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Summer Program Guide JUNE—AUGUST 2023

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9 AM - 9 PM
Friday & Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM

CLOSINGS

Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day
Friday, August 4 Staff In-Service Day

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

REGISTER

Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone. Registration closes 24 hours prior to the event.

DROP-IN

Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

VIRTUAL

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To register, renew, or replace a Bensenville Community Public Library card, you must bring a valid government-issued photo ID showing residence within the district, or a photo ID in combination with a recently issued document with a name and corresponding address within the district. These additional forms of documentation include, but are not limited to, utility bills, postmarked mail, a rental/mortgage agreement, or voter registration card.

For more information, visit benlib.org/get-a-card or give us a call at 630-766-4642 and ask for Circulation.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Our Notary Public service is available to you for free! The Notary is accessible on weekdays from 9 AM to 5 PM. However, we recommend calling beforehand to verify their availability.

REGISTER TO VOTE

If you reside in DuPage County and have not yet registered to vote, you can easily do so by visiting our library during our regular business hours. Our staff will be available to assist you with on-site registration. Please remember to bring two forms of identification, with at least one showing your current address.

Questions? Please contact the Adult Services Desk at 630-766-4642.

ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

To renew materials, view the status of items on hold, and create wish lists, simply log in to bvd.swanlibraries.net or the **SWAN Library App**, found in your device's app store, using your library card number and PIN (which are the last 4 digits of the phone number on file). Alternatively, you can call the library for assistance.

FOLLOW US ON SPOTIFY

Explore new music and expand your horizons with our monthly themed playlists on Spotify, curated by our Adult Services Coordinator, Bill. From Chess Records to Britpop, we have a variety of genres covered. Stay tuned for more playlists and let us help you create your summer soundtrack!

Scan the QR code to see the curated playlists



SUMMER READING - JUNE 2 THRU JULY 31

FIND YOUR VOICE! SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AGES 0-18

Want to earn some cool prizes this summer? Keep track of the time you spend reading and you could win big! If you read for 4 hours, you'll pick a small prize. For 8 hours, you'll get a T-shirt, a free book, and a chance to enter our grand prize drawing! You can participate by registering for summer reading and using a print log, which you can grab from the Youth Services Desk, or go online and use Beanstack (bit.ly/BeanStack). Happy reading!

REGISTER IN-PERSON OR ONLINE
FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - MONDAY, JULY 31

SUPER STOLIE: FIND YOUR VOICE! KICK-OFF CONCERT ALL AGES

It's time to take out your dancing shoes because we're kicking off the summer reading season with a bilingual bash! Get ready to groove to some sweet tunes and show off your moves as we celebrate the joy of reading in style. An hour before the concert starts, you can enjoy free hotdogs and watch in amazement as a balloon artist creates whimsical animals that will be available to take home. Whether you're a bookworm or a dance floor diva, this event is sure to be a page-turner!

DROP-IN
SATURDAY, JUNE 3 AT 2 PM

Super Stolie Children's Musician Rebecca Stoeliga



Artwork by Hannah Templer

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER READING

- 1 Visit bit.ly/BeanStack to register or download the free BeanStack app. You can also get a paper log at the Youth Desk.
- 2 Click "Register" and answer a few questions. Make sure to enter accurate information for prize notifications.
- 3 Create a username and password, and log in.
- 4 Go to the BeanStack dashboard to log your reading minutes by clicking "Log Reading and Activities."
- 5 Enter the number of minutes you've read and select the date.
- 6 Keep logging your reading minutes until you reach the prize milestones: 4 hours for a small prize and 8 hours for a t-shirt, book, and entry into the grand prize drawing.
- 7 Visit the library to claim your prize once you reach a milestone!



FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WRITE YOUR OWN BOOK

ALL AGES

Calling all aspiring writers! Unleash your inner wordsmith and let your imagination run wild by writing your very own book! We've got blank books waiting to be filled with your genius ideas, but you better hurry because supplies are limited.

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:30 PM

FATHER'S DAY CARD MAKING PARTY

ALL AGES

Are you looking for a way to show your appreciation for a special father figure in your life? Why not join us for a night of fun card decorating with your whole family! We'll provide all the materials you need to create a one-of-a-kind Father's Day card. Hope to see you there!

