

Park Ridge Public Library

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MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER WITH THE LIBRARY

Park Ridge Public Library

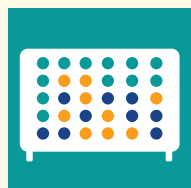
SUMMER READING

June 2 - August 16, 2025

Save the Date for our Summer Sendoff for all ages.

Saturday, August 16 | 10 a.m. - Noon

Music, ice cream and more!



**Our Exploration Library
has expanded!**

Make the most of your library card.

- Host an epic backyard party.
- Get into a new hobby.
- Get things done with our tech gear.



**SUMMER
2025**

Check out our lineup of summer programs
full of activities, music,
and events for all ages.



The Library's Strategic Planning Process



Earlier this year, the Library embarked on a new strategic planning process to map out our mission, vision and roadmap for the next four years. The most valuable phase of planning was recently concluded: patron and community input. We heard from more than 2,000 community members

ranging in ages from middle school to seniors via an online survey, in-person feedback sessions and engagement activities at our local schools. While many insights were highlighted during this process, one thing stood out to the Library Board of Trustees: the strong positive feedback about the Library staff and the impact they have on patrons.

This summer, a select group of Library staff, trustees and community members will meet with our partner *ReThinking Libraries* to comb through Library usage data, community feedback and industry insights to develop the plan. We hope to have the plan approved by the Library Board in August 2025 and shared with you soon after. Thanks to all of you who generously gave time and shared your opinions and ideas during this process.

Theresa Renaldi
Vice President, Park Ridge Library Board



Sign up for our programs online!



Get a Library card.



Monday, June 2 - Saturday, August 16, 2025

SUMMER READING IS FOR BOOK LOVERS OF ALL AGES!

Sign up in person at the Library or online on Beanstack. Meet the challenge for your age group and you'll be entered to win fun prizes like gift cards and more.

Sign up today!



SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Sendoff

Saturday, August 16 | 10 a.m. - Noon

Celebrate your reading success at the Summer Sendoff! Live music for kids with Rachel Bachman at 10 a.m. and a second show by The Hitmaker for all ages at 11 a.m.



The Hitmaker



Meet the reading challenge and enjoy free ice cream from Triple Scoop'd at the event!*

*Ice cream servings for the first 200 people to check in.

Make the Most of Your Library Card

EXPLORATION LIBRARY



at Park Ridge Public Library

Our Exploration Library is a collection of items that allows to get even more out of your library card. Have you always wanted to host an outdoor movie night for family and friends, or just watch a movie on a big screen with a small group? Check out one of our Backyard Movie Night Bundles. From bird watching kits to wireless hotspots, the collection has a lot of what you need that you may not want to commit to purchasing.

The Exploration Library has a new home in the second floor lobby. Find an item you'd like to borrow from the display, pull the item's tag and check it out at the front desk. If an item you want isn't available, you can place a hold and we'll notify you when it's in, just like you would a book.



Host an epic party



Get things done

Start a new hobby



AV EQUIPMENT:

- GoPro Hero 5 Camera
- GoPro Gooseneck Clamp
- Green Screen Lighting Kit
- Mini portable LED LCD Projector
- Orion Starblast Telescope
- Tripod
- Video Capture Kit

FUN & GAMES:

- Backyard Movie Bundle
- Bird Watching Kit
- Bocce Ball Set
- Dash Robot
- Ozobot Robot
- Giant 4-in-a-Row Game
- Karaoke Machine

OFFICE AND OTHER GEAR:

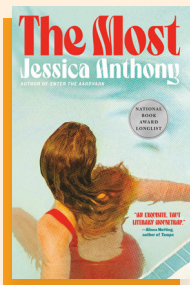
- Bike Lock
- Document Scanner
- Paper Shredder
- Knife Sharpener
- Label Maker
- Mobile Hotspot
- Power Meter
- Thermal Camera
- Travel Adapter
- Scissors Sharpener
- Umbrella

SEE THE WHOLE
COLLECTION IN
OUR 2ND FLOOR
DISPLAY.

