



Summer
2024

Park Ridge Public Library

100

Years of

**SUMMER
READING**

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Meet our mascots!

Gus and Billie!





"One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by."

-Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle

This summer marks the 100th anniversary of the first Park Ridge Library Summer Reading program. (See the sidebar on page 3 for a little background.) I invite you to sign up and encourage your family and friends to get signed up for Summer Reading. Borrow from our vast collection in the library or use one of our

mobile apps to download audiobooks or ebooks for when you're on the go. See page 3 for details about how to sign up and what you might win if you meet your age group's challenges.

2024 has been wonderfully busy thus far. We have welcomed over 100,000 visitors since January 1. This spring, our Children's Services staff has launched a picture book genrefication project. We hope that reorganizing over 15,000 picture books by categories will make them easier for our youngest readers to find and enjoy.

We also updated our website this spring with a cleaner layout, new user-friendly forms and concise information. You can always find us online at parkridgelibrary.org from your desktop or mobile device.

Stop in to see us this summer to sign up for Summer Reading, get a stack of books or attend a program. I look forward to seeing you in the library soon!

Best,
Joanna Bertucci
Library Director

PS. Have you listened to a great audiobook recently? Send me your recommendations at librarydirector@parkridgelibrary.org.



Summer Reading Bookmark Contest
All Ages!

Our bookmark contest is back!

Get an entry form at any service desk starting May 25 and turn in your design by **Sunday, June 9**. Four winning designs will be chosen by our staff, and a new design will be given out at the Library each week between July 8 and August 4.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

From checking out new picture books for a baby, to borrowing a mobile hotspot for your road trip, to printing a batch of custom T-shirts for your girls' weekend, the benefits of a library card are limitless. This August follow our social media and watch our website for information about how you can get yourself, your neighbors, family and friends signed up for a card.



Can't wait until August?

Get a card for yourself or someone in your family today!



Scan the QR code to apply online, or stop at the Patron Services desk and get signed up!



100 Years of Summer Reading



HOW IT ALL STARTED

In 1924, Head Librarian Frances Holbrook initiated the Summer Reading program to inspire kids to read over the summer. The program was originally called the Vacation Reading Club.

Later, during WWII, the club was renamed the Victory Reading Club. The name of the program may have changed through the years, but the goal to get people excited to read never changed and continues to grow every summer since.

Today, the program is open to readers of all ages and draws more than 2,000 participants.



Frances Holbrook

HOW TO SIGN UP

Visit parkridgelibrary.org/summer-reading/ to find links to sign up whether you're planning to read to your newborn or are a veteran participant of our adult reading programs. Or, stop in the Library and sign up at Reader Services (for adults), the Teen Loft or Children's Services. This year, children can get a Refer a Grown-up card at the Children's desk and bring their favorite adult upstairs to get them signed up as well. Every child who uses a referral card will be entered into a separate prize drawing to win a \$25 gift card.

CHILDREN

Kids from birth to 6th grade earn tickets for chances to win prizes for every 10 days of reading logged. Every child who logs 30 days of reading receives a prize book! Keep reading through August 10 to earn more tickets and chances to win.

GRADES 6 - 12

Readers from sixth grade through high school can earn a virtual raffle ticket to win prizes for every 10 days they read, and win a prize book after 30 logged days. They can earn more virtual raffle tickets by attending programs, doing activities, or logging past 30 days.

ADULTS

Adults are challenged to finish four books in specific categories by August 10 to win a limited edition tote bag. Those who continue reading or complete special activities can earn a chance for a bonus prize.

Learn more at parkridgelibrary.org about tracking days read online and prize details. Prizes are generously donated by the Friends of the Library.



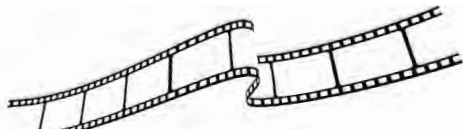
Save The Date for Summer Reading Sendoff!

Celebrate with us on the Library Lawn with live music, ice cream from Triple Scoop'd, and fun and games. Follow the Library on Facebook and Instagram or visit parkridgelibrary.org for details this summer.

**Saturday,
August 10
10 a.m. to
Noon**



Films and Book Discussions for Adults



FILMS @ THE LIBRARY

These movies are screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. No registration is required. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



The Boys in the Boat

[PG-13, 123 min]

A team of underdog Americans heads to the 1936 Berlin Olympics, at odds with their Depression-era beginnings.