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:30 PM

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES WITH THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

AGES 18 AND YOUNGER

The Northern Illinois Food Bank is providing healthy lunches for kids 18 and younger this summer at the library, starting June 19 and ending on August 11. To ensure everyone's safety, **all of the food must be eaten on site**, so plan to stick around and enjoy the deliciousness!

DROP-IN

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 12 PM - 12:45 PM

JUNE 19 THRU AUGUST 11

*NOTE: LUNCHES WILL NOT BE SERVED ON JULY 4 AND AUGUST 4 BECAUSE THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

NATURE AT NIGHT

ALL AGES

Join Ms. Donna for a nature walk to look for animals, plants, and sky phenomena. Try out free apps you can use to identify everything from birds to planets, and document your finds in a nature journal. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.

DROP-IN

MONDAYS AT 7 PM

JUNE 19 (LEARN ABOUT BATS)

JULY 17 (LEARN ABOUT SKUNKS)



MINI CANVAS PAINTING

ALL AGES

We would love for you to join us for a fun night of painting! You'll get your very own mini canvas to decorate in any way you like. Just a friendly reminder to wear something that you don't mind getting a little dirty. Don't worry about bringing any materials, we've got you covered!

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

JUNE 28, AUGUST 9

WORLD OF REPTILES

ALL AGES

Let's wrap up the summer reading season by getting up close and personal with some scaly creatures from all over the globe in person! It's going to be a fun and exciting celebration that you won't want to miss.

DROP-IN

FRIDAY, JULY 28 AT 3 PM

DIY JOURNALING

ALL AGES

Have you ever thought about creating your own personalized journal? It's a great way to get creative and use it for various purposes such as writing, art, scrapbooking, planning, or just to keep track of your thoughts. Join us and make your very own unique journal that suits your style and needs.

DROP-IN

MONDAY, JULY 31 AT 6:30 PM

SPECIAL SATURDAY: CUTE EDIBLE ANIMAL CRAFTS ALL AGES

Come join us for a yummy craft, where we'll be making cute animal craft projects out of edible items that are as fun to make as they are to eat! Bring your creativity and let's have some fun together on a lazy weekend afternoon!

DROP-IN
SATURDAY, JUNE 17 AT 2 PM



SPECIAL SATURDAY: SUPERHERO SATURDAY ALL AGES

Wham! Ka Pow! Zoom! Hey all you superheroes out there, join for some fun games and activities to bring out your super powers. You can also craft your own superhero to take home with you!

DROP-IN
SATURDAY, JULY 15 AT 2 PM

STORYWALK IN THE GARDEN ALL AGES

Our Storywalk offers an outdoor reading experience with a new picture book featured each month. Pages are displayed in weather-resistant frames along the garden path, inviting readers to enjoy a story while taking a leisurely stroll in our garden. Join us for an enchanting reading adventure that combines the joys of literature and nature.

DROP-IN
DURING LIBRARY HOURS
JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ALL AGES

Enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment! We will have a selection of movies that are sure to delight both children and adults alike, with a focus on family-friendly themes and positive messages. You are welcome to bring your own snacks. Movies will be announced one month prior to showing.

DROP-IN
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
JUNE 6, AUGUST 1



FAMILY ART NIGHT ALL AGES

Join us on the last Tuesdays of each month from June to August to create amazing crafts with your family!

DROP-IN
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

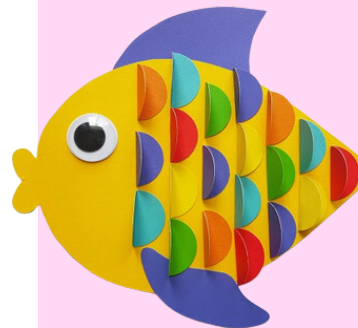
4TH OF JULY COTTAGE JUNE 27

Celebrate the 4th of July with this cute cottage, including an American eagle and Statue of Liberty, perfect for your own homemade parade!



COLORFUL 3D SCALE FISH JULY 25

Create a work of art with this easy-to-craft tropical fish, using your imagination to make it ready for the coral reef!



PENCIL CUPS AUGUST 22

Start the school year off in style by designing your own colorful pencil holder. Let your imagination run wild and see what you can create!



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

REGISTER

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DROP-IN

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EARLY READERS • AGES 0-KINDERGARTEN

TOO LITTLES STORYTIME

AGES 0-4

You're invited to join us at the library for a story time that's tailored specifically to your little ones! Once we're done, we'll engage in a fun craft or outdoor activity, depending on the weather.

