

# The Connection



ORLAND PARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*A Natural Connection*

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## LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE  
JUNE 1-AUGUST 2

Roll the dice, spin the wheel, or jump into that next level... This summer is all about reaching the next level of reading! Join in our Level Up at Your Library Summer Reading Challenge, where reading will earn you the chance to win fabulous prizes and maybe help you learn something new! Participants can track their progress through Beanstack or via paper logs available at the library.

### RULES

#### ADULT & TEEN

Read by Book or Read by Minute: 1 book or 120 reading minutes earns a drawing ticket. (Max 15 Tickets)

#### KIDS

Rising 5th Graders and Under:  
Read by Minute Challenge: Every 80 minutes spent reading earns a drawing ticket.

### REGISTER

#### ONLINE

<https://orlandparklibrary.beanstack.org>



#### IN-PERSON

Stop by any service desk to pick up a recyclable paper reading log.



### SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT

Saturday, June 7  
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

It's time to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge! Help us celebrate at our kickoff event featuring the following exciting activities:

A Very Special Bright Starts  
at 10 a.m.

Rolling Video Games Chicago  
Photobooth

Friends of the Library  
Sidewalk Book Sale  
Rainbow Cone

Crosstown Exotics Reptile Show  
at 11 a.m.

LEGO® Creation Station  
Games



## SUMMER READING RECOMMENDATIONS

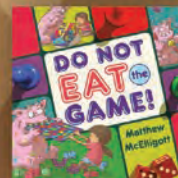
#### ADULT



#### TEEN



#### YOUTH





## We now have Kanopy streaming!

Kanopy is a video streaming service offering thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, TV shows, documentaries, and kids' favorites. Enjoy indie gems from the Criterion Collection, A24 films, PBS content, and more—all ad-free.

Our resident movie lover, Elle, says, "I was excited when Kanopy was announced for us, and it was well worth it." She recently watched the documentary *Obit* and found it enlightening.

### Getting started with Kanopy using your Orland Park Library Card

1. **Visit [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com) and select "Add Library Card," OR download the Kanopy app.**
2. **Enter your library card barcode and create an account.**
3. **Start streaming!**



Stream Kanopy on mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android, desktop, and Smart TV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick.

- **OPPL Patrons get 15 tickets per month**
- **Most movies: 2 tickets**
- **Most TV shows: 3-5 tickets per season**
- **Movies: 3 days to watch**
- **TV series: 5 days to watch**
- **Kanopy Kids content is unlimited!**

Questions? Contact the Adult Services Desk at [info@orlandparklibrary.org](mailto:info@orlandparklibrary.org) or (708) 428-5150.

## After-Hours Lockers

Busy summer schedule? No problem! The library's after-hours pickup lockers let you grab your materials 24/7. On your time! Whether you're heading out for a road trip, juggling summer activities, or just prefer a quick stop, our lockers make it easy.

### Here's how it works:

Call us to request your items, and we'll check them out and place them in a secure locker. No waiting; no hassle! You'll use your library card or phone number to unlock your materials whenever it's convenient for you.

Find the lockers just east of the front doors and enjoy instant access to your next great read, movie, or audiobook.



## New Library Signs Installed

If you've visited the library recently, you may have noticed something new. Our outdoor signage has been upgraded! As part of a capital improvement project completed last fall, we installed three brand-new brick and mortar signs to enhance visibility and make it easier for visitors to find us.





## HERE'S WHAT CHANGED:

- A larger, more prominent sign replaced the previous one at our main entrance.
- A new sign was added at the south entrance.
- Another new sign was installed at the southeast corner of 149th & Ravinia.

These updates help create a stronger presence for the library and eliminate confusion with nearby buildings. Thank you for your patience during construction. We hope you love the new look as much as we do!

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

- Carol said, "Looks great. It's about time."
- Bob said, "The old sign was so small I never noticed it. New sign looks great."
- Kristine said, "Well done!! The signs look fantastic!"

## Discover the Library's New Multi-Color 3D Printer!

The library now has a Bambu Lab X1C 3D printer, allowing you to create multi-color prints (up to 4 colors in a single job) in half the time our previous printer took for a single color!