Directed by George Clooney

Tuesday, June 18 | 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



American Fiction

[R, 117 min.]

A novelist takes a pen name and writes a book that succeeds in the Black entertainment genre he disdains. Starring Jeffrey Wright and Sterling K. Brown

Directed by George Clooney

Tuesday, July 16 | 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



Napoleon

[R, 158 min.]

An epic of the French emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, and his volatile relationship with his wife, Josephine. Starring Joaquin Phoenix and

Vanessa Kirby

Tuesday, August 20 | 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

These programs will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room OR available live over Zoom. Please choose how you would like to join us and sign up on our website or by calling 847-720-3280. Books will be available two weeks before the discussion at the Reader Services desk.

Fiction Group



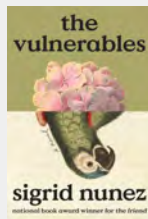
Absolution

by Alice McDermott

Tricia and Charlene reconnect sixty years after forming a friendship in Saigon during the Vietnam War.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, June 11 | 7 p.m.

IN PERSON: Thursday, June 27 | 10 a.m.



The Vulnerables

by Sigrid Nunez

At the beginning of the pandemic, a woman finds unexpected companionship with a college student and the parrot he's charged with watching.

VIRTUAL: Tuesday, July 9 | 7 p.m.

IN PERSON: Thursday, July 25 | 10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Group

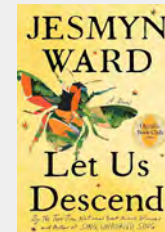


The Swimmers

by Julie Otsuka

A group of recreational swimmers is cast out when a crack appears at the bottom of their local pool.

Wednesday, June 5 | 7 p.m.



Let Us Descend

by Jesmyn Ward

A journey from the rice fields of the Carolinas to the slave markets of New Orleans and into the fearsome heart of a Louisiana sugar plantation.

Wednesday, July 31 | 7 p.m.

Nonfiction Group



A Fever in the Heartland

by Timothy Egan

The riveting story of the Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them.

Friday, June 14 | 10 a.m.

Green Reads



Fire Weather

by John Vaillant

The story of a colossal wildfire and a panoramic exploration of the rapidly changing relationship between fire and humankind.

In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge

Tuesday, July 23 | 7 p.m.

Studio Spotlight

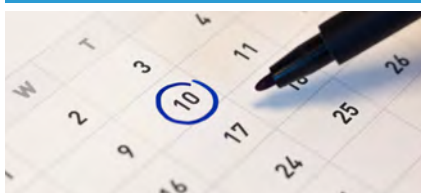


Clockwise from left Ogilvie, Martinia, Vicky, Nancy, and Janet show off the projects they created in The Studio. See page 5 for the written schedule of Studio classes and orientation!



Sign up for our programs online!

Scan the qr code to access our program calendar



The Studio and Media Lab



Orientation

This mandatory orientation introduces The Studio equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Studio.

Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only. Limit 3 patrons per session.

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Thursdays at 11 a.m.

THE STUDIO CLASSES

*All classes are free and supplies included. Phone, online, and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m. Four weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. **Must be comfortable using a computer.** After registration, if you are unable to attend, please notify the Library at 847-720-3230.*

** Limit of 1 laser cutter class per month.*

Decorated Garden Stakes

Decorate garden stakes with vinyl cut on the Silhouette. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, June 6 | 2 p.m.

Friday, June 14 | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18 | 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26 | 7 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Whiskey Glass

Just in time for Father's Day! Learn how to laser engrave a whiskey glass. *Limit 1 person per class.*

Saturday, June 15 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Wooden Wall Clock

Custom engrave and assemble a working wooden wall clock. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, June 20 | 7 p.m.

Friday, June 21 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 27 | 7 p.m.

Silhouette 101

See a brief overview of the Silhouette Studio software before learning how to make a simple project on the Silhouette cutting machine.

Limit 4 people per class.

Thursday, July 11 | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16 | 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24 | 7 p.m.

Infusible Ink Coffee Mugs

Learn how to use The Studio's new Cricut Mug Press to create a colorful coffee mug with infusible ink! *Limit 4 person per class.*

Thursday, July 18 | 7 p.m.

