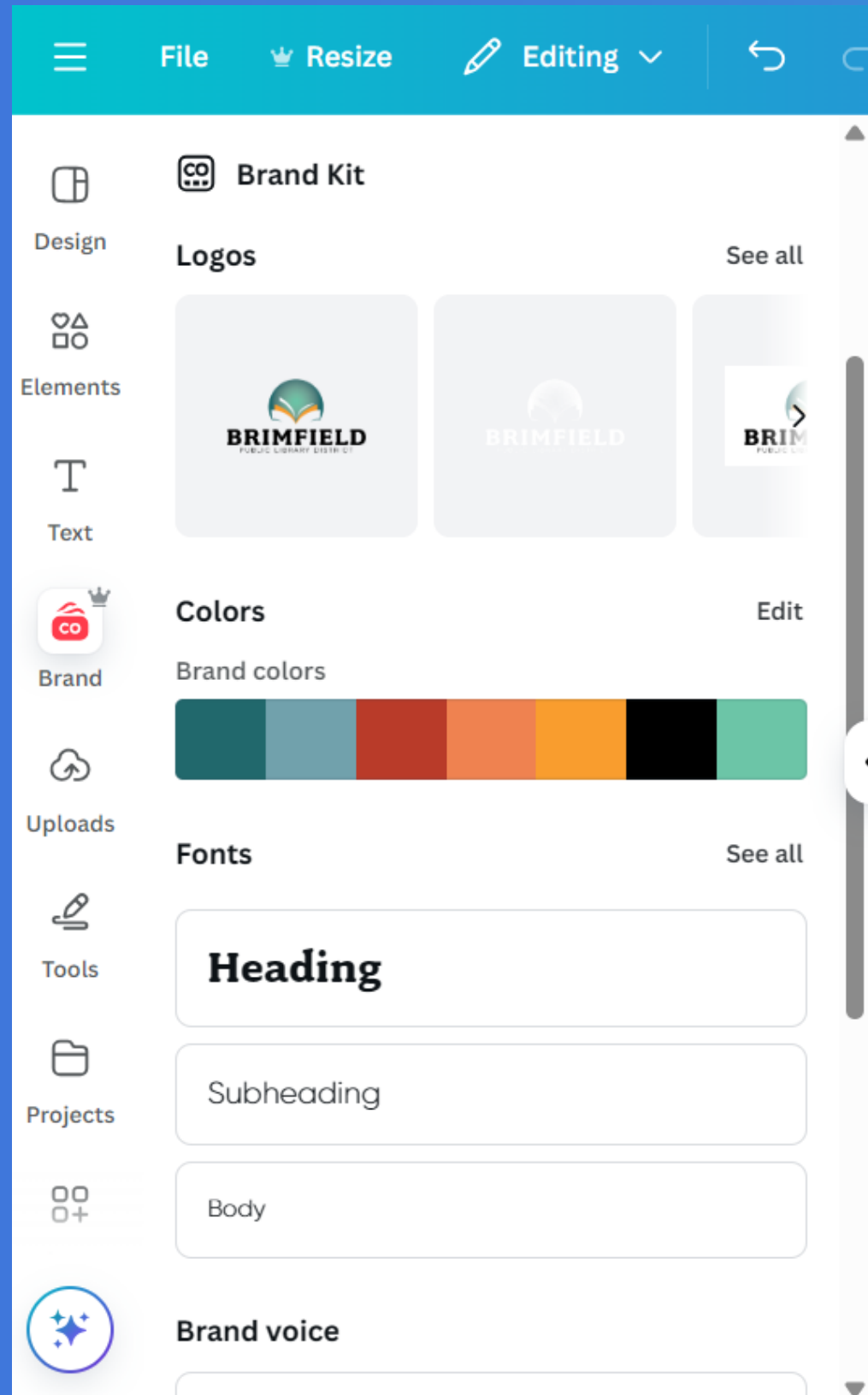


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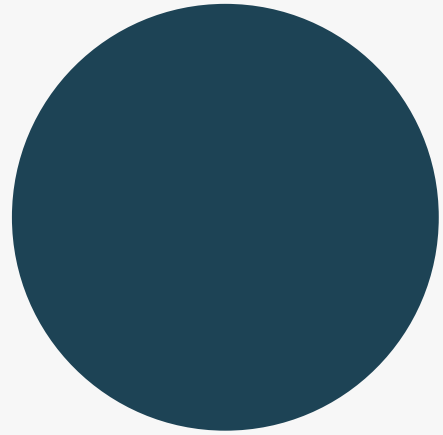
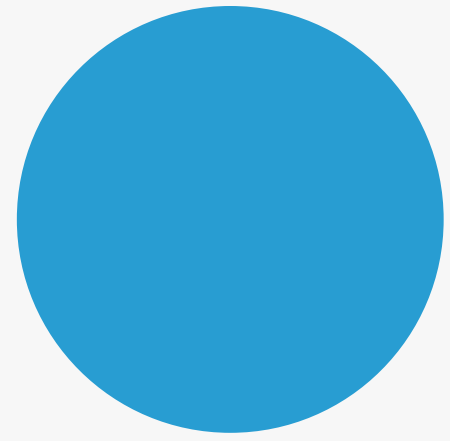