Films and Book Discussions for Adults

Book discussions will be at the Library in the Third Floor Meeting Room OR available live over Zoom. Choose how you would like to join and sign up on our website or by call 847-720-3280. Books are available two weeks before the discussion at the Reader Services desk.

FICTION GROUP R

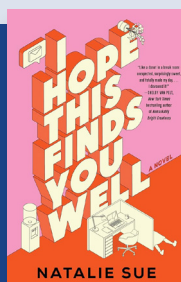


The Most by Jessica Anthony
VIRTUAL: Tuesday, June 10 | 7 p.m.
IN PERSON: Thursday, June 26 | 10 a.m.



Tell It to Me Singing by Tita Ramirez
VIRTUAL: Tuesday, July 8 | 7 p.m.
IN PERSON: Thursday, July 24 | 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP R



I Hope This Finds You Well by Natalie Sue
Wednesday, June 18
7 p.m.



Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books by Kirsten Miller
Wednesday, July 16
7 p.m.

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY GROUP R



Starter Villain by John Scalzi
Wednesday, June 4
7 p.m.



The Future by Naomi Alderman
Wednesday, July 2
7 p.m.

FILMS - These movies will be screened at the Library in the First Floor Meeting Room. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



Here D
[PG-13, 104 min.]
Tuesday, June 17
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring Tom Hanks and Robin Wright

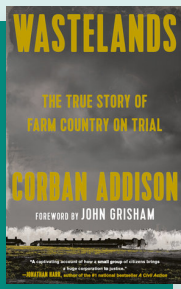


A Complete Unknown D
[R, 140 min.]
Tuesday, July 15
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring Timothee Chalamet and Elle Fanning



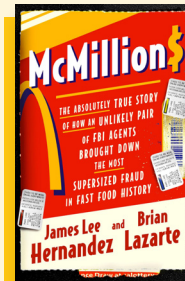
Nickel Boys D
[PG-13, 140 min.]
Tuesday, August 19
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Starring Ethan Herisse and Brandon Wilson

GREEN READS R



Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial by Corban Addison
In partnership with Go Green Park Ridge
Tuesday, July 22
7 p.m.

NONFICTION GROUP R



McMillion\$ by James Lee Hernandez and Brian Lazarte
Friday, June 13
10 a.m.

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SUMMER READING

June 2 - August 16, 2025

Adults, read four books in our special categories for a chance to win a gift card!

Sign up on Beanstack or visit the Reader Services desk to start logging your reading on June 2.

The Studio and Media Lab for Adults



R Orientation

Patrons must complete this mandatory orientation before booking appointments in The Studio.

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

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

THE STUDIO CLASSES

*All classes are free and supplies are included. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. **Must be comfortable using a computer for Laser Cutter classes.***

Registration opens four weeks in advance, if you are unable to attend, please notify the Library at 847-720-3230.

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

R Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Stainless Steel Tumblers

Make a special gift for Dad! Engrave a customized insulated stainless steel tumbler. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 4 people per class.*

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13 | 11 a.m.

R Woven Fabric Stars

Make a pair of cute fabric ornaments based on a Creativebug video. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, June 5 | 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 | 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 26 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Wooden Bottle Opener

Just in time for Father's Day! Learn how to laser engrave a wooden bottle opener handle. *Limit 1 person per class.*

Saturday, June 7 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

R 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.*

Tuesday, July 8 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 17 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Glass Mason Jar

This is an introductory class to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter, where you will learn how to engrave a glass mason jar. *Limit 1 person per class.*

Saturday, July 19 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 201 (Intermediate): Engraved Slate Charcuterie Board

For your next dinner party, laser engrave a slate charcuterie board. *Prerequisite: Laser Cutter 101. Limit 4 people per class.*

Thursday, July 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 25 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, July 31 | 6:30 p.m.

R Iris Folded Cards

Use beautiful origami papers to make a greeting card. *Limit 4 people per class.*

Tuesday, August 5 | 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 14 | 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20 | 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 28 | 2:30 p.m.

R Laser Cutter 101 (Beginner): Engraved Wooden Luggage Tags

Learn how to make personalized wooden luggage tags in this introductory class to the Library's Epilog Laser Cutter. *Limit 1 person per class.*

Saturday, August 16 | Nine half-hour slots from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

R 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, August 21 | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 22 | 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 28 | 6:30 p.m.