Friday, July 19 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 25 | 7 p.m.

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Ceramic Coffee Mug

Learn how to engrave a ceramic coffee mug!

Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.

Saturday, July 27 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Decoupage Picture Frames

Use Mod Podge and decorative papers to embellish a wooden picture frame. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, August 8 | 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13 | 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21 | 7 p.m.

Friday, August 30 | 11 a.m.

Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Wooden Pencils

It's back to school time! Learn how to personalize No. 2 pencils.

Limit 1 person per class.

Saturday, August 17 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Wooden Pencil Box

Create a custom wooden pencil box to hold this year's school supplies! *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit of 4 people per class.*

Thursday, August 22 | 7 p.m.

Friday, August 23 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 29 | 7 p.m.



Orientation

This mandatory orientation provides an introduction to The Media Lab's equipment, software, and policies. Patrons must complete this orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. Registration required. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. | Saturdays at 10 a.m.

THE MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Phone, online and in-person registration begins at 9 a.m. Four weeks before the class. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 people per class.

Archiving Photos, Slides, and Negatives

Take those boxes of old photos, slides, and negatives and digitize them.

Thursdays: June 6, July 11, or August 8 | 7 - 8 p.m.

Converting Home Videos to Digital

Learn the steps to convert your old VHS home videos to DVD.

Thursdays: June 13, July 18, or August 15 | 7 - 8 p.m.

Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Learn how to convert your old audiocassette recordings and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

Thursdays: June 20, August 22 | 7 - 8 p.m.

Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Movies to Digital

Learn the steps to digitize your 8mm and Super 8 film on our equipment.

Thursdays: June 27, July 25, or August 29 | 7 - 8 p.m.



Programs will be **virtual**, **hybrid**, or **on-site**. Programs are **registration required**, unless otherwise noted. *Program schedule is subject to change.*

Virtual Programs

These programs will be held over Zoom. Register online or call 847-720-3280.



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The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin*

Tuesday, June 4 | 7 p.m.

Hybrid Programs

These programs will be held on-site and available live over Zoom. Please register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Chair Yoga

Join Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee for this gentle yoga class. Stretch, breathe, and meditate your way to renewed energy. No experience necessary!

Joan is on-site June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, and August 7 & 21.

Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

Park Ridge Writers Group

Do you want to write? Do you need a creative jumpstart to finish a piece? Join the Library's writing group for positive critique and support from other writers. *Limit 20.*

IN-PERSON: Wednesdays: June 12, July 10, and August 14 | 7 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Wednesdays: June 26, July 24 | 7 p.m.



Library Pub Quiz

Do you have a head full of useless facts? Show them off and earn bragging rights by joining us for our Library Pub Quiz. Have a laugh, learn something new, and keep up with your Library friends.

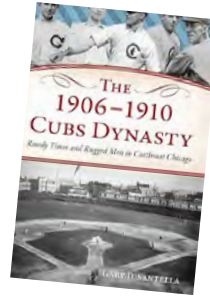
VIRTUAL: Tuesday, July 23 | 6:30 p.m. *Limit 60.*

IN-PERSON: Tuesday, August 27 | 6:30 p.m.

Limit 30. Held at Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main Street.

Author Talk: The 1906-1910 Cubs Dynasty with Gary Santella

Join author Gary Santella, a Park Ridge resident, for a discussion of his new book about the



Chicago Cubs of the early 20th century, when times were rowdy in "Cutthroat Chicago." *Books will be available for sale.*

Thursday, June 13 | 7 p.m.

Job Search Strategies

Whether you're unemployed or looking for a career change, Brittany Coleman of Oakton College wants to help you with the networking, social media, and technology you'll need in today's job search.

Thursday, June 20 | 7 p.m.

Communicating With Intent at Work

If you're feeling stuck in your career, let Tami Palmer of Greyzone Mentoring help you find career and life clarity. By learning the power tips for outstanding communication, Tami will help convert your words into your desired outcomes.

Thursday, June 27 | 7 p.m.



Motivation & Mental Health

Feeling your motivation wane along with the daylight? Let Melissa Waterfield-Copeland of Speakeasy Therapy coach you on how to keep up your energy, drive, and mental health as we head into the end of the year.

Tuesday, August 6 | 7 p.m.

An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

The folks at FireLogic are keeping an eye on AI and want to help you stay up to date. They'll help you identify what AI is, how it affects your everyday life, and how you can be AI smart.