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
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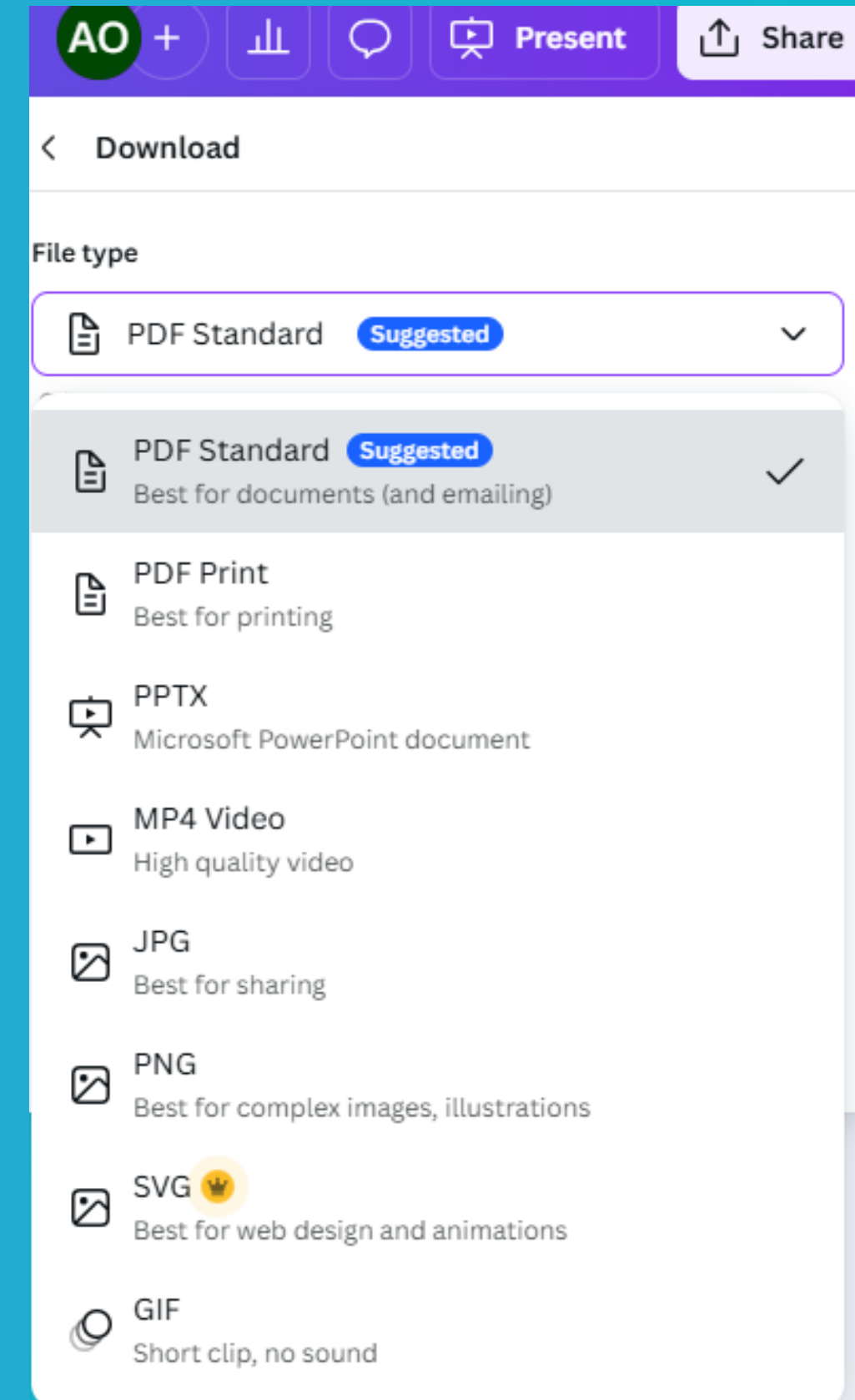