DROP-IN

TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27 - JULY 11, 18, 25 - AUGUST 1, 8

*NOTE: NO STORYTIME ON JULY 4

BOOK BUDDIES

AGES 0-5

You and your little ones are invited to join Ms. Diane for an enchanting storytime experience, brimming with charming tales that will warm your heart. And to make the day even more special, we'll end it with a delightful craft for you to take home and cherish.

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28 - JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 - AUGUST 2, 9

YOGA STORYTIME

AGES 4 AND UP

Get ready to join Ms. Stephanie for an awesome yoga storytime! Once we're done with the stories, we'll practice some cool yoga poses together. Just a heads up, since we have limited space, we can only accommodate 10 yogis for this program.

DROP-IN

THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JUNE 8, 15, 22, 29 - JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 - AUGUST 3, 10



LITTLE CREATIVE HEARTS ART

AGES 4-8

Does your little one have a passion for art and loves to let their creativity shine? We've got just the thing for them! Join the talented duo, Ms. Diane and Ms. Penny, for an exciting art session filled with fun projects that have been specially designed to promote fine motor skills, creative thinking, and imagination in young children.

DROP-IN

THURSDAYS AT 11 AM

JUNE 8, 15, 22, 29 - JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 - AUGUST 3, 10

CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL

AGES 4-8

Looking to promote early literacy in Spanish? Come and join us as we read our favorite books, recite fun rhymes, and sing silly songs- all in Spanish!

DROP-IN

THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM

JUNE 8, JULY 6, AUGUST 3

PATIO PLAY

AGES 0-6

Let's have some outdoor fun on the library patio with amazing toys like sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and more! Weather permitting, we'll be playing outside. But in case the weather turns bad, we'll move the event indoors. So, join us and let's make some sunny memories!

DROP-IN

FRIDAYS AT 10:30 AM

JUNE 9, 16, 23, 30 - JULY 7, 14, 21 - AUGUST 11

*NOTE: NO PATIO PLAY ON JULY 28 AND AUGUST 4



BAD ART NIGHT AGES 6 AND UP

Leave your talent at the door! Create something terrible. No skills required- in fact, skills will be FROWNED upon.

DROP-IN
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 AT 6:30 PM

BINGO FOR KIDS AGES 3-11

Test your luck and join us for a night of gaming fun as we play bingo at the library! Every child that joins in to play bingo will receive a fun bag of prizes at the end of play and bragging rights for a game well played!

DROP-IN
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
JUNE 20, JULY 18, AUGUST 15

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE WITH PAPERMAKING AGES 7 AND UP

Learn about landfills and get excited about solutions to solve our garbage problem through a "show & tell" of recycled and reused products. Learn how recycled-content paper is made using our own energy! Each participant will make their own recycled paper to take home.

REGISTER
THURSDAY, JULY 13 AT 6:30 PM
*NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JULY 11 AT 9 P.M.

EMOJI CHALK WORKSHOP AGES 6 AND UP

In this program, you'll receive simple step-by-step instructions to make your very own emojis. Once you've got the basics down, you can let your imagination run wild and design a brand-new emoji. If the weather's nice, we'll draw on the sidewalk in front of the library, but if it rains, no worries, we'll just move inside and use personal blackboards.

DROP-IN
THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 6:30 PM

EAT AND CREATE WITH POPCORN AGES 6 AND UP

Pop, pop, pop! Let's munch on some fresh, buttery popcorn while we unleash our inner artist and create some awesome popcorn art! No prior experience required, but there's one important rule: you must have a serious love for popcorn!