For designing 3D models, we recommend Tinkercad (great for beginners), or you can find ready-to-print designs on *Thingiverse.com*.

When your project is ready, submit it to [maker@orlandparklibrary.org](mailto:maker@orlandparklibrary.org) and specify your preferred filament color. To check available colors, email us or call (708) 428-5171.

The library reserves the right to reject any project, including those that violate copyright or legal restrictions. Start printing today!



### Pricing:

SINGLE-COLOR OR TWO-COLOR PRINTS: \$0.10 PER GRAM

THREE OR FOUR-COLOR PRINTS: \$0.20 PER GRAM

Cost estimates available before printing.

## Friends of the Library

### Panera Fundraiser

Saturday, May 17 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a Friends of the Orland Park Public Library fundraiser.

Use code **FUND4U** at [panerabread.com](http://panerabread.com), in the Panera app, or at the kiosk in-cafe at 15051 South LaGrange Rd. in Orland Park on Saturday, May 17 from 4 - 8 p.m.

25% of sales will benefit The Friends of the Orland Park Public Library. Online orders placed all day at the event cafe will count.



## Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for gently-used books? The Friends have so much to offer at a great price! No audio-visual media items such as DVDs will be sold. The Friends of the Orland Park Public Library is a volunteer group who sells donated books year-round in the Recycled Reads room near the bottom of the main staircase. For more information, visit [orlandparklibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library](http://orlandparklibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-the-library).





# Adults

Programs are in-person and may require registration. Check the online calendar. Orland Park Public Library cardholders are given priority, but non-residents can still be waitlisted and will be granted registration if space allows.



SCAN ME

## Featured Programs

### History of Mediterranean Wines

Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a delightful journey through the rich history of Mediterranean wines. We will discuss Italian, French, and Spanish wines and explore the fascinating development of wine and trade over the past two centuries.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1

### Summer School for Grown Ups

Thursday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m.

You're not in trouble! Sharpen your mind and discover the fun of the library's online resources! Learn a new language, brush up on technology skills, or find your next perfect summer read. Get hands-on instruction from a librarian on how to access these digital resources for free with your library card. Bring your laptop or device if you have one; all other materials (including a light snack!) will be provided. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15

### Behind the Scenes of the "Division Street Revisited" Podcast

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

"Division Street Revisited" is a podcast that follows up on seven people from Studs Terkel's 1967 book "Division Street: America." Join Pulitzer Prize winning journalists Mary Schmich and Bill Healy to learn how these lives help us understand our lives today.

REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15

### The Life of Lucille Ball

Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Join historian and actress Leslie Goddard as she brings the iconic Lucille Ball to life. Experience a heartfelt tribute to the true comic legend and the real woman behind the myth. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16

### Coffee & Comfort Dogs

Wednesday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a cuddle from a sweet comfort dog on a warm summer day.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16

### The Urban Coyote

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County will discuss coyote populations in urban settings. Learn about the natural history, lifestyle, and social structure of coyotes, and discover appropriate behaviors to minimize human-coyote conflicts.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16

### The Art of Ferris Bueller

Monday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Kelli Marshall of Chicago Movie Tours & Talks discusses the artwork featured in the 1986 movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15

### The Life of Mister Rogers

Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Historical Presenter Jim Gibbons will delve into the life of Fred McFeely Rogers, the beloved American icon known for his neighborly kindness and heartwarming smile. Discover how Mister Rogers made "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" a cherished show for young children from 1968 to 2001.

REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15

### Bears vs. Cardinals: The NFL's Oldest Rivalry

Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Author Joe Ziemba will discuss his book Bears vs. Cardinals: The NFL's Oldest Rivalry and share rare photos and insights into Chicago historical figures including Jim Thorpe, George Halas, and Al Capone. REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15

## Meet the Artist

Light refreshments will be served.

### Making Space

Friday, May 2 at 7 p.m.

Mark Ballogg  
Photography

### Abstract Improvisations

Friday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

Bob Carlson  
Acrylics on Canvas and Paper

### Welcome to My Worlds

Friday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

April Balasa  
Acrylic Paintings

### Nature Sketches

Friday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.