Thursday, August 15 | 7 p.m.

Afternoon Programs

Next Steps for Beginning Genealogists

Move beyond Ancestry and Google with genealogist Laura Kovarik. Learn the free resources to help get your family research organized and moving forward. *Hybrid.*

Tuesday, June 11 | 2 p.m.

Sweet Treats of the Midwest

Join food enthusiast Amy Gail Hansen as she uncovers the history of four Midwestern desserts: Bertha Palmer's brownie, the Twinkie, Rice Krispie Treats, and the Bundt cake, as well as tips for fun variations on the recipes. *Hybrid.*

Tuesday, July 9 | 2 p.m.

The Wonders of Bird Migration

Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited Glenview will discuss the who, when, why, and how of bird migration and offer suggestions on how to be good hosts to these world travelers. *Hybrid.*

Tuesday, August 13 | 2 p.m.

GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

Global Neighbors: The Arab World

Our Global Neighbors series continues with the Arab World! Enjoy a performance from the five-member Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble, who exemplify the songs, instruments, and styles of the region as well as food samples.

In-person only. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.

Thursday, August 22 | 7 p.m.

In-Person Programs

These programs will be held on-site only. Register on our website or call 847-720-3280.

Drop-In Help Desk

The experts from FireLogic will assist you with your tech questions. *No registration required.*

Saturdays: June 1, July 6, and August 3 | 9 a.m. - Noon



Stitch Night

Calling all knitters, crocheters, quilters, cross-stitchers, and fiber artists of all levels! Join us for an evening of free crafting advice and lively conversation. Show us what you've been working on or ask a fellow fiber artist how to get started. *No registration required.*

Thursdays: June 6, July 11, and August 1 | 7 p.m.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Join the fiber artists of Stitch Night as they knit along with the rest of the world! Bring your own knitting or crocheting supplies. *All levels welcome.*

Saturday, June 8 | 10 a.m. - Noon

Wits Workout

Boost your cognitive function and memory while reconnecting with your Park Ridge neighbors in this interactive program of brain puzzles and discussion starters. *Sponsored by the 20th Century Club.*

Thursdays: June 13, July 11, August 1 | 1 p.m.



100 Years of Park Ridge History | All Ages

Our friends from the Park Ridge Historical Society will be here to tell us about what it was like to live in Park Ridge over the last 100 years. *Drop in.*

Tuesday, June 25 | 4 p.m.

Concert: Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest

Musician and storyteller Dave Martin will take us on a good-natured romp through the Midwest to explore the culture and storied history of the region, mixing traditional and original songs with his own anecdotes about his family's place in the heartland.

Tuesday, July 2 | 7 p.m.

Craft Workshop: An Introduction to the Chinese Art of Papercutting

Learn the Chinese art of papercutting with Yvonne Wolf. Learn from Chinese masterpieces, create beginner projects, and decorate your home with characters like "Spring" and "Peace." *Limit 30. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*

Thursday, July 25 | 7 p.m.

Park Ridge Library Blood Drive

During a national blood shortage, join your neighbors to help save lives at this community event. Any healthy person aged 17 or older may donate (**people aged 16 must have a permission slip**). *Appointment preferred. In partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois.*

Thursday, August 8 | Noon - 5 p.m.

Concert: Jim Green, Guitar

Award-winning guitarist and singer/songwriter Jim Green returns to perform his fiery, percussive fingerstyle repertoire in a concert of original songs.

Thursday, August 29 | 7 p.m.



SCORE Small Business Mentoring Sessions

Mentors from SCORE are available to advise small business owners on all aspects of small business. *Free.* Register at northchicago.score.org/find-mentor-726 or e-mail SCORE mentor Larry Zanger at larry.zanger@scorevolunteer.org.



Registration required. Limit 40.



Inside the Met: Part 2

The Metropolitan Museum of Art prepares to celebrate its 150th birthday, but when COVID hits New York City, they're forced to shut their doors as a skeleton staff battles to protect 1.2 million precious objects.

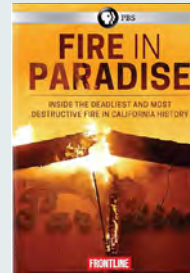
Friday, June 21 | 10 a.m.



Building the Eiffel Tower

Explore the revolutionary engineering behind Paris's iconic landmark.