DROP-IN
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 AT 6:30 PM

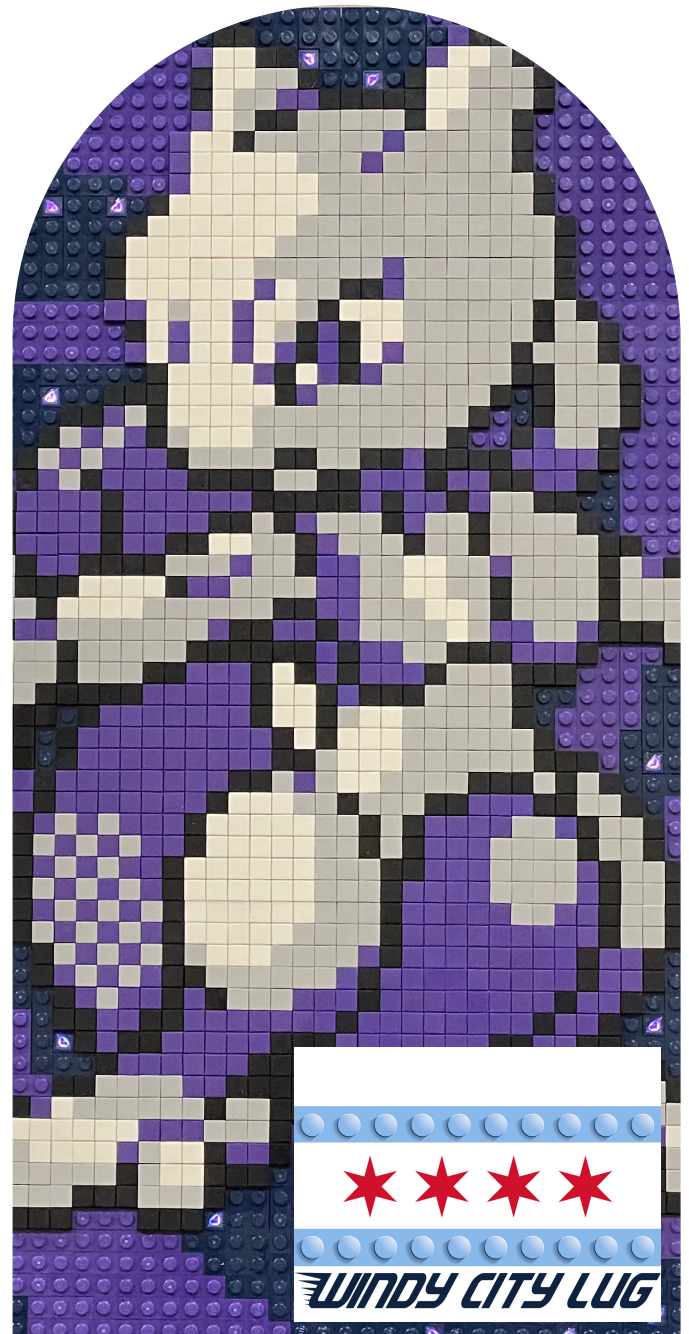


LEGO NIGHT AGES 4-11

Hang out with other LEGO lovers as you let your imagination run wild and create your own one-of-a-kind builds. When the building time is up, you'll get to strike a pose with your awesome creation and even grab a yummy snack to take home.

And mark your calendar for July 11th, because we're bringing in some serious LEGO experts from the Windy City LUG to show us some epic building techniques and lead us in some extra special builds.

DROP-IN
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
JUNE 13, JULY 11 (WITH WINDY CITY LUG), AUGUST 8



TWEENS AND TEENS 6TH-12TH GRADE

PRIDE PINS & PERLER BEADS

ALL AGES

Are you ready to get your rainbow colors shining bright? It's time to celebrate Pride Month in style! We will use a button maker and perler beads to make some fabulous pronoun and flag pins.

DROP-IN

MONDAY, JUNE 5 AT 6:30 PM



BOOK SNACKS

AGES 12 AND UP

Unleash your inner bookworm and satisfy your sweet tooth with our literary-inspired snacks! Join us for a book-tasting adventure as we sample new and 'new-to-you' reads while making and munching on some delicious book-themed treats!

DROP-IN

FRIDAYS AT 3 PM

JUNE 9 (BOOK S'MORES)

JULY 7 (BOOK SANDWICHES)



ANIMAL CROSSING PARTY

AGES 12-18

Want to join us for some fun open play on our island, LibLand? All you need is your Nintendo Switch and a copy of Animal Crossing New Horizons. You can collect fruit and flowers, swap DIY recipes with us, and add them to your own island!

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 6:30 PM

*NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JUNE 19 AT 9 PM

BOBA AND GHIBLI

AGES 12 AND UP

Let's hang out at the library and make boba tea! Then we'll watch a Studio Ghibli movie while sipping our tasty drinks!

DROP-IN

MONDAYS AT 3 PM

JULY 10 (MOVIE: PRINCESS MONONOKE)

JULY 24 (MOVIE: KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE)



TERRACOTTA POT PAINTING

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

Have you gotten your seeds from our Seed Library? If you need a pot for your seeds, no worries, we've got you covered! Come and join us for a fun night of painting your very own terracotta pot. You can decorate it however you like! This event is open to adults too, so bring your friends along!