R Orientation

Patrons must complete this mandatory orientation before booking appointments in The Media Lab. *Open to Park Ridge Library cardholders only.*

Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. | Saturdays: 10 a.m.

THE MEDIA LAB CLASSES

All classes are free. Open to Park Ridge cardholders only. Limit 3 people per class. Registration opens four weeks in advance.

R Archiving Your Photos, Slides and Negatives

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

Thursdays: June 5, July 10, August 7 7 - 8 p.m.

R Converting Home Videos to Digital

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

Thursdays: June 12, July 17, August 14 7 - 8 p.m.

R Digitizing Audio Cassettes and Records

Convert your old audiocassette recordings and records to MP3 or CD using the TEAC machine.

Thursdays: July 24, August 21 | 7 - 8 p.m.

R Converting 8mm and Super 8 Home Videos to Digital

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

Thursdays: June 26, July 31, August 28 7 - 8 p.m.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

- D** **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 crafting supplies.** All levels welcome. *In-person.*
Saturday, June 14 | 10 a.m. - Noon



- D** **Craft Supplies Swap**
New to crafting? Looking for that last thing to complete your project, or just some inspiration? Come browse our craft supplies swap and take home whatever you want! Anyone can drop in from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Please bring your own bag. Those who donate get first access at 10 a.m.** *Donations accepted at the Children's Services and Reader Services desks from June 23 - 26.*
Friday, June 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- R** **Craft Workshop: Travel Journals**
Join Shari Pontillo of Twisted Fiber Studio to create a personalized journal using collage, paint, ink, scrapbook items and stamps. **Materials provided.** *Limit 20. In-person. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*
Thursday, June 26 | 6:30 p.m.

- R** **Art Therapy for Mental Health**
Emily DuBach of the Juniper Center will lead an art therapy session making abstract self portraits using mixed media. Discussion of the benefits of art therapy will follow. **Materials provided.** *Limit 30. In-person.*
Thursday, July 31 | 7 p.m.

- R** **Craft Workshop: Hand Lettering**
Artist and librarian Jez Layman will lead a hand lettering workshop, demonstrating how to write for beautiful custom cards, signs and gifts. **Materials provided.** *Limit 15. In-person. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.*
Thursday, August 28 | 7 p.m.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMS

- R** **Chair Yoga**
Join Sun and Moon instructor Joan McGee for this gentle yoga class. *No experience necessary! Hybrid. Joan is on-site June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20.*
Wednesdays | 2 p.m.

- Maximize Your Brain Health**
R Join author Kristine Cichowski to learn more about the meaningful behaviors that reduce dementia risks and support brain health and wellness. *Hybrid.*
Thursday, June 5 | 2 p.m.

- Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
R Join the Center of Concern at the Library for a safe place to learn, exchange strategies, and meet other caregivers coping with Alzheimer's or another dementia. *Light refreshments will be served. In-person.*
Mondays: June 9, July 14, August 11
10 a.m.

- R** **Smartphone Basics**
Learn the basics of using your touchscreen device. **Bring your own tablet or smartphone device.** *Limit 1 session per person. Limit 10. In-person.*
Wednesdays: June 25, July 23, August 20
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- R** **Myths in American History**
Historian Joyce Haworth will explore the role of not-quite-true stories in American history, addressing some longstanding "myths" and how you can test the things you hear to get at the truth. *Hybrid.*
Tuesday, July 8 | 2 p.m.

- R** **Family Puzzle Challenge**
Join our jigsaw puzzle challenge with the whole family and see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle first. The winning team gets a prize! *Limit 12 teams. Snacks provided. Puzzles sponsored by Ravensburger.* **Registration opens July 15.**
Tuesday, August 5 | 2 - 4 p.m.

- R** **Park Ridge Library Blood Drive**
Join your neighbors to help save lives at this community event. *Any healthy person aged 17 or older may donate. Appointment preferred. In partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Illinois.*
Thursday, August 7 | Noon - 5 p.m.