Judi Bohner  
Color Pencil Drawings



## Health & Wellness

### Ageless Grace®

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

May 20

REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1

July 15

REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16

June 17

REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15

Aug. 19

REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15

Ageless Grace® is a highly effective brain fitness program that keeps participants moving and thinking through the power of play.

### Mobility & Recovery

Tuesday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m.

This class is designed to improve your mobility and make daily movements easier. Focus on enhancing your range of motion, stability, and flexibility for a more active and comfortable lifestyle. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Senior Stretch, Balance, & Mobility

Tuesday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to improve your flexibility, balance, and mobility with a Sportsplex instructor. Perfect for all fitness levels, this class features gentle stretches and exercises to help you stay active and energized at any age. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Ichigo Ichie: The Art of Treasuring Every Moment

Monday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Discover the Japanese concept of Ichigo Ichie, the art of making the most of every moment, in this interactive session. Engage in mindfulness activities and learn practices to incorporate into your daily life. Ichie, "in this moment, an opportunity." **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Drawing Your Stress Away

Monday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Feeling overwhelmed? Learn creative tools through guided visualization and whole-brain drawing and writing to release stress and reconnect with yourself. No prior art or writing experience needed. Based on the Creative Journal Expressive Arts®/Project Insight® method. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**



## Try Something New

### Intro to Bootcamp Workout

Wednesday, May 7 at Noon

Get a full body workout with cardio and strength taught by a Sportsplex instructor. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

### Intro to Barre Fitness Class

Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m.

Tone your hips, glutes, core, and thighs with this dynamic class presented by a Sportsplex instructor. Combining ballet, pilates, and barre, this workout is sure to leave you impressed and energized. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

### Disc Golf 101

Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Shaun Ziems from the Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center will cover the basics of disc golf, including different types of discs, how to use the course, and scoring. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

### Intro to eBooks

Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Curious about checking out ebooks through the library? We'll teach you everything you need to know to get started and troubleshoot common issues. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Intro to Hip-Hop Dance

Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Culture Shock Chicago to learn the basics of Hip-Hop dance. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### The Art and History of Henna

Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn all about henna including the history and how to create henna designs. All participants will be able to practice with henna stencils or using pre-made henna designs. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Relaxing Watercolor

Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Discover the calming and meditative qualities of watercolors with local teaching artist Audrey Ra. Learn simple techniques to help you slow down and relax through the art of watercolor painting. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### The Art of Junk Journaling

Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Transform everyday materials into personalized journals in this beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop. Learn to create a junk journal from scratch using traditional pamphlet stitch and then embellish it with provided materials. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

### Intro to Improv

Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Improv isn't just about laughs. It enhances presentation skills, quick thinking, social-emotional awareness, and helps you speak with intent. And yes, we'll have fun, too! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Home & Auto

### Natural Lawn Care

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences will discuss the environmental impact of lawn care and how to incorporate natural methods to keep your lawn beautiful. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

### The Evening Garden: Creating Magnificent Moonlit Spaces

Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Discover how to create a magical moon garden with fragrant plants, fire, water, and lighting. Join award-winning gardening expert Nina Koziol for tips on transforming your garden into a nighttime oasis. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Electric Vehicle Buyer's Handbook

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

Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for an informative session on electric vehicles (EVs). A CUB specialist will guide you through the EV Buyer's Handbook, sharing tips and tricks to help you become a savvy EV shopper. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Auto Repair Basics Live Demonstration

Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Midas of Orland Park will cover basic information on vehicle operations and fluids. They will also do a live demonstration of a tire change and services under the hood.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Crafts

### Summer Paint Party

Monday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Paint your own summer masterpiece with artist Diane Cochran. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Origami Bookmarks

Tuesday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to make an origami bookmark. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Zentangle

Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how simple and relaxing Zentangle can be. Create beautiful images while boosting your focus, well-being, and artistic satisfaction. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Adult Take & Makes

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

**May 3:** Rose Petal Bath Salts    **June 7:** Book Page Magnets

**July 5:** Dragon Egg    **Aug. 2:** Coffee Sugar Scrub Cubes

Feeling crafty? Pick up a Take & Make at the Adult Services Desk. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last. Instructions are always available on the library website.

