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Reading Challenges



Readers of all ages can join our **Summer Reading Challenge by reading (or being read to) at least three books** for a chance to win prizes including gift cards to local businesses, STL Cardinals tickets, and more. Pick up a reading bookmark to track your books. All bookmarks must be turned in by August 1.



All youth can also complete the Summer Reading Challenge Game Board by finishing any 8 activities on an age-specific board. Participants will receive a movie pass to RMC Cinema, sponsored by First Community Credit Union, and two tickets to a Gateway Grizzlies reading program night. Turn in game boards by July 13 to be entered to win Monroe County Fair ride tickets, and all completed boards will be entered into a drawing for a reading t-shirt from AIM Designs. Game boards are due August 1.



Registration

Registration and sign-ups for summer reading program events will begin Wednesday, May 27. To register for the summer reading program, stop in the library, scan the QR code, or fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/oQnECodcJDwu4zvZ9>



Events of Note



BIRDS OF PREY

Saturday, June 20 at 6:00pm

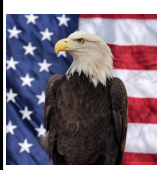
Join Paws Mobile Petting Zoo for an educational show with Birds of Prey, including hawks, owls, and falcons with a medieval theme.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, July 30 from 5-7pm

An evening full of fun for the whole family! There will be a variety of activity stations to choose from!



WORLD BIRD SANCTUARY

Thursday, July 9 at 1:00pm

Have you ever wondered whooo inspired a ghost story? We will learn ways animals inspire myths & legends across the globe. There will be live birds, including a bald eagle! Location will be at SPPCS Gym at 217 West Third Street Waterloo, IL.



MAGIC SHOW

Thursday, July 30 at 7:00pm

Join Christian the Magician for a fun magic and comedy show!

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Educational

FOOTLOOSE IN WALES

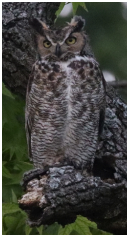
Friday, June 5th at 6pm



Scenic and historic Wales as experienced during a meandering 250 mile walk from Cardiff to Conwy, presented by John Lynn.

FOREST PARK OWLS

Thursday, June 25th at 6:30pm



Join Mark H.X. Glenshaw, award-winning naturalist who has observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park in St. Louis. He will cover how he found these owls, basic facts, and different owl behaviors.

HENRY VIII

Monday, June 29 at 6:30pm



Enjoy a family-friendly evening with Barbara Kay, a local retired teacher that does living history portrayals. Join Barbara and Henry VIII for this fun and educational program.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK TAKES THE ILLINOIS COUNTRY

Friday, July 10 at 6pm



Join local historian John Lynn, as he presents a fascinating look at George Rogers Clark's 1778-79 campaign during the American Revolution.

Adult Movie Nights

Tickets are \$7 each and include a youth popcorn & drink and prize drawing entry. You must register in advance at the library. Movies will be at RMC Cinemas in Waterloo.

THE MANDALORIAN AND GROGU*

(RATED PG-13)

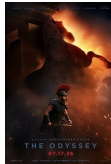
Monday, June 8 at 6:45pm



THE ODYSSEY*

(RATED R)

Monday, July 20 at 6:45pm



Misc.

YOGA FOR ALL

Mondays at 6pm, June 1, 8, 15, & 22

July 6, 13, 20, & 27

Bring a yoga mat & comfortable workout clothes. Beginners welcome, ages 12+.



LIBRARY KNITTERS

Wednesdays, June 10 & 24,

July 8 & 22 from 1-3:30pm

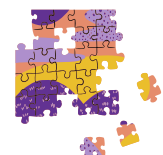
Bring your current project and join to trade patterns and ideas. Beginners welcome.



500 PIECE PUZZLE RACE*

Saturday, August 1 from 1-3pm

Teams of four compete to finish a puzzle.



Adult Craft Classes

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30pm &

Thursday, June 25 at 11am*

Project: fairy sticks

Wednesday, July 22 at 6:30pm &

Thursday, July 23 at 11am*

Project: TBD

\$10 fee and advance registration required.