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 AT 6:30 PM



COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

Start planning for college early! Join our free presentation by ISAC staff to learn about the college and financial aid processes. We'll lay the groundwork, provide tips and tools, and show you what to expect when applying and paying for a postsecondary education.

DROP-IN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 2 PM

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

Learn to apply for financial aid with our program! The ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) staff will teach you the basics and share tips for successful applications. They'll also show you reputable sources of information and integrate high school resources.

DROP-IN

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 AT 6:30 PM

ANYTIME CRAFT KITS

AGES 18 AND UP

Get crafty on your own time with Anytime Craft Kits! Kits are available all week long beginning on the first Saturday of the month, or while supplies last. Each kit includes materials and instructions for one project, and is for adults only on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one craft per adult and no holds allowed.

DROP-IN

FIRST SATURDAYS OF THE MONTH

JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUGUST 5

DIY MASON JAR LID FLOWER

AGES 18 AND UP

Come join us on Zoom for some flower power fun! We're gonna make a super cute daisy/sunflower out of a Mason jar lid and some groovy fabric scraps. Sorry kiddos, this craft is just for the grown-ups. Only 15 lucky crafters can join in, so register quick!

VIRTUAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 AT 7 PM

*NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JUNE 7 AT 7 PM

DIY FACIAL CLEANSER PADS & MAKE-UP REMOVER

AGES 18 AND UP

Come and be a part of our hand-sewing workshop where we will be creating reusable and washable make-up remover pads. These pads are gentle on your skin while being durable enough to withstand multiple washes. At the end of the workshop, you'll be taking home your newly crafted pads, along with a jar of all-natural make-up remover infused with essential oils.

DROP-IN

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 7 PM

SOLAR MASON JAR LIGHT

AGES 18 AND UP

Get ready to light up your backyard bash with our super cool mason jar solar lights! Swing by the library and join in on the fun as we create these stunning lights that will add a touch of pizzazz to your outdoor decor. Let's keep those summer nights shining bright together!

DROP-IN

MONDAY, JULY 17 AT 7 PM

DIY SUMMER BUTTON FLOWERS EMBROIDERY

AGES 18 AND UP

Using a 6 x 6in Aida weave canvas frame, some flower buttons, a little glue and a simple straight stitch, create this sweet Spring vignette! Adults only please. Limited to 15 adult attendees.

VIRTUAL

THURSDAY, JULY 13 AT 7 PM



DIY MINI BEE SKEP

AGES 18 AND UP

Join Mary for a delightful crafting session as she guides you through creating your very own mini Bee Skep! With the help of a small terracotta pot, sisal or jute roping, acrylic paint, and charming trims, let your creativity blossom. Don't forget to wear an old shirt or paint smock to stay mess-free! Please note that materials are limited to 20 attendees, so make sure to register early!

REGISTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 AT 7 PM

*NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES ON AUGUST 16 AT 7 PM



PAWS FOR A CAUSE: DOG ADOPTION EVENT

AGES 18 AND UP

Did you know that National Dog Day is August 26th? Please celebrate the day with us and join us for a morning of furry fun! A local shelter will be at the library with dogs looking for their forever homes. We will be making homemade dog treats to bring home with your new best friend or for your own dog at home.

DROP-IN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 10 AM - 12 PM

ADULTS • JUNETEENTH

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: JUNE 12 THRU JUNE 19

We'd love for you to be a part of our week-long Juneteenth Celebration where we'll be shining a spotlight on Black Excellence. You won't want to miss out on the chance to experience Black Culture through incredible works of art, poetry, films, trivia, and even a historical timeline display you can peruse at your leisure with a chance to win a prize! And don't forget to come hungry because we'll also be sampling some delicious food from Black-Owned Businesses. See you there!



ARTIST TALK SESSION WITH ART GALLERY OWNER LATOYA UNDERWOOD

ALL AGES

An intimate discussion on Art featuring the Exhibit- "Thank God, I'm Free"- a collective of struggle, strength and success in observation of Juneteenth and the Black Experience in America.

This wonderful exhibit showcases work from four artists: Shanel Romain, Jeribai Andrew, JaJa, and Desiree Kelly. Pose Cultural Art Gallery owner Latoya Underwood will discuss the significance behind the pieces and their impact. The art will be on display at the Library from June 12 through June 19.