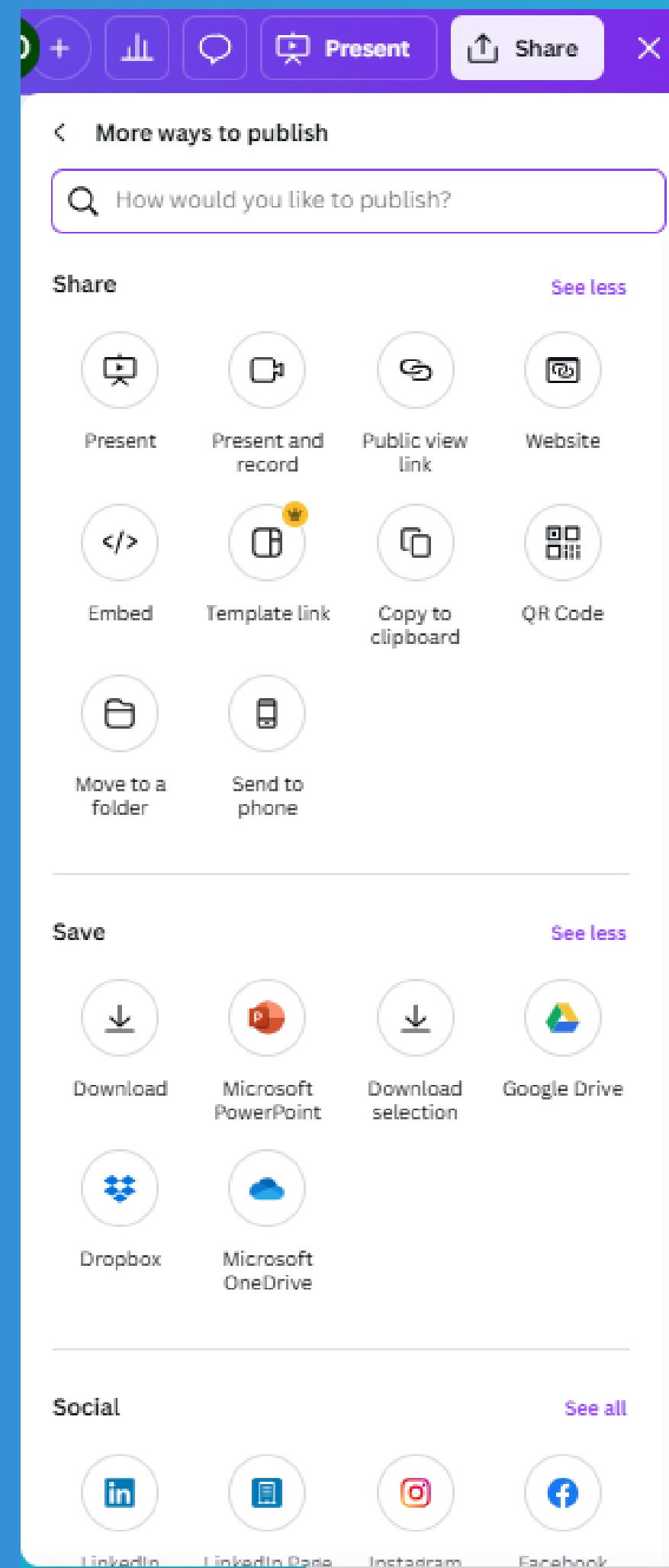
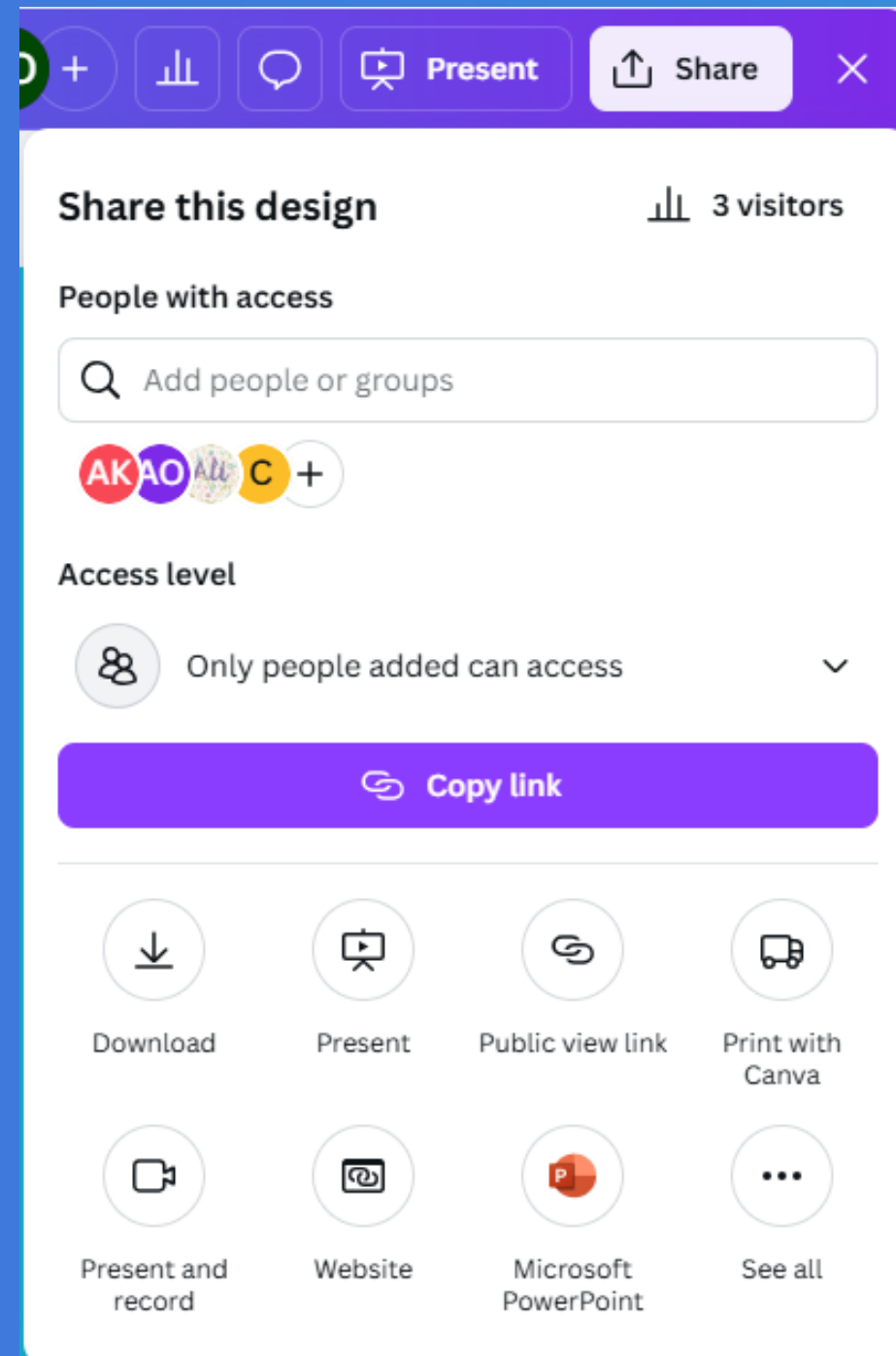
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# Sharing & Downloads