GLOBAL NEIGHBORS

- R** **Global Neighbors: Mexico**

Celebrate Mexico with a performance by the Xochitl-Quetzal Aztec troupe, whose music and dance honor the ancient tradition of the Concheros.

Refreshments will be provided.

In-person. Sponsored by Marion's Mark.
Thursday, August 14 | 7 p.m.

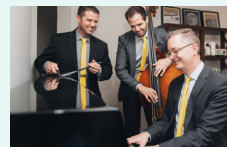


LIVE MUSIC

- R** **Lilianna Wosko, Cello**
Accomplished cellist Lilianna Wosko will perform a diverse selection of solo classical, modern and jazz pieces. *In-person.*
Tuesday, June 10 | 2 p.m.



- R** **The Chris White Trio**
Popular jazz pianist Chris White will bring his trio to perform a concert of jazz standards and contemporary popular music. **Part of the Friends of the Library concert series.** *In-person.*
Thursday, June 12 | 7 p.m.



GREAT RIVERS

- R** **The Rebirth of the Chicago River**
Laurie Petersen, editor of the latest edition of the *Architects Guide to Chicago*, will provide a richly illustrated history of the river, including its many fascinating bridges and the inspiring new architecture on its banks. *Hybrid.*
Thursday, July 17 | 7 p.m.

- R** **Mississippi River Adventure**
"Mr. Illinois" John Kokoris will share insider tips to help you explore the Upper Mississippi from Galena to St. Louis. *Hybrid.*
Tuesday, August 12 | 2 p.m.

EVENING PROGRAMS

D Stitch Night

Crocheters, quilters, cross-stitchers and fiber artists of all levels! Join us for an evening of free crafting advice and lively conversation. *In-person.*

Thursdays: June 5, July 10, August 7 7 p.m.



R 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. Hybrid.

Wednesdays

In-person: June 11, July 9, August 13 6:30 p.m.

Virtual: June 25, July 23 | 6:30 p.m.

R Library Pub Quiz

Do you have a head full of useless

facts? Show

them off by

joining us

for Library

Pub Quiz.

Have a laugh,

learn something new and catch up with your library friends! *Held at Harp & Fiddle – 110 Main Street. Limit 30. In-person only.*

Tuesdays: June 24, July 29 | 6:30 p.m.



R Mindful Movements

Join Stephanie Kaczynski, Certified Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction teacher, for a session that combines guided meditation, qigong and yoga.

No experience necessary. In-person.

Tuesday, July 1 | 7 p.m.

R A Taste of New Orleans

Step into the French Quarter and explore the culinary history of the Big Easy – from gumbo to beignets – with former NOLA resident and food history enthusiast, Amy Gail Hansen. *Hybrid.*

Thursday, July 24 | 7 p.m.

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

R Open Mic Night

Do you love the written word? Join us to share your poetry, short story, memoir, flash fiction, etc. at the Park Ridge Library Open Mic Night. Don't have anything to share? Come out and support local writers.

All are welcome! In-person.

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:30 p.m.



R Author Visit:

Kat Kruse

Join local author Kat Kruse as she reads from her newly published collection of short stories, "To Receive My Services You Must Be Dying and Alone." Q&A and craft exercise to follow.

In-person.

Wednesday, June 25 | 6:30 p.m.



MONEY SMARTS

R Making the Most of Social Security

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available to you that can provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard filing options. *Hybrid.*

Thursday, August 21 | 7 p.m.



R Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times

Whether you're already suffering financial hardship or you are afraid that hardship is ahead, join financial advisor

Karen Chan to learn investment strategies to manage risk, tips for reducing expenses and more. *Hybrid.*

Tuesday, August 26 | 7 p.m.



FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB

Limit 40.

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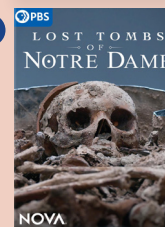


Women of World War II

Friday, June 20 10 a.m.

In-person.

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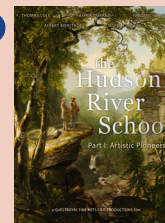


Lost Tombs of Notre Dame

Friday, July 18 10 a.m.