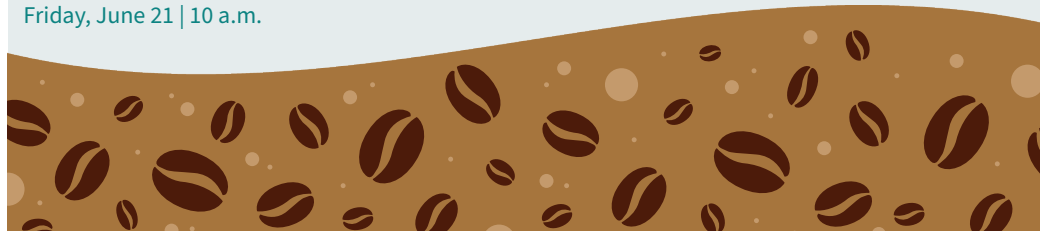
Friday, July 26 | 10 a.m.



Fire in Paradise

With accounts from survivors and first responders, this is the inside story of the most destructive fire in California history.

Friday, August 16 | 10 a.m.





Middle School & High School Programs | Entering Grades 6 – 12

Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3286**, or online at parkridgelibrary.org. Program schedules are subject to change. Additional program details available online. Programs are registration required and Grades 6 - 12 unless otherwise noted.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Registration opens three weeks before the program, unless otherwise noted.

Teen Take & Create

Stop by the Loft to pick up a bag of supplies, then take your kit home or work on it in the Library! Some at-home supplies may be needed and are available to borrow if crafting in The Loft. *Supplies are limited.*

Starting June 10: Clippy Frogs

Starting June 24: Yarn Monsters

Starting July 8: Tiny Umbrellas

Starting July 22: Climbing Spiders

Starting August 12: Star Wands

Starting August 26: Monster Puppets

RPG Club

Check our online calendar for dates, then grab your multi-sided dice and join us for RPG adventures; or, work with our Game Master to host your own. No previous experience is necessary.

Registration opens 1 week in advance.

Select Sundays this Summer | 1 - 4:45 p.m.

T(w)een Advisory Board

Join like-minded, library-loving tweens and teens in regular meetings to improve library services. This summer's focus is on creating new promotions of library services and preparation for National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September.

Tuesday, June 11 | 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 11 | 4 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7 | 4 p.m.

Submit a Video Review

Are you looking to make it big online with reviews but can't quite get your own social media platform off the ground? Submit a video review of a book, video game, TV show, movie, or music artist/album to our Teen Loft staff to post on our Library's social media. **You'll also earn one service hour per review.** *Details at parkridgelibrary.org/teens/teen-video-reviews/.*

100 Years of SUMMER READING
Park Ridge Public Library

Earn virtual raffle tickets for a chance to win amazing prizes and a water bottle sticker by reading or doing our activity challenges. We're adding small prize drawings every other week, so make sure you log throughout the summer!

100 BOOKS

Summer Reading 2024 is in full swing - and your reading counts double toward prizes if you participate in SR and 100 Books Before Graduation! Log your days read for the summer program, and keep track of the books you finish in 100 Books. Earn prizes along the way in both programs!

Registration opens May 1 at parkridgelib.beanstack.com

TEENS IN THE STUDIO
GRADES 6-12

Get crafty in the Library's makerspace!
All supplies provided. Registration opens one week before each event, and space is limited. Events limited to Park Ridge Library cardholders; one session per teen.

Macrame Pride Flags
Tuesday, June 25 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or 4:50 - 5:35 p.m.

Finger-Knit Octopus
Tuesday, July 23 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or 4:50 - 5:35 p.m.

DIY School Supplies
Tuesday, August 20 | 4 - 4:45 p.m. or 4:50 - 5:35 p.m.

BOOK MATCH TEEN

IT'S SUMMER!

You're free from school reading requirements and summer is the best time to fill out our Book Match form to get a goody bag with water bottle stickers and a personalized list of books you're bound to love.

Scan the QR code to fill out our updated Book Match form online.

5th - 9th GRADERS

Disney Trivia | Grades 5 - 9

Let your Disney knowledge be your guide and head to trivia infinity...and beyond! We'll put your Disney loyalty to the test with a variety of trivia questions ranging from early cartoons to recent hits and additions to the Disney realm like Star Wars and Marvel.