DROP-IN

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 AT 7 PM

A TASTE OF POETRY WITH AUTHOR DR. TAYLOR BYAS, PH.D

TEENS AND ADULTS

The library is thrilled to present Dr. Taylor Byas, a Chicago native poet and essayist who's making waves in Cincinnati, Ohio as a Yates scholar at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Byas will read from her latest book "Bloodwarm", which explores the experience of living in a Black body under constant scrutiny. There will also be a Q&A session where you can ask Dr. Byas all about her incredible work!

DROP-IN AND VIRTUAL (bit.ly/TaylorByas)
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 1 PM



OH SWEET TRIVIA!

ALL AGES

Join us as we kick-off our Juneteenth celebration with an exciting trivia night! Grab your crew and get ready to put your knowledge to the test by answering questions about Black History, pop culture, and beyond. And the best part? You could win some awesome prizes! As a special treat, we'll have some delicious cupcakes from Tee Tee's Sweets - a fantastic Black-Owned small business located in Oak Park, IL.

DROP-IN

MONDAY, JUNE 12 AT 6:30 PM

JUNETEENTH FILM FESTIVAL

ALL AGES

Join us for our three-day Juneteenth film festival at the library! We'll be showcasing films that celebrate Black Excellence, raise awareness about cultural issues, and inspire hope. Plus, we've got popcorn from Black-Owned business Sha-Poppin in Westchester, IL for our first movie Soul.



SOUL (PG)

MONDAY, JUNE 12 AT 1 PM

ALL AGES

RUNTIME: 1 HR 40 MIN

Pianist Joe Gardner is killed in an accident before his big break as a jazz musician and seeks to reunite his separated soul and body.



QUEEN OF KATWE (PG)

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 1 PM

ALL AGES

RUNTIME: 2 HR 4 MIN

A Ugandan girl's life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess in this celebration of the human spirit.



THE HATE U GIVE (PG-13)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:30 PM

TEENS AND ADULTS

RUNTIME: 2 HR 12 MIN

When a teenager witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend, she must find her voice and stand up for what's right.

FORGOTTEN DISNEY: EXTINCT RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS OF THE FLORIDA PARKS

ALL AGES

In the 50 years that Walt Disney World in Florida has been operating, many attractions have been closed for one reason. In this PowerPoint presentation, we will look at some of these attractions. Some were loved and are still missed by fans today; others may be best forgotten. Will any of them be a favorite of yours?

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 AT 7 PM

AWESOME AUSTRALIA

ALL AGES

G'day, mate! With his tapestry of original photographs and deep well of stories, world traveler Brian Michalski illuminates ten months of backpacking and working in the Land Down Under. While visiting exotic destinations including the Australian Outback, Great Barrier Reef, and Tasmania, we also learn about the country's fascinating history, grand traditions, chic urban life, charming slang, deadly animals, and Aboriginal influences.

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 AT 7 PM

JUMP START YOUR GENEALOGY: ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

AGES 18 AND UP

Looking to explore your family history and learn more about your ancestors? Join us at the BCPL computer lab for a live, hands-on instruction in using Ancestry Library Edition! We will show you how to navigate and assess records, print, fill out, and download forms and documents, and even save and organize your files. Be sure to bring along a USB thumb drive or external hard drive to save your work. We can't wait to help you uncover your family's story! Please note that this program is available on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to 6 individuals.

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAYS ON JUNE 7 AT 11 AM, JULY 19 AT 1 PM, AND AUGUST 23 AT 6:30 PM

RIVERVIEW PARK

AGES 18 AND UP

Once the "world's largest amusement park", Riverview was a beloved Chicago destination, known for attractions like the Pair-O-Chutes, Aladdin's Castle, and the Bobs roller coaster. Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. as she takes us on a journey through Riverview's storied history, from its 1904 opening to its sudden closure in 1967.

VIRTUAL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 AT 7 PM



TRIVIA NIGHT @ GREEN ST. GRILLE

ALL AGES

Join staff from the Bensenville Library on the first Monday of every month from 7-9 p.m. and flex your trivia muscle at the Green St. Grille! Gather your friends and family to compete against other teams for prizes by answering questions about history, pop culture, and more! Registration is not required, but reservations at Green St. Grille are recommended. Please call (630)-474-1202 to reserve a table.