Adult Book Clubs

PAGE TURNERS

Wednesdays, June 17 &

July 15 at 3:30pm

Our daytime book club that meets and discusses the monthly book.

June- *The Widow* by John Grisham

July- *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow



MOXIE & MOCKTAILS

Thursdays, June 25 &

July 23 at 7pm

Discuss the book of the month while enjoying themed mocktails.

June- *The Love Haters* by Katherine Center

July- *Say You'll Remember Me* by Abby Jimenez



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Youth-All Ages



STORYTIME

**Tuesdays, June 9 & 23,
July 14 & 28 at 10am**

Join us for stories, songs, fun activities, & crafts!



IMAGINATION WEEKEND

**Fridays, June 12 & July 24 9am-4pm
Saturdays, June 13 & July 25 9am-3pm**

An open-house free-play with variety of sensory and educational opportunities.



FAMILY STORYTIME

**Thursdays, June 11 &
July 9 at 6:30pm**

An evening storytime for the whole family!



LEGO CLUB

Mondays, June 8 & July 13 10am-8pm

Loads of LEGO bricks to build with and a prize entry for each creation!

Ages 0-2

LITTLE MOVERS

**Wednesdays, June 3 & 17,
July 1 & 15 at 10am**

A fun way for caregivers and little ones to interact through music, movement, and a story.

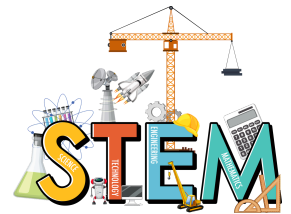


Ages 5-11

STEAM STORIES

**Thursdays, June 4 &
July 2 at 6:30pm**

We read a story and then complete a STEAM activity.



Ages 2-5

FIRST ART*

**Tuesdays, June 16 at 10am &
July 21 at 6pm**

An art program for littles with a focus on the process rather than the finished product.



ADVENTURES IN ART*

**Tuesday, June 30 at 6pm &
Wednesday, July 8 at 10am**

Youth will create an art project based on a famous artist's work or a theme.



Ages 9-14

4-H SPARKS*

**Wednesday, June 10 &
Monday, July 6 at 10am**

Join us for two workshops with the University of Illinois Extension: Monroe County 4-H.



June- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz STEM Adventure!

July- Elements of Wings of Fire



Youth Book Clubs

BOOK WIZARDS BOOK CLUB

(GRADES 3-5)

**Tuesdays, June 9 &
July 14 at 6:30pm**

Monthly book theme with discussion, games, and activities. Themes: June-dragons, July-historical fiction



BOOKMARKED BOOK CLUB

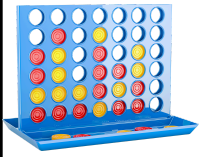
(GRADES 6-8)

**Tuesdays, June 2 &
July 7 at 6:30pm**

Monthly book theme with discussion, games, and activities. Themes: June-free choice, July-dragons



Teens (grades 6-12)



TEEN HANGOUT

Wednesday, June 17 from 1-2:30pm & Tuesday, July 28 from 6-7:30pm
Teens can hangout, play games, and enjoy snacks.



CAMP WARTBURG FIELD TRIP*

Friday, July 10 from 8:30-11:30am
Teens are going on a field trip to Camp Wartburg for Axe Throwing & Archery! Transportation will be provided. Limited spots & waiver/permission slip must be completed by a parent by July 1.



COMIC BOOK & GRAPHIC NOVEL WORKSHOP*

Friday, June 19 from 1-3pm
Do Art Productions will join us to host a workshop full of energy, wacky drawing, story making, juggling, live music, & comedy!



TEEN ARTS & CRAFTS*

Tuesday, June 30 at 1pm & Thursday, July 23 at 6pm
Teens will create the monthly arts or craft project.

Vacation Packets

Packets are filled with fun ideas & activities to keep the kiddos busy while on a trip or anytime. They are free and yours to keep.



Extra Activities

We offer a monthly scavenger hunt in the youth library, a Story Walk® outside that you can walk and read a story along the path, a craft activity in the youth library, & more!



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