Friday, June 7 | 4 p.m.

Minute to Win It Olympics | Grades 5 - 9

The athletes for the 2024 Summer Olympics are already in Paris. We're seeking the best of the best in Park Ridge to go for the gold in a series of challenges in 60 seconds or less!

Friday, July 12 | 4 p.m.

Pass the Painting | Grades 5 - 9

Grab a partner-we're set to tackle the viral challenge where two painters create masterpiece artworks by passing their canvases back and forth every five minutes!

All supplies provided. Please register individually.

Friday, July 19 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Popsicle Stick Luminaries | Grades 5 - 9

Get crafty with us and come make magical luminaries out of popsicle sticks and colorful tissue paper. *All supplies provided.*

Friday, August 23 | 4 p.m.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Pride Floats

Celebrate your Pride by decorating your own miniature parade float. We'll provide the supplies, you provide your fabulous energy!

Thursday, June 13 | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Soapmaking Workshop with

Soapy Roads of Lombard

Make your own bar of all-natural, eco-friendly soap while the experts at Soapy Roads of Lombard teach you about the process.

Monday, June 17 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Yoga

Come and chill out with us! This is a gentle yoga class where teens can relax, let go of stress, and learn mindfulness. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel or small blanket and a water bottle. *All skill and comfort levels are welcome, mats/straps are provided (bring your own supplies if desired).*

Thursday, June 20 and July 25 | 3 p.m.

Mobile Room Escape: The Battle for Justopolous | Grades 7 - 12

Enter the Mobile Room Escape trailer to solve puzzles and clues to capture the villains and restore peace to the citizens of Justopolous.

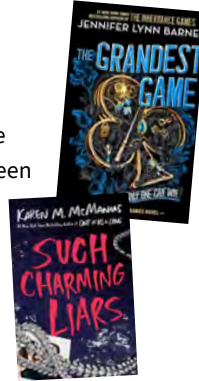
Limit one session per teen. Registration opens two weeks before the event.

Friday, June 21 | 3 - 3:30 p.m. or 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Book Launch Party:

Jennifer Lynn Barnes and Karen McManus

Can you believe two of the library's most circulated teen authors have books coming out on the same day this summer? We're so excited we're throwing a party! We'll solve a short mystery of our own, briefly preview each book, and raffle off copies.



Tuesday, July 30 | 4 p.m.

Drawing with Andertoons | Grades K - 8

Choose from two fun cartooning lessons led by Mark Anderson. *Limit one session per teen.*

Animal Helpers | 2 p.m.

Draw and learn about Illinois animals that need a little help like piping plovers and more!

Summer Games | 3:30 p.m.

Draw some unusual sports and see who will go home with the aluminum foil medal!

Friday, August 2

Bullet Journaling with Jez Layman

Learn the basics of bullet journaling, including sample layouts and possible uses to find the right fit for you to start your school year off on the right foot with artful and satisfying organization. *All supplies provided.*

Saturday, August 3 | 3 p.m.

Musical Night

Broadway fans, join us for a night of optional singing and snacks while we watch a popular musical of your choice. *Vote for which musical we'll watch when you register!*

High School Musical (2006, PG, runtime: 98 mins)

Into the Woods (2014, PG, runtime: 124 mins)

The Greatest Showman (2017, PG, runtime: 96 mins)

In the Heights (2021, PG-13, runtime: 142 mins)

Wednesday, August 7 | 6 p.m.

Breakout Challenge

Work together to solve puzzles and open a series of locks to solve the "breakout!"

Friday, August 9 | 4 p.m.

Murder Mystery Party:

Once Upon a Murder

What better way to end the first week of school than by solving a fairytale murder? You'll be assigned a character identity with a backstory and clues. Then you'll interact with other attendees throughout the event to try and uncover who committed the murder.

School-appropriate costumes are encouraged.

Registration opens two weeks before the event.

Friday, August 16 | 4 - 5:30 p.m.

T(w)een ASL Connections | Grades 4 - 12

Dive into American Sign Language with other teens. Join us to learn, practice, and connect through ASL. It's your chance to communicate in a whole new way.

Sunday, August 18 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Homework Hangout

Need some extra space to get some homework done? Bring your backpacks and after-school drinks and join your friends for a productive study session with a healthy dose of hanging out.

Wednesdays: August 14, 21, and 28 |

3:30 - 5 p.m.