# Helpful Tools

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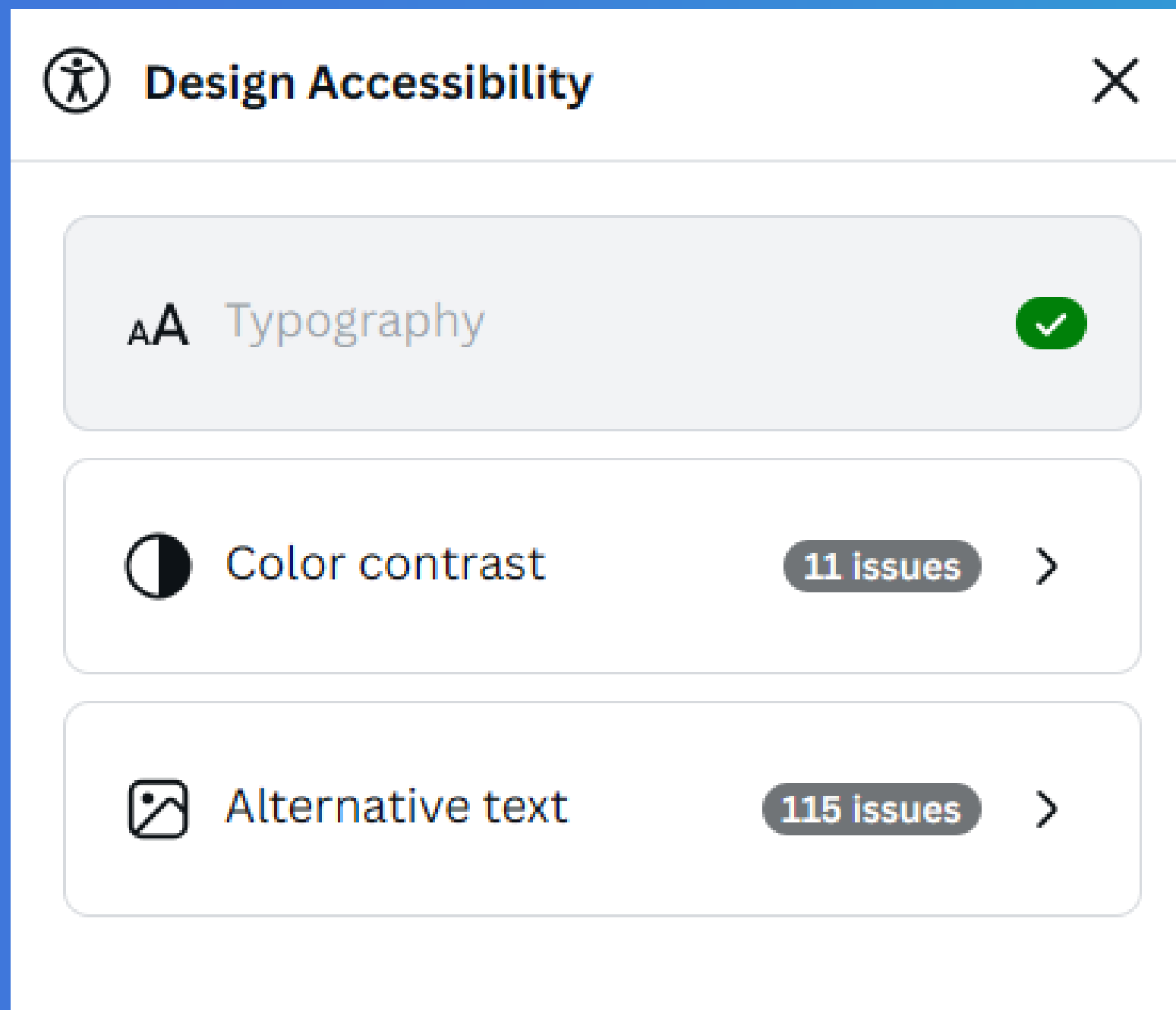