In-person.

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Hudson River School: Artistic Pioneers

Friday, August 15 10 a.m.

In-person.



SCORE Small Business Mentoring Sessions

Mentors from SCORE are available to advise small business owners on all aspects of small business. **Free.**

Call 847-720-3230 to find out how to register.



Scan the QR code to register for programs!

Middle & High School Programs | Entering grades 6 – 12 *unless otherwise noted.*

Grades listed refer to the grade entering in the Fall.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

R RPG & Board Game Club

Teen gamers, unite! Join an RPG adventure or explore various exciting tabletop games with other passionate players (*no prior experience required*). Check our online calendar for dates.

Registration opens one week before the program.

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

Teen Take & Create

Stop by The Loft to pick up a bag of supplies, take your kit home or work on it in the Library! *Supplies are limited.*

Starting June 2: Butterfly Mobile

Starting July 7: Mystery Craft

Starting August 4: Perry the Platypus

R T(w)een Advisory Board

Ready to make your voice heard and have fun this summer? The T(w)een Advisory Board is your chance to plan awesome events, brainstorm cool ideas and help shape the future of your community—all while meeting new friends and building your leadership skills.

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

Monday, July 7 | 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6 | 3:30 p.m.

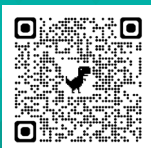
ARE YOU A TEEN WITH A LIBRARY CARD?

Stop by the Teen Loft desk and show us your card for a prize!



WHAT'S UP IN THE LOFT?

Stay up to date on all things t(w)een in our monthly e-newsletter just for t(w)eens!



RESOURCES



Ready for some free choice reading, but not sure where to start? Fill out a Book Match form and we'll customize a booklist just for you.

LOOKING FOR LEXILE-SPECIFIC BOOKS?

Middle schoolers, we've purchased extra copies of high-Lexile books to have on hand this summer.



As you track your days read with Chad the chameleon, make sure you sign up for 100 Books Before Graduation and log books as you finish them! You'll earn prizes for every 25 books you read.



Maine South advanced & AP English students, we've got your back - extra copies of assigned reading titles are available in print and through our digital library.



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T(W)EENS IN THE STUDIO

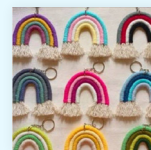
GRADES 6-12

Supplies provided, unless otherwise noted. Events limited to Park Ridge Library cardholders; registration opens one week in advance.

Join us and get crafty in the Library's makerspace!

Macrame Rainbow Keychains **R**

Tuesday, June 24
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.



DIY School Supplies **R**

Tuesday, August 12
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Please bring your own school supplies.



T(W)EEN CROSSOVER

R Balloon Creation Station Grades 4 - 12

First, you see a balloon artist! Then you BECOME one! Learn how to make your own awesome balloon creations with balloon artist Jason Kollum!

Keep everything you make!

No experience necessary.

Friday, June 6 | 3 p.m.

R Candy Bingo | Grades 5 - 9

Join us for a game of bingo where candy is the prize.

Friday, July 11 | 3:30 p.m.

R Travel Trivia | Grades 5 - 9

Put your knowledge of countries, states and cities to the test!

Friday, August 8 | 3 p.m.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

R T(w)een Movie Night: School Musicals

Join us for a movie night with snacks! Vote for the school musical we'll watch when you register.

Program end time will vary depending on the winner.

Camp Rock (G, 97 min.)

High School Musical

(G, 98 min.)

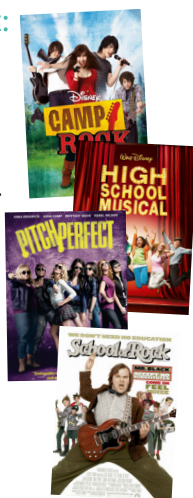
Pitch Perfect

(PG-13, 112 min.)

School of Rock

(PG-13, 108 min.)

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:15 p.m.



BOOK BITES

R (Un)Popular Opinions Grades 7 - 12

Got a hot take or unpopular opinion about your favorite (or least favorite) books? Chat, debate and discover new reads with fellow book lovers just in time for summer break. We'll choose one title to all read together, then meet again in July to discuss!

