

Hello, Wildcats! Time flies—it’s already the 6th week of Winter Quarter, and we hope everything is going well! We are the **Off-Campus Life (OCL)** office, your first point of contact for navigating the challenges and opportunities of off-campus living in Evanston and Chicago. We’re here to provide you with ongoing support throughout the year!

Recent Events

*Hot Chocolate*

Hosted by our student partners at 919 Foster, OCL’s first Community hot chocolate event, a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with the local community and their neighbors in a cozy, welcoming atmosphere. Nothing brings people together quite like a cup of hot chocolate on a chilly evening! Whether engaging in conversations with new friends or simply enjoying the comforting warmth of their drinks, students appreciated the opportunity to unwind and foster meaningful connections.



*Students having great time with their neighbors.*

*Lunar New Year Celebration*



*Students trying calligraphy.*

The Lunar New Year celebration brought together students, faculty, and community members in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Attendees enjoyed traditional elements such as egg rolls, red packets, and engaging conversations while participating in activities that highlighted different aspects of the holiday. The event served as both a cultural exchange



*Students making red envelopes.*

and a chance for students to meet new people, fostering a sense of connection within the university. Additionally, organizers took the opportunity to share important tenant rights information with off-campus students, making the event both festive and informative.

### ***Winter Housing Fair***

The Winter Housing Fair successfully brought together local landlords, community/city resources, and Northwestern representatives to showcase available properties and services. Students engaged directly with landlords, gained insights into housing options. Additionally, community and university representatives provided valuable information on students' rights, responsibilities, and off-campus resources, equipping students with essential knowledge for future housing decisions.

### **More Events YOU Want to Know About**

#### ***Chocolate Crawl [Feb. 13th/ 4:30-7:30pm]***

Embrace the season of love with our [Love Local Chocolate Crawl](#) at Creative Coworking (922 Davis St)! Bundle up and bring your friends, coworkers, and family (yes,

it's kid-friendly!) for an evening stroll through local shops, indulging in delicious chocolate treats and exclusive special offers. Whether you're searching for the perfect Valentine's gift or treating yourself to something sweet, this event is the perfect way to celebrate! This is a free event but, please [register here](#).



### *Valentine's Crafts [Feb.14]*

Come on down to Artica Studios for [Valentines arts and crafts](#)! Free candy each day! February 14 is DIY free card making - your choice of screenprinting or colorful collaged cards! [RSVP](#) is required, so don't miss out on this fun and festive experience!



### *2025 Chicago Auto Show [Feb. 8-17th]*

First staged in 1901, the [Chicago Auto Show](#) is one of the largest auto shows in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent. This year marks the 117th edition of the Chicago Auto Show.



### *Chicago Theatre Week [Feb. 6-16]*

Experience everything Chicago theatre has to offer for just \$15 or \$30 (or less!). [Chicago Theatre Week](#) features value-priced tickets to more than 100 performances at theatres across the city, from musicals to improv to dramas and beyond. Here is the [list](#) of participating shows.



### [Valentine's Day! A Celebration of Love](#) ♡

Valentine's Day, celebrated every February 14, is a time to express love and appreciation for those we care about. Whether through heartfelt messages, thoughtful gifts, or quality time together, this holiday is a perfect opportunity to share kindness and creativity. While many opt for traditional gifts like chocolates and flowers, handmade crafts add a personal touch that makes the day even more special.



This year, why not try your hand at a simple yet beautiful Valentine's craft? [Folding a paper rose](#) is a charming and thoughtful way to create a lasting symbol of love.

### [NU Sports Information](#)

There are many sports events happening in February, and we have limited space to list them all. However, you can visit our [calendar](#) to find the ones you're most interested in watching! Even in the cold weather, you can still be a passionate sports fan by checking our calendar for live games or updates on game statuses anytime. You are also warmly encouraged to attend the games in person and show your support by wearing purple! Just to keep your eyes on the [calendar](#) and [news](#)!

## Places4Students

Some of you may be looking for a new place or hoping to sublet your current place. OCL does not host a listing service but *does* partner with one: [Places4Students](#). *Places4Students* can be utilized as you search for a new apartment, and to list a sublet. It is the only listing service that Off Campus Life recommends to landlords or rental companies who would like to rent to the Northwestern Community, as well as Northwestern Students, Faculty or Staff looking to rent. Students can utilize *Places4Students* **for free**, including listing a sublet.

## Want to Discuss Your Off-Campus Life Experience?

Whether you have a leasing, sub-leasing, landlord, roommate, or community question, we are happy to connect.

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