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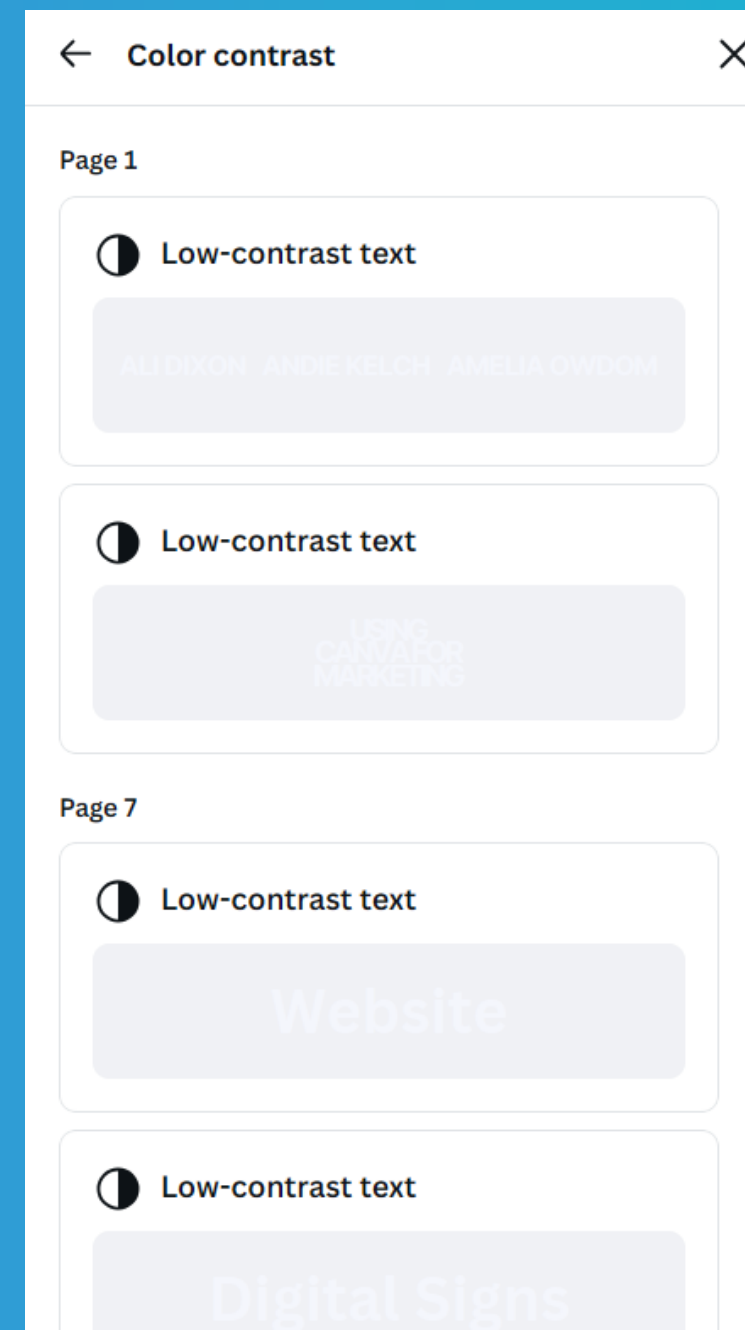