Log your reading throughout the summer for a chance to win some amazing prizes!



...and more!



Register in person, by phone at **847-720-3250** or online at **parkridgelibrary.org**. Program schedule subject to change.

STORYTIME

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

No registration required. Storytimes are held weekly for four-week sessions. Alternative programs will be offered during the weeks of June 17, July 22 and August 26.

Hello, Baby! | Ages 0 - 18 months

with caregiver

This is an introductory lapsit storytime for babies. Mondays | 9:30 a.m.

2s & 3s Storytime | Ages 2 - 3

with caregiver

Tuesdays and Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m.

Busy Bees | Toddlers

with caregiver

This is a transitional storytime for toddlers. Playtime follows stories.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m.

Pre-K Storytime | Ages 3 - 5

with caregiver

Thursdays (closed July 4) | 10 a.m.

Family Storytime & Craft | Families

Bring your family to the Library for stories and crafting.

Saturdays: June 1 & August 17 | 10:30 a.m.

Virtual PJ Storytime | All ages

This storytime takes place on Zoom to help families wind down before bedtime.

Wednesdays: June 5, July 17, August 14 | 7 p.m.

Bilingual Polish Storytime |

Ages 2 and up with caregiver

Ciesz się dwujęzyczną opowieścią z piosenkami, opowieściami i innymi zajęciami. Enjoy storytime in Polish and English!

Monday, June 17 | 11 a.m.

Bilingual Spanish Storytime |

Ages 2 and up with caregiver

Disfrute de un espacio de cuentos bilingüe con canciones, cuentos y otras actividades. Enjoy storytime in Spanish and English!

Friday, August 30 | 10 a.m.

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

DROP IN - No registration required.

Developmental Speech Language Playgroup with Assential Therapies |

Ages 18 months - 3 years with caregiver

Use playtime to promote language development and social skills in a supportive setting.

Tuesdays: June 18, July 23, August 27 | 9:15 a.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic | Ages 2 and up

with caregiver

Pack your favorite snacks and picnic supplies and join us for stories, rhymes, and songs inside followed by a picnic outdoors.

Monday, July 22 | 11:30 a.m.

Hello, Playtime! | Ages 6 - 18 months

with caregiver

At this group playtime, you and your baby can play and connect with other local littles and their caregivers.

Monday, August 26 | 9:30 a.m.

TICKETED PROGRAMS

Space is limited. Tickets available at the Children's Services desk 30 minutes before the program.

Harmonious Horizons | Ages 0 - 5

with caregiver

Join us for a family music class for children.

Limit one session per family, per month.

Fridays: June 7, July 5, August 2 |

10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.

Supported Storytime & Craft with Little Steps | Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver

Hosted by Little Steps Pediatric Therapy, this targets specific age appropriate fine motor and communication skills.

Mondays: June 10, July 15, August 12 | 11:30 a.m.

Move & Groove with Twisted Tree | Ages 2 and up with caregiver

Develop coordination and self-expression through movement and music.

Wednesdays: July 24 & August 28 | 10:45 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED -

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program.

Little Lotus Movement & Stories |

Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver

Get ready. Get set. Get centered with Miss Linda in this mindful movement storytime.

Thursdays: June 20, July 25, August 29 | 10 a.m.

Adult & Tot Yoga | Ages 2 - 4

with caregiver

Stretch, play, and connect with your little yogi.

Wednesdays: July 24 & August 28 | 10 a.m.

FAMILIES

DROP IN - No registration required



Friday Family Features

Inside Out (PG) | June 14

Paw Patrol Mighty Movie (PG) | July 19

Little Mermaid, 2023 (PG) | August 9

Fridays | 11 a.m.

100 Years of Park Ridge History | All Ages

Our friends from the Park Ridge Historical Society tell us about what it was like to live in Park Ridge over the last 100 years. Drop-in.

Tuesday, June 25 | 4 p.m.

Sun's Out, Fun's Out | Ages 2 and up

with caregiver

Join us on the lawn for fun in the sun. If the sun's not out, we'll move the fun indoors!

Friday, July 12 | 10:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED -

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program. Unless otherwise noted.

Family Yoga Storytime | Families with kids ages 4 - 7

Gather your family for a story and some stretches.

Saturdays: June 22 & July 27 | 10 a.m.