## Crochet Classes

### Intermediate Crochet: Coaster

Saturdays, June 14 & Aug. 9 at 1 p.m.

Learn how to double crochet and work in a round while making a coaster. Previous experience with crocheting the chain stitch and single crochet stitch is required. All materials will be provided. Only register for one class.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15 & JULY 15**

### Crochet Basics: Dishcloth

Saturday, July 12 at 1 p.m.

Learn the basics of crochet, including how to chain stitch, single crochet, and count stitches while making a useful dishcloth. All materials will be provided. No experience necessary. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Crochet 103: Amigurumi

Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m.

Amigurumi is the Japanese art of crocheting stuffed yarn creatures. In this hands-on class, you will learn about working in a round, creating amigurumi shapes, and joining pieces. Previous experience with crocheting the chain stitch, single and double crochet is required. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**





# Caregiving

## Prepare to Care

Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m.

Taking care of an ailing family member is one of the most daunting and demanding roles we will ever experience. What legal documents do you need to put in place? What health care and financial decisions are you allowed to make? What resources are available? In cooperation with Pathlights, Elder Law Attorney Helen Mesoloras will provide valuable information and advice which every family caregiver - and every adult - needs to know. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Mondays at 1 p.m.

May 12, May 27 (Tues.), June 9, June 23  
July 7, July 21, Aug. 4, Aug. 18

Designed for those caring for a loved one with dementia. Come to relax, share, learn, and connect with fellow caregivers and local experts. This program is exclusively for caregivers. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Memory Café

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

May 14, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6

A social gathering for people living with Alzheimer's and related dementias and their care partners. Each session includes an activity and gives participants a chance to enjoy time together. Offered in partnership with Pathlights Senior Services. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Early Memory Loss Support Group

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

July 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28

The library, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association and Pathlights, is hosting an eight-week support group for those living with early-stage dementia or MCI (mild cognitive impairment), and their care partners. "Early stage" refers to people, regardless of age, who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, and are in the beginning stages of the disease. Pre-screening is required BEFORE registration. Please contact Lily Becker at [lbecker@pathlights.org](mailto:lbecker@pathlights.org) or (708) 361-0219 to begin the screening process. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



# Community

## Regional Transportation Authority: How to Get Around Town

Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about local transportation options using fixed route transit on Metra, Pace, and CTA. Information on ADA Paratransit will also be covered. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Illinois Tollway Information Tabling

Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 15 from 3 - 7 p.m.

Visit the Illinois Tollway information table to pick up your NEW Illinois Tollway transponder sticker. Deactivated transponders may be dropped off at the Patron Services Desk for recycling.

## Vitalant Blood Drive Information and Registration Help

Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
June 10 & Aug. 19

Meet your local Vitalant Blood Drive representative, Roxanne White. Have questions about donating blood? Need help getting registered for the library's blood drives on Saturdays? Roxanne can help! **NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.**

## The Opioid Crisis & Saving Lives with Naloxone

Wednesday, June 11 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 30 at Noon

Opioid overdoses are a serious public health concern in our communities. The University of Illinois Extension has partnered with the Cook County Department of Public Health to provide free training on how to recognize the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administer life-saving Naloxone. **REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.**

## Vitalant Blood Drive

Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
June 14 & Aug. 23

**AGES 16+.** The Vitalant Blood Mobile will be parked in the circle drive of the library. Walk in or make an appointment by calling (877) 258-4825 by visiting the drive's online appointment portal.



# Finance

## Estate Planning

Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Eileen Kerlin Walsh explains the essential 6 documents every responsible adult should have in place. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Taxes in Retirement

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Close to or already retired? Learn how taxes impact your retirement income and discover ways to potentially reduce your tax burden. Financial advisor Greg Kurinec, CFP, from Pennant Planning, will provide the essential information you need. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Long-Term Care Planning

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Join attorney Heather Voorn from Voorn, Jaworski, & Preston to learn about long-term care planning. Topics include long-term care costs, the differences between Medicare and Medicaid, available public benefits, how to qualify, and asset preservation. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

# Monthly Features

## Writers' Group

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.  
May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5

Join us as we read and discuss your work and the work of your fellow writers. All subjects and genres welcome.