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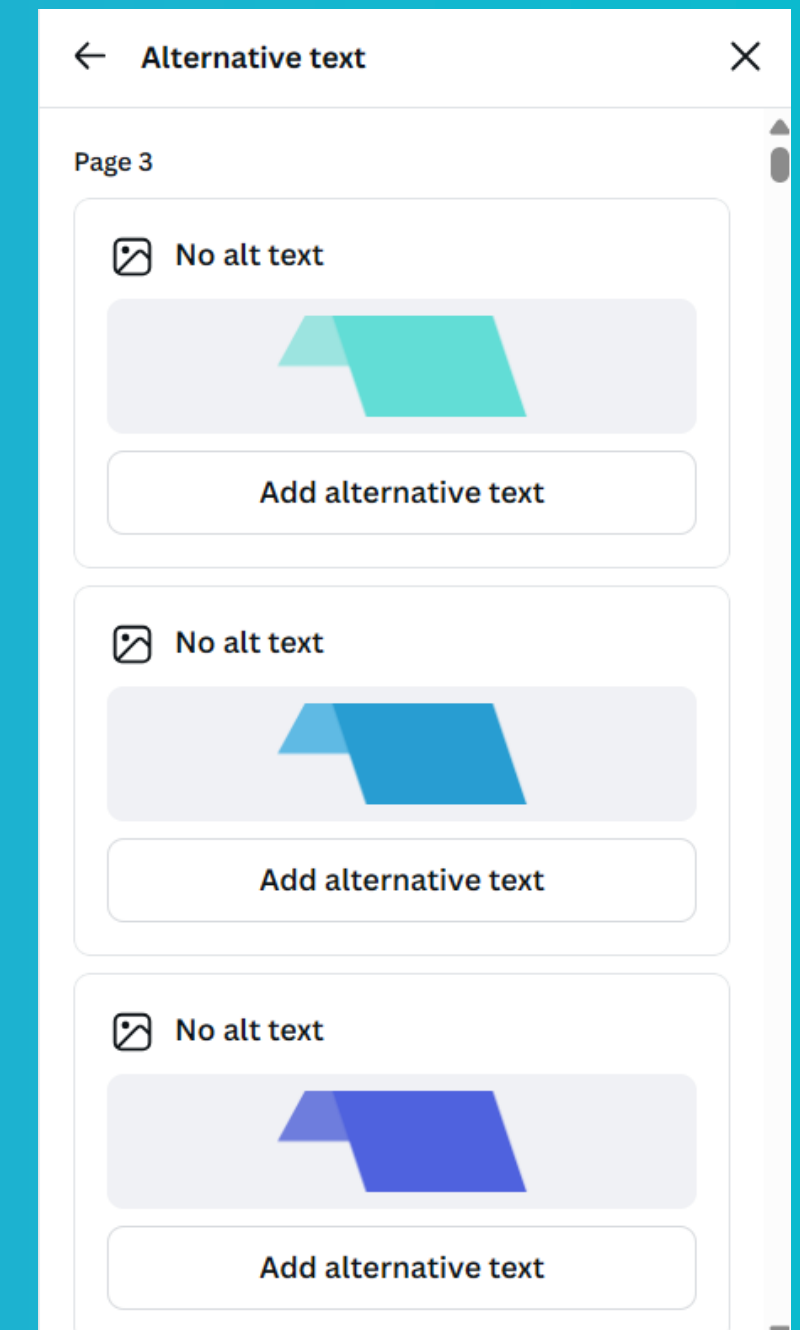
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# Public View Link Sharing and Analytics

## Calendar

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Library Event Descriptions

ALL AGES

Scavenger Hunt

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Winter Reading Challenge

January 6 - February 26

Copy up with a good book this winter! Join the challenge on Bookstock or grab a paper DINGO sheet at the library, scan a QR code, and ask your High School Principal for a copy!