Monday, June 9 | 3 p.m.

R (Un)Popular Book Discussion Grades 7 - 12

We chose our book in June, now it's time to unpack our thoughts, share our favorite moments and get into the nitty-gritty of the story. Join us whether or not you are able to attend the June event.

Check our online calendar on June 10 to find out our title selection.

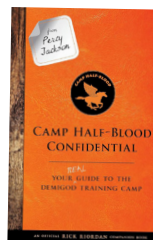
Monday, July 14 | 3 p.m.



R Camp Half-Blood Party

Join us to celebrate all things Camp Half Blood! We'll have Percy Jackson-themed activities, snacks and time for you to rave about your love of the series.

Tuesday, June 10 | 4:30 p.m.



R T(w)een Tasters

Taste and rate snacks from Greece provided by Universal Yums! *Please share any dietary restrictions or information when you register.*

Monday, June 16 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.

D Craft Supplies Swap | All ages

New to crafting? Looking for that last thing to complete your project, or just some inspiration?

Come browse our craft supplies swap and take home whatever you want! Anyone can drop in from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Please bring your own bag. Those who donate get first access at 10 a.m.** Donations accepted at the Children's Services and Reader Services desks from June 23 - 26.

Friday, June 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



R Pop Art Portraits Workshop

Bring a contemporary feel to a retro comic book style with Terri Murphy! Artists will use colored pencils and acrylic paint to give life to a new manga-inspired character.

Monday, June 30 | 3 - 4:30 p.m..

R Clash of Pages

Test your knowledge on the hottest titles of the past few years AND dive into the books that shaped your childhood. Get ready for a whirlwind of snacks, nostalgia, fandom and bookish bragging rights!

Thursday, July 17 | 3 p.m.

R Low-Stakes Game Night

Come join us for a chill evening of gaming. We'll have Uno, Jenga, Clue and other games to choose from as well as snacks.

Wednesday, July 23 | 6 - 8 p.m.

R T(w)een Book Buddies

Sign up to be a reading buddy to 1st and 2nd graders! You'll be paired with your buddy for a brief session - your buddy will decide if you'll read together, or if they'll read to you.

Tuesdays: July 29, August 26

6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

R Rockin' Jewelry | Grades 3 and up

Design your own unique gemstone jewelry creations with the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art.

Thursday, July 31 | 3 p.m.

R T(w)een Preschool

Revisit the fun, carefree activities from your early childhood - think imaginative play and toys. Get ready for a dose of nostalgia and fun...we might even bring out the parachute.

Friday, August 1 | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

R Teen Self-Defense Workshop

Participate in a series of discussions and learn basic physical self-defense skills and techniques. Training will focus on three key areas: mindset, skill set and planning. All topics will be presented at an age-appropriate level for those attending. **Attendees must complete an electronic waiver in advance of the event.**

Conducted by Strictly Self-Defense.

Monday, August 4 | 3 - 5 p.m.

R Family Puzzle Challenge

Join our jigsaw puzzle challenge with the whole family. *See page 6 for details.*

Registration opens July 15.

Tuesday, August 5 | 2 - 4 p.m.

R T(w)een Movie Night: 2000s Night

Join us for a movie night with snacks! Vote for the 2000s throwback we'll watch when you register. *Program end time will vary depending on the winner.*

Aquamarine (PG, 104 min.)

A Cinderella Story

(PG, 96 min.)

The Princess Diaries

(G, 115 min.)

A Walk to Remember

(PG, 101 min.)

Wednesday, August 13



BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

T Harmonious Horizons Music Class

Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver

Tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Limit one session per family per month.

Fridays: June 6, August 1
10 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m.

D 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!

Fridays: June 13, August 22 | 10 a.m.

D Developmental Speech Language Playgroup with Assential Therapies

Ages 18 months - 3 years

with caregiver

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

Mondays: June 16, July 21, August 25
9:30 a.m.

D 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!

Wednesday, June 18 | 10 a.m.

D Sun's Out, Fun's Out

Ages 2 and up

with caregiver

Join us on the lawn for some fun in the sun!
Weather permitting.