## Library Tour

Thursdays at 1 p.m.  
June 19 & Aug. 14

Have you ever wanted to explore the library? Come learn about the library's history and see all the new spaces the library has to offer!

REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15 & JULY 15

## Spice Club

Saturdays  
May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Spice up your cooking with Spice Club! Stop by the Adult Services Desk each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with a recipe booklet. Available starting at 9 a.m., while supplies last.

## Book Box

Tuesdays  
May 27: Get a Clue      June 24: Game On!  
REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1      REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15  
July 29: Summer Chills      Aug. 26: Sweet Treats  
REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16      REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15

Can't decide what to read? Sign up for our Book Box program! Each month, registrants will receive a genre-themed box packed with librarian-selected books to borrow, along with treats, goodies, and other exciting swag. Please register for each month separately. Boxes not picked up after one week will be returned. OPPL cardholders only.

# Concerts

## Dueling Pianos

Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

Windy City Dueling Pianos combines high-energy live music played on two pianos by two highly skilled entertainers with hilarious, interactive comedy!

## Summer Concert: Eddie Wojcik Tribute Band

Sunday, June 1 at 2 p.m.

The Eddie Wojcik Tribute Band honors the legacy of one of the top Polka/Dance Bands of the 1960s.

## Summer Concert: Cadillac Groove

Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m.

Experience the ultimate musical journey with Cadillac Groove! Enjoy a fun ride through southern rock, blues, funk, R&B, soul, and more. Sing along as they bring their unique, high-energy touch to the songs you love.

## Summer Concert: Beyond the Blonde

Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Get ready to unleash your inner superstar! Join us in celebrating the powerhouse divas: P!NK, Gwen Stefani, and Lady Gaga.

## Summer Concert: Saddle Shoe Sisters

Sunday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.

The Saddle Shoe Sisters celebrate the best vocal groups of all-time from the Andrews Sisters to the Supremes and everything in between the 1940s-60s.

## Summer Concert: Frankfort Brass Band

Sunday, Aug. 17 at 2 p.m.

Founded in 1897 and reorganized by the Frankfort Historical Society in 2005, the Frankfort Brass Band will delight you with their amazing music. Join us for a perfect summer day of brass band tunes!

# Piano Concerts

## Bree Beezhold

Thursdays at 11 a.m.  
May 15 & 22      June 5, 19, & 26  
July 10 & 24      Aug. 7 & 21

## Justin Prince

Mondays at Noon  
May 5      June 9 & 30  
July 14 & 28      Aug. 25

## Millie Watland

Friday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.

## Millie Watland & Janet Kuester Piano Duo

Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.

## Catalano-Sudman Piano Duo

Sunday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

From Rome, Italy, Katrina Sudman and Vincent Catalano perform classical piano together.





## Food & Drink

### No Bake Éclair Cake Demonstration

Friday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Maria Vacchiano from Cooking Up Some Fun to learn how to make a quick and easy, no-bake Éclair cake. Perfect for spring and summer gatherings! Enjoy raffles, giveaways, decorating tips, and cake sampling. **REGISTRATION OPENS: APRIL 15**

### Basic Grilling Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire up the grill and master essential grilling techniques with Kristyn Slick from Kristyn's Classroom Kitchen. Learn to create crowd-pleasing summer dishes in this fun and informative class.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Cooking with Herbs Demonstration

Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Chef Susan Maddox as she prepares delicious recipes featuring the stars of the show—herbs! Discover the versatile applications of herbs in both savory and sweet dishes through her engaging demonstrations and discussions. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Plant-Based Diets

Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how a plant-based diet can lower chronic disease risk and boost longevity. Discover the basics, what to avoid, and tips for success. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**



### Super Foods Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a healthy diet with delicious, quick-to-make meals! Chef Cherise Slattery will teach you how to prepare quick breakfasts, nutritious lunch box ideas, and Blue Zone recipes.

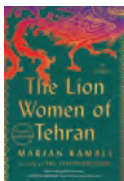
**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Book Discussions

New members are always welcome. Drop in anytime! Copies of book discussion titles are available at the Adult Services Desk and Libby app.