Monday, January 13 6:00 PM

Bring a copy of your favorite book to the library for a special night featuring High School students reading aloud.

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Attracting Eastern Bluebirds in Central IL

Tuesday, January 21 6:30 PM

District Coordinator and President of the East Central Illinois Bluebird Society, Herb Urlich, will share his knowledge and photographs from years of monitoring and protecting bluebirds in the Peoria area.

Genealogy Discussion Group

Monday, January 27 6:30 PM

Topic: Harbison Show & Tell

Do you have a unique family artifact that led you to seek discoveries about your ancestors that tells your family history? Did you discover a document or photo that helped you solve a family mystery? Bring the item if you can and tell all about it!

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Book Club

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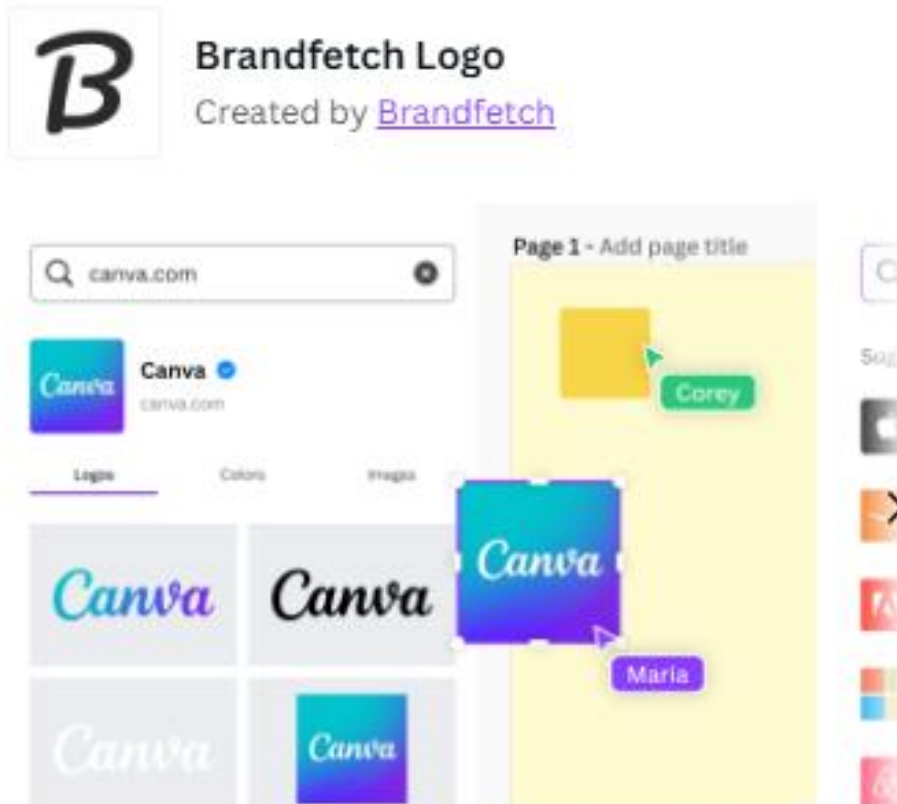
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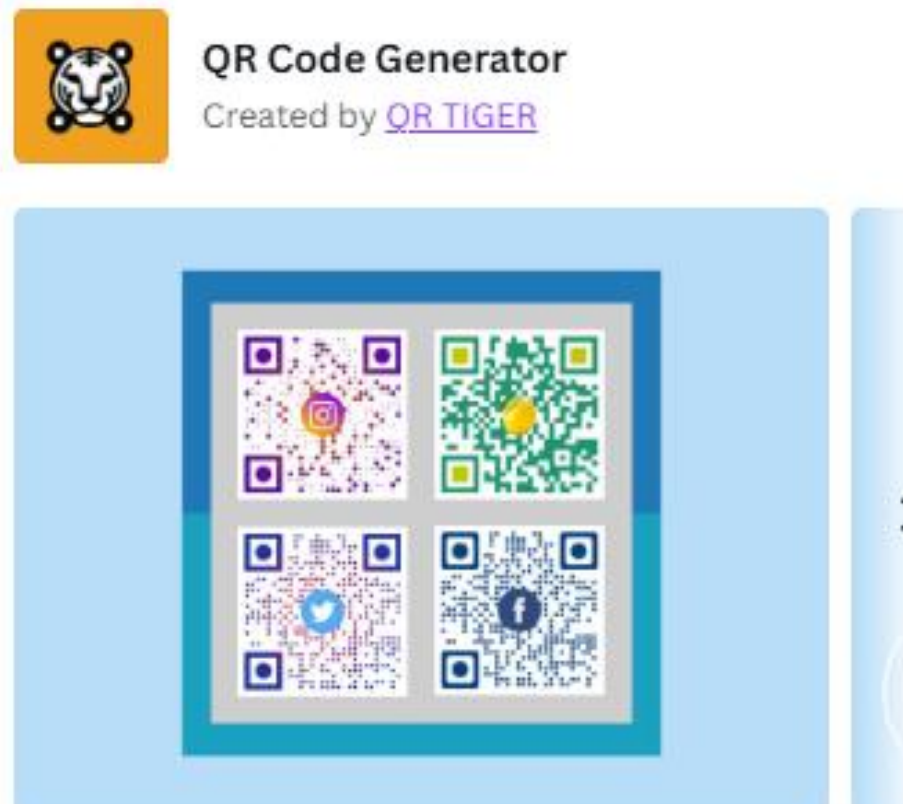


