

Youth and Adult Educational Outreach Programs

Many groups call in requests for presentations on various natural resource topics. Master Naturalists frequently give talks at local libraries including McNabb Public Library, Magnolia Library, LaSalle Public Library, and Princeton Public Library, as well as to civic groups, youth groups and clubs. Topics covered vary and have included “Monarch Life Cycle and Needs”, “Flora of the Illinois Valley”, “Native Plants”, “Attracting Backyard Birds”, “Wildlife Photography”, “Beekeeping”, and “The Natural History of Starved Rock”, to name a few. Master Naturalists also attend local events to give educational programming and man informational tables.



Left: Master Naturalist volunteer Robert Chinn delivers his “Backyard Birds” presentation to attendees at the Princeton Public Library.

Right: Master Naturalist volunteer Patti Ong (right) along with Master Gardener Vicki Thomas help Fieldcrest Elementary School students make and disperse wildflower “bombs” at the Toluca Arbor Day Celebration.



Left: Girls Scouts visited Starved Rock State Park and stopped at the University of Illinois Extension table to learn about pollinators and play a “Guess the Pollinator” game with Master Naturalist volunteers.