

**Main Library**

834 Lake St. | 708.383.8200  
Monday–Thursday: 9 am–9 pm  
Friday: 9 am–6 pm  
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm  
Sunday: 1–6 pm

**Dole Branch Library**

255 Augusta St. | 708.386.9032  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 am–9 pm  
Friday: 10 am–6 pm  
Saturday: 10 am–5 pm  
Sunday: 1–6 pm

**Maze Branch Library**

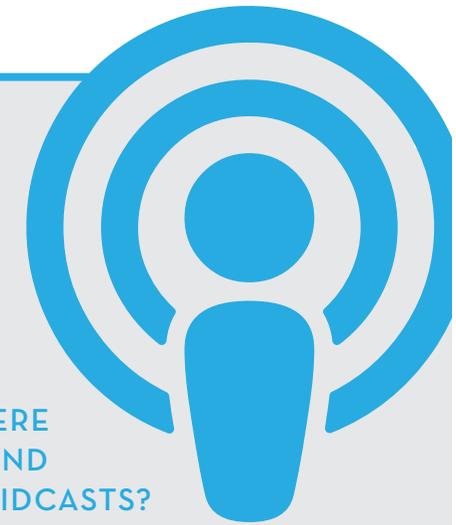
845 Gunderson Ave. | 708.386.4751  
Monday–Thursday: 10 am–9 pm  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 10 am–5 pm  
Sunday: 1–6 pm



Listen to  
**KIDCASTS**  
RECOMMENDED  
PODCASTS FOR KIDS



# PODCASTS 101



**📍 WHAT IS A PODCAST?**

A podcast is a treat for your ears and your brain. Podcasts are audio on demand, so you can listen whenever and wherever you want. Podcasts are audio files made available on the internet for downloading to a computer or touch-screen device.

**🎧 WHY LISTEN?** Because listening “tunes the brain.” Podcasts are a great way to improve attention ... on the go! Listen while you’re getting ready for dinner, commuting, running errands, or just hanging out. They are a great alternative to screens too.

**💰 HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Most podcasts are free!

**📶 HOW DO I LISTEN?**

You can listen directly from your favorite podcast’s website or on your mobile device. For Apple iOS touch-screen devices, search in the Podcast app. For Android devices, search in the Google Play Music app.



**📱 WHAT APP DO I USE?**

There are many apps available for listening to podcasts. Two free choices are Stitcher (iOS & Android) or Overcast (iOS only).



**📍 WHERE DO I FIND NEW KIDCASTS?**

You can find new kidcasts on **Kidslisten.org**, a grassroots organization that advocates for high-quality audio for kids. Check out their web-based app at [app.kidslisten.org](http://app.kidslisten.org) and sign up to be notified of the soon-to-be-released mobile app.

**★ WHERE CAN I FIND REVIEWS?**

Zoogobble helps you find “kindie” music (indie music for kids)—news, videos, mp3s, reviews—for your whole family. Read reviews at **zoogobble.com**.



**❓ QUESTIONS?** Stop by the Main Library’s Children’s Department and ask Anne Bensfield, the Children’s Digital Learning Librarian, or another children’s librarian for kidcast recommendations. Or email Anne at [abensfield@oppl.org](mailto:abensfield@oppl.org).

## Discover the **WORLD AROUND YOU**

**BUT WHY** is a NPR podcast led by kids. You ask the questions and But Why will find the answers. The podcast tackles topics large and small, about nature, words, and even the end of the world. *For all ages; fans of curiosities, interviews*



### WOW IN THE WORLD

is a NPR podcast and a new way for families to connect, look up, and discover the wonders of the world around them. Through a combination of careful scientific research and fun, you'll go inside your brains, out into space, and deep into the coolest new stories in science and technology. *For kids in kindergarten through grade school; fans of current events, science*



## Meet **COOL PEOPLE**

**THE APP FAIRY PODCAST** has meet-the-author-style interviews with top-quality childrens' app makers. The podcast is hosted by Carissa Christner, youth services librarian at Madison Public Library, with audio engineering help from Audrey Martinovich at Audio for the Arts. Funding is provided by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center. *For toddlers through kids in grade school; fans of children's apps*



**THE SHOW ABOUT SCIENCE** is an awesome show about science. Every episode is filled with interesting facts and information from scientists around the globe. If you only listen to one show about science, it definitely should be this one! *For kids in grade school; fans of inspiring science*



## Jump into **ADVENTURE**

**THE ALIEN ADVENTURES OF FINN CASPIAN** is a serialized science-fiction story for kids told in 15-20-minute episodes that parents can put on when driving around town with their kids or bonding with them before bed. The story centers on Finn Caspian, an 8-year-old boy aboard The Famous Marlowe 280 Interplanetary Exploratory Space Station. *For kids in grade school; fans of adventure, science-fiction*

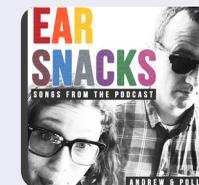


**THE UNEXPLAINABLE DISAPPEARANCE OF MARS PATEL** is a scripted podcast for kids in middle school, performed by kids in middle school. It is a fun, high-quality, serial mystery that can be described as *Goonies* meets *Spy Kids* meets *Stranger Things*. *For kids in grade school and middle school; fans of mysteries*



## Launch your **IMAGINATION**

**EAR SNACKS** Kids around the world + awesome grown-up experts + occasional giraffes + a genre-busting soundtrack = a radical podcast for kids. Award-winning children's music duo Andrew & Polly connect ordinary things with extraordinary ideas. *For toddlers, preschoolers, kindergartners; fans of music*



**APRIL EIGHT SONGS & STORIES** are delightful audio songs and stories for kids of all ages. It's all at **aprileight.com**: family-friendly original stories, songs, crafts, recipes, and ideas for raising thoughtful, joyful children. *For all ages; fans of fairy tales, music*



## Dive into the **WORLD OF BOOKS**



**BOOK CLUB FOR KIDS** is hosted and produced by award-winning public radio journalist Kitty Felde, who features readers in middle school who meet to talk about books they love. The show often includes a celebrity reading from the book and authors joining in to answer kids' questions. *For kids in middle school; fans of book discussions*



**BUTTONS & FIGS** is a podcast for kids, parents, educators, librarians, and anyone who values nonsense. Buttons & Figs podcasts are designed to introduce kids to the world of nonsense literature. Nonsense plays an important part in helping to, well, oddly enough, make sense of the world. *For kids in grade school; fans of humor*



**BEDTIME FM STORY TIME** has stories for everyone to listen to. Each story is usually less than 20 minutes long, hopefully just long enough to keep your little ones engaged. *For kids in preschool, kindergarten; fans of bedtime stories*