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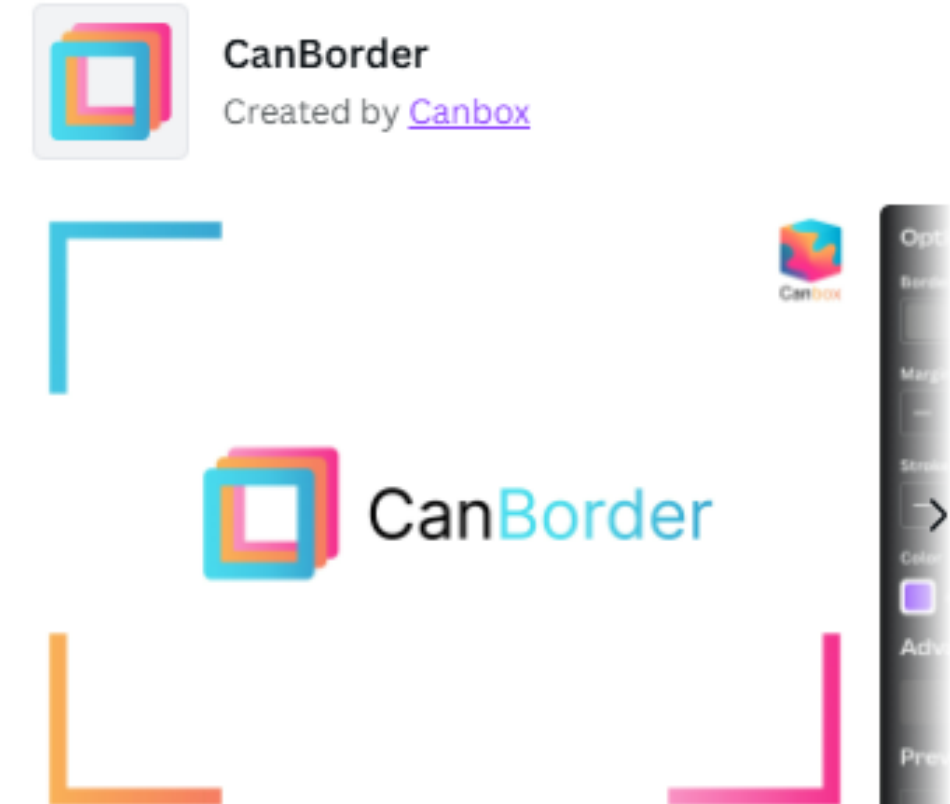
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Create advanced, engaging, and beautiful QR codes in QR TIGER and upload them to Canva without breaking a sweat. Organize your QR codes into folders for easier import.



## Create borders for your designs

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# Apps-Photo Editing & AI Creation



Magic Eraser



Background Remover



### Magic Media

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black and white dog wearing a yellow shirt

Inspire me

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# QUESTIONS?

## ASK US!

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Canva Tips and Hacks



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