DROP-IN, BUT RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

MONDAYS AT 7 PM

JUNE 5, JULY 3, AUGUST 7

NOTORIOUS: THE LIFE OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

AGES 18 AND UP

Join historian Michelle Gibbons as she discusses the incredible life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who fought tirelessly for gender equality and women's rights during her 27-year tenure as a Supreme Court Justice. Despite facing rejection due to her gender, Ginsburg graduated as the first woman from Harvard Law School and continued to push for change throughout her career. Come learn about her inspiring story and her belief in working alongside those in power to create meaningful change.

DROP-IN

THURSDAY, JULY 27 AT 6:30 PM



YOUR CHOICE: WAKE-UP CALL BACKPACK PRESENTED WITH THE BENSENVILLE YOUTH COALITION

AGES 21 AND UP

Wake Up Call offers practical information on current trends in alcohol, vaping, and drugs. You'll learn how to recognize concealment techniques, see a hands-on demo, and ask questions. This presentation is for adults who are influential in the lives of youth, such as parents, teachers, and community members. Participants must be 21+.

DROP-IN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 AT 6:30 PM

ADULTS • GARDENING AND SELF-CARE



HOME COMPOSTING 101

AGES 18 AND UP

Join recycling educators from SCARCE and learn how to set up indoor composting (vermicomposting) and backyard composting. They will demonstrate and discuss various compost bin options. Learn how to save money, conserve water and create a nutrient-rich soil amendment for your home garden.

DROP-IN

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 AT 6:30 PM

LITERARY GARDENS

AGES 18 AND UP

Join Cindy Crosby, a master gardener and natural history writer, as she explores the connection between gardens and literature in this fun and fascinating presentation. Discover how gardens have shaped books like Agatha Christie's mystery series, Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," and more. You'll come away with a new appreciation for the role of gardens in literature and a list of new books to explore!

VIRTUAL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 AT 7 PM

THE POWER OF PLANT-FORWARD NUTRITION

AGES 18 AND UP

Discover the benefits of plant-based eating with registered dietitian Katie Fischer. Learn how growing your own food can improve your health, the environment, and your wallet – all while enjoying delicious meals. Plant forward nutrition is neither a vegetarian or vegan approach to nutrition.

DROP-IN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 7 PM

BLOOD DRIVE: VERSITI BLOOD CENTER OF ILLINOIS

AGES 18 AND UP (16 & 17 WITH PARENTAL CONSENT)

Join us for a blood drive to help save lives at the library! Giving blood is a simple yet powerful way to support your community - just one donation can help save up to 3 lives. Book your appointment now at benlib.org/blood-drive and don't forget to bring a photo ID. Your appointment should take around 45-60 minutes. Let's make a difference together!

OVERCOMING STRESS AND ANXIETY THROUGH MEDITATION

AGES 18 AND UP

Feeling overwhelmed? Uncertain? Stressed? We understand that life can be challenging, especially in today's world. But there is hope. Meditation can be a powerful tool to help us stay positive and centered during difficult times. By calming both our body and mind, we can experience a deep sense of peace and happiness. Join us for an informative lecture with meditation expert Umesh Bhatia, where you will learn a simple yet effective meditation technique that can help boost your overall well-being, both personally and professionally. Give yourself the gift of inner peace and join us for this transformative experience.

DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:30 PM

STRESS MANAGEMENT AND MINDFULNESS

AGES 18 AND UP

Discover how stress affects your health and how to manage it with the guidance of a Northwestern Medicine expert. Develop strategies that incorporate healthy eating habits, exercise, and lifestyle modifications to reduce stress levels. Learn about mindful eating and its practical applications in your daily life, as well as other mindfulness practices to promote overall well-being.

DROP-IN

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 AT 6:30 PM



Registered Dietitian Katie Fischer

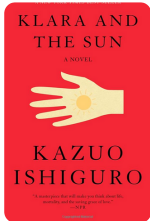


THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

We explore a diverse selection of literature including popular titles, best-selling books, award-winning works, and many others!

VIRTUAL

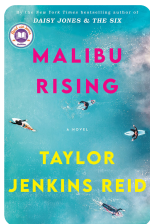
FIRST THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM



KLARA AND THE SUN BY KAZUO ISHIGURO

JUNE 1 ON ZOOM

Klara, an Artificial Friend, observes the world from a store window, hoping for a customer, in a thrilling exploration of love's meaning in a changing world.