Friday, June 20 | 10 a.m.



D Tot Time Playdate

Ages 1 - 5 with caregiver

Drop in with your toddler to play with toys and connect with friends!

Tuesdays: July 22, August 26 | 10 a.m.

R Adult & Tot Yoga | Ages 3 - 5

with caregiver

Wednesdays: July 23, August 27 | 10 a.m.

STORYTIME

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
D Hello, Baby! Ages 0 - 18 months 9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.	D 2s & 3s Storytime Ages 2 - 3 9:30 a.m.	D 2s & 3s Storytime Ages 2 - 3 9:30 a.m.	D Pre-K Storytime Ages 3 - 5 10 a.m.
	D Busy Bees Story and Playtime Toddlers 10:30 a.m.	D Busy Bees Story and Playtime Toddlers 10:30 a.m.	

Storytimes are typically held for four-week sessions. Check the calendar online or in the Children's Department for dates and alternative programs. *Caregiver must be present.*
No Storytimes the weeks of June 16, July 21, August 25..

T Move & Groove with Twisted Tree

Yoga | Ages 2 and up with caregiver

Develop coordination and self-expression through movement and music. Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.

Wednesdays: July 23, August 27
10:45 a.m.

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

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

Tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Siblings welcome.

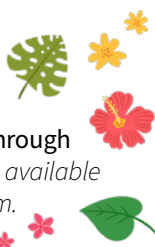
Friday, July 25 | 10 a.m.

T Explore the Rainforest

Ages 3 - 6 with caregiver

Learn about the rainforest through stories and activities. Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.

Thursday, July 24 | 10 a.m.



FAMILIES

D Sensory-Friendly Hour

Join us for an adapted, accessible and sensory-friendly Library experience for all!

Sundays: June 1, July 6, August 3
11 a.m. - Noon

Scan the QR code to register for programs!



T Fairy Tale Storytimes

Kids of all ages with caregiver

Fairy tales come to life through stories and songs at these character storytimes! Tickets available 30 minutes before the program.

Rapunzel | Tuesday, June 17 | 10 a.m.
The Little Mermaid | Friday, August 8
10 a.m.

R Family Yoga Storytime | Families with kids ages 4 - 7

Saturdays: June 28, July 26, August 23
10 a.m.

D Family Features

Take a break from the Taste of Park Ridge and cool off at the Library with a family-friendly movie.

Paddington in Peru
(PG, 106 min.)

Saturday, July 12 | 1 p.m.

Moana 2 (PG, 100 min.)

Sunday, July 13 | 1 p.m.



R Family Puzzle Challenge

Join our jigsaw puzzle challenge with the whole family. See page 6 for details.

Registration opens July 15.

Tuesday, August 5 | 2 p.m.

D Family Storytime & Craft

Saturday, August 9 | 10:30 a.m.

Attention 4 - 5th graders!

Check page 8 for more programs
you're invited to.

SCHOOL AGE - Grades listed
refer to the grade entering in the Fall.

- D** **LEGOpalooza | Grades K and up**
What can you create with our LEGO bricks?

Fridays: June 13, July 25, August 29
4 p.m.

- R** **Crayola Imagine Arts Academy
Grades 1 and up**

Create a colorful,
multidimensional,
magical creature
and spin art!



Wednesday, June 18 | 4 p.m.

- R** **Read to the Dogs | Grades 1 - 5**
Reserve your space to read to a dog from
Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy.

Sponsored by Marion's Mark. **Registration
opens one week in advance at time of
program.**

Wednesdays: June 18, July 16, August 20
15-minute sessions | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- R** **Dog Man Party
Grades 2 - 5**

Gear up for some quirky
fun as we celebrate all
things Dog Man!

Thursday, June 20 | 4 p.m.



- R** **Junior RPG Club | Grades 3 - 5**

This intro to role playing games is
perfect for young adventurers looking
to take off on their first quest.

Fridays: June 27, July 18, August 15
3 - 5 p.m.

- R** **Adventures in Ice Cream
Grades 1 - 3**

Explore this classic summer treat
through art and science.