ENTERING 5th GRADERS

check out page 9 for some more programs you're invited to!

Storytime with Princess Beauty | Kids of all ages with caregiver

Celebrate 100 Years of Summer Reading with Princess Beauty as she reads, sings and answers questions from the little princes and princesses in the audience. *Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning Friday, June 14.*
Friday, June 28 | 10 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE

Grades listed refer to the grade entering in the Fall.

DROP IN - No registration required.

LEGOMania | Grades K and up

Drop in and build whatever you can dream up with our LEGO bricks!

Mondays: June 10, July 8, July 29 | 3 p.m.

Summer STEAMagination | Grades 1 and up

Explore our hands-on STEAM activities alongside your kids!

Mondays: June 24, July 22, August 12 | 3 p.m.

Stuffed Animal Birthday Party | Grades Pre-K and up

Gus is home, so bring your special friend to help us celebrate 100 years of Summer Reading with games, crafts and fun!

Space is limited.

Tuesday, August 6 | 1 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration opens 3 weeks before the program unless otherwise noted.

Mobile Room Escape: The Battle for Justopolous | Grades 4 - 6

Registration opens 2 weeks before the event.

Enter the Mobile Room Escape trailer to solve puzzles and clues to capture the villains and save the citizens of Justopolous.

Limit one session per person.

Friday, June 21 | 1 - 1:30 p.m. or 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Read to the Dogs | Grades 1 - 6

Registration opens 1 week before the program.

Reserve your space to read to a dog from Rainbow Assisted Animal Therapy.

This program is generously made possible by Marion's Mark.

Wednesdays: June 26, July 24, August 21 | 15-minute sessions, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

STEAM Olympics | Grades 3 - 5

A fun STEAM exploration with an Olympic twist!

Thursday, July 18 | 1 p.m.

Drawing with Andertoons |

Grades K - 8

Choose from two fun cartooning lessons led by Mark Anderson. *Limit one session per child.*

Animal Helpers | 2 p.m.

Draw and learn about Illinois animals that need a little help like piping plovers and more!

Summer Games | 3:30 p.m.

Draw some unusual sports and see who will go home with the aluminum foil medal!

Friday, August 2

Breakout Challenge | Grades 3 - 5

Work together to solve a series of puzzles to open a series of locks.

Friday, August 9 | 3 p.m.

Oodles of Doodles | Grades K - 2

Enjoy a story followed by an art project inspired by our book.

Mondays: July 15 & August 26 | 4 p.m.

T(w)een ASL Connections | Grades 4-12

Dive into American Sign Language with other teens. Join us to learn, practice, and connect through ASL. It's your chance to communicate in a whole new way.

Sunday, August 18 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.

SUMMER TAKE HOME CRAFTS

Available the first of the month while supplies last.

June: Creepy Cute Cicadas

The cicadas are here! Make your own cicada to celebrate their arrival.

July: Paper Baaa-g Gus Puppets

Create a Gus the Goat puppet to play with at home!

August: Pool Noodle Monsters

Create a wonderfully weird monster pal using a piece of pool noodle.

FEATURED EVENTS

Sensory-Friendly Hour

We will open an hour early for an adapted, sensory-friendly Library experience for all.

The Children's Department environment will be adjusted. Sensory supports and activities available.

Sundays: June 2, July 7, and August 4 | 11 a.m. - Noon

Cody Clark's Sensory-Friendly Spectacular | Ages 5 and up

Magician and autism advocate Cody Clark combines his experiences as a performer and autistic adult to create an accessible magic show for all. *Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning Sunday, May 5.*

Sunday, June 2 | Noon

Nanny Nikki & Friends | Families

Kick off Summer Reading with Nanny Nikki, Dapper Don and Mr. Nick for a fun, high energy and interactive musical show! *Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning Saturday, May 25. Limit one performance per family.*

Saturday, June 8 | 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Planet Circus | Families

Join Pocket Circus for a show full of acrobatics, juggling and magic with audience participation and comedy. *Tickets available at the Children's Services desk beginning Saturday, June 29.*

Saturday, July 13 | 10 a.m.

Justin Roberts | Families

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with five-time Grammy®-nominated musician Justin Roberts! *In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors with limited seating. To guarantee your spot pick up a ticket beginning Saturday, July 27.*

Saturday, August 10 | 10 a.m.



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