MALIBU RISING BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID

JULY 6 ON ZOOM

The famous Riva siblings throw an epic party that triggers a family drama changing their lives forever in a story that unfolds over 24 hours of love, secrets, and choices.



YOUR HOUSE WILL PAY BY STEPH CHA

AUGUST 3 ON ZOOM

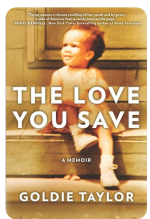
Two families confront their pasts and navigate a city on edge after a police shooting of a black teenager and another shocking crime in LA.

TRUE STORIES BOOK CLUB

Join our non-fiction book club, where we explore and discuss thought-provoking books that address relevant social issues of our time.

DROP-IN

SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 11 AM



THE LOVE YOU SAVE: A MEMOIR BY GOLDIE TAYLOR

JUNE 12

Goldie's memoir explores how books helped her cope with trauma and discover her voice in a post-Jim Crow America, offering an uplifting story and the power of literature.



WILD: A JOURNEY FROM LOST TO FOUND BY CHERYL STRAYED

JULY 10

Cheryl's impulsive solo hike along the Pacific Crest Trail after her mother's death leads to healing through physical and emotional challenges.



RECKONING BY V (FORMERLY KNOWN AS EVE ENSLER)

AUGUST 7 (THIS IS THE 1ST MONDAY)

V's memoir chronicles her 40-year personal and political journey, exploring themes like abuse, activism, climate disaster, and self-hatred, while offering a path to freedom.



Books will be available one month prior to the book discussions at the Circulation Desk.

BOOK BRUNCH

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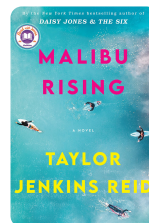
FOURTH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 10 AM



KLARA AND THE SUN BY KAZUO ISHIGURO

JUNE 22 ON ZOOM

Klara, an Artificial Friend, observes the world from a store window, hoping for a customer, in a thrilling exploration of love's meaning in a changing world.



MALIBU RISING BY TAYLOR JENKINS REID

JULY 27 ON ZOOM

The famous Riva siblings throw an epic party that triggers a family drama changing their lives forever in a story that unfolds over 24 hours of love, secrets, and choices.



YOUR HOUSE WILL PAY BY STEPH CHA

AUGUST 24 ON ZOOM

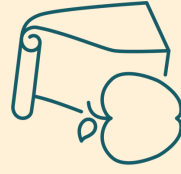
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June



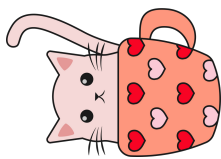
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	9 Boba and Ghibli 3 PM - 5 PM True Stories Virtual Book Club 7 PM - 8 PM	10 Too Littles Storytime 10:30 AM - 11 AM LEGO Night with Windy City Lug 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	11 Book Buddies 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Terracotta Pot Painting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Awesome Australia 7 PM - 8 PM	12 Yoga Storytime 10:30 AM - 11 AM Little Creative Hearts Art 11 AM - 12 PM Reduce, Reuse, Recycle 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM DIY Summer Buttons 7 PM - 8 PM	13 Patio Play 10:30 AM - 11 AM	14 15 Superhero Saturday 2 PM - 3 PM
	16 Nature at Night 7 PM - 8 PM Solar Mason Jar Light 7 PM - 8 PM	17 Too Littles Storytime 10:30 AM - 11 AM Bingo for Kids 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	18 Book Buddies 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Jump Start Your Genealogy 1 PM - 2 PM Riverview Park 7 PM - 8 PM	19 Yoga Storytime 10:30 AM - 11 AM Little Creative Hearts Art 11 AM - 12 PM Emoji Chalk Workshop 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	20 Patio Play 10:30 AM - 11 AM	21 22
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<div> <p>20 Financial Aid Process 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</p> </div>	<div> <p>21 Family Art Night: Back to School Pencil Cups 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</p> </div>	<div> <p>22 Your Choice: Wake-up Call Backpack Presented with the Bensenville Youth Coalition 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</p> </div>	<div> <p>23 Book Brunch Virtual Book Club 10 AM - 12 PM</p> </div>	<div> <p>24 Paws for a Cause: Dog Adoption Event 10 AM - 12 PM Universidad es Posible (Español) 2 PM - 3 PM</p> </div>	<div> <p>25</p> </div>	<div> <p>26</p> </div>
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Answer: 11