Monday, July 14 | 4 p.m.

- R** **Deep Dive: All About
Sharks! Grades 2 - 5**

Sink your teeth into fun
shark activities and crafts.

Tuesday, July 22 | 4 p.m.



- R** **Color Me Excited with Andertoons
Grades K and up**

Our favorite art teacher is back and this
time he is bringing a rainbow of fun to
help us color our creations!

Monday, July 28 | 3:30 p.m.

- R** **Kids' Book Buddies | Grades 1 - 2**

Reserve your space to bring a book to
read with a middle or high schooler.
Practice reading to them, or alternate
reading together - it's up to you!

Tuesdays: July 29, August 26
15-minute sessions | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- R** **Start Your Rockin' Collection
Grades K and up**

Learn rock collecting
basics from the experts
at the Lizzadro Museum
of Lapidary Art.

Thursday, July 31 | 2 p.m.



- R** **Rockin' Jewelry | Grades 3 and up**

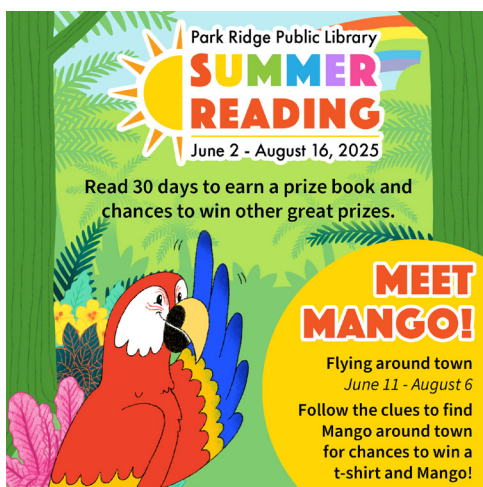
Design your own unique gemstone jewelry
creations with the Lizzadro Museum
of Lapidary Art.

Thursday, July 31 | 3 p.m.

- R** **Oodles of Doodles | Grades K - 2**

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

Monday, August 25 | 4 p.m.



PRETEND PLAY ZONE

Color Cabana

Step into the Color Cabana—our vibrant
summer playhouse bursting with color-
themed fun! Explore a rainbow of rotating
toys each month. *All summer long.*

FEATURED EVENTS

- ScribbleMonster Concert** **D T**
Families

Join us on the lawn as we celebrate summer
with an interactive performance by
ScribbleMonster. *In the event of inclement
weather, the concert will be held indoors with
limited seating. Guarantee your spot by
picking up a ticket beginning Saturday, May 24.*
Saturday, June 7 | 10 - 10:45 a.m.

- Craft Supplies Swap | All ages** **D**

New to crafting? Looking for that last
thing to complete your project,
or just some inspiration? Come
browse our craft
supplies swap
and take home whatever you want! Anyone
can drop in from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Please
bring your own bag. Those who donate get
first access at 10 a.m.** *Donations accepted
at the Children's Services and Reader Services
desks from June 23 - 26.*



Friday, June 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Miss Make-Believe | Families** **T**
with kids ages 4 and up

Not your average magician, Miss Make-
Believe's unique style uses comedy,
illusions, handmade props, bubbles and
more to highlight the power of kindness
and community! *Tickets will be available at
the Children's Service desk beginning
Saturday, July 5. Siblings welcome.*
Saturday, July 19 | 10 - 10:40 a.m.

- Summer Send-Off | Families** **D T**

Rachel Bachman | 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Musical guest Rachel Bachman will
entertain parents and kids alike with her
acoustic pop set of family-friendly hits.
Jason Kollum's Big Bubble Blast
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Bubble artist Jason Kollum will mesmerize
the masses with a barrage of bubbles!
Saturday, August 16

*In the event of inclement weather, we will
move indoors. Guarantee your spot by
picking up a ticket beginning Saturday,
August 2.*



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All ages

Summer Sendoff

Celebrate your reading success at the Summer Sendoff!

Live music for kids with Rachel Bachman at **10 a.m.** and
a second show by The Hitmaker for all ages at **11 a.m.**

**Saturday,
August 16
10 a.m. – Noon**



The Hitmaker