### Tuesday Night Book Club

Every second Tuesday of the month, we'll discuss original texts from groundbreaking authors who are reframing the course of the literary world as we know it. **ADULTS 18+.**



#### *The Lion Women of Tehran*

by Marjan Kamali  
Historical Fiction

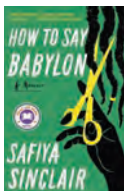
Tuesday, May 13  
at 7 p.m.



#### *Livid*

by Patricia Cornwell  
Mystery/Thriller

Tuesday, June 10  
at 7 p.m.



#### *How to Say Babylon*

by Safiya Sinclair  
Memoir

Tuesday, July 8  
at 7 p.m.



#### *Finding Margaret Fuller*

by Allison Pataki  
Historical Fiction

Tuesday, Aug. 12  
at 7 p.m.

### A Novel Morning Book Club

Join us every fourth Monday of the month to discuss a variety of genres and authors. **ADULTS 18+.**



#### *The Husbands*

by Holly Gramazio  
Romantic Comedy

**Special Date**

Monday, May 19  
at 10 a.m.



#### *Family Family*

by Laurie Frankel  
Relationship Fiction

Monday, June 23  
at 10 a.m.



#### *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*

by Nina Simon  
Mystery

Monday, July 28  
at 10 a.m.



#### *The Faculty Lounge*

by Jennifer Mathieu  
Mainstream Fiction

Monday, Aug. 25  
at 10 a.m.

# Computer Classes

All computer classes require registration through the library's online calendar unless otherwise noted. For help registering for computer classes, please call (708) 428-5171. Class capacity is 16 unless otherwise noted.

## Canva Basics

Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to use this graphic design program to create a variety of fun projects, both print and digital. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Windows 11 Basics

Thursday, May 15 at 11 a.m.

This hands-on class will guide you through the fundamentals of navigating Windows 11. Learn how to find what you need, organize your files, and personalize your experience. We'll cover the Start menu, Taskbar, File Explorer, Settings, and more! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## MS Word Basics

Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

Discover the basics of Microsoft Word, including navigation through the application and basic features in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Chromebook Basics

Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

In this lecture-style class, we will look at everything from how to install apps and save files to navigating through Chrome OS settings. You must know your Gmail account login and bring your own Chromebook if you would like to follow along. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Intro to Python Programming

Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

In this beginner-friendly course, you'll embark on a journey into the world of the Python programming language, one of the most versatile and in-demand programming languages today. In this course, gain knowledge of the fundamentals, the building blocks of Python, and do some hands-on programming. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## MS Word Intermediate

Saturday, May 31 at 11 a.m.

In this intermediate hands-on class, we will look at how to create labels and use mail merge to speed up the mass sending of personalized mailings in Microsoft Word. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Canva Intermediate

Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

In this intermediate hands-on class, we will dive deeper into creating graphic designs including videos, animations, and presentations. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Android Basics

Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of the Android operating system running on billions of phones and tablets around the world. We will cover basic setup, functions, how to install/manage apps, settings, and more. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## MS PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

In this hands-on class, learn and practice the fundamentals of creating a slideshow, using text boxes, inserting images, tables and charts, and adding transitions and animations in Microsoft PowerPoint. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Computer Basics

Monday, June 23 at 11 a.m.

In this hands-on class, you will learn the various parts of a computer, how to use a mouse, how to open/close a program, and how to properly turn on/off the computer. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## MS PowerPoint Intermediate

Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

Building upon the MS PowerPoint Basics class and using hands-on examples, you will learn how to link a MS Word document and Excel spreadsheet, create hyperlinks, action buttons, and design effects in Microsoft PowerPoint. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## iPad Basics

Wednesday, July 2 at 11 a.m.

In this lecture-style class, we will take a basic look at navigating your Apple iPad. You may bring your own iPad if you would like to follow along. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Canva Advanced

Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m.

In this advanced hands-on class, we will dive deeper into creating graphic designs for use in making interactive websites. Previous Canva experience or having previously taken our Canva Basics class is required to participate in this project class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Gmail/Drive Basics

Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

Find out how to set up and use a Google e-mail account. Also, discover more about Google Drive, a cloud-based solution for composing, storing, and collaborating on various types of documents in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Google Docs Basics

Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to create, edit, and share documents with Google's word processing program in this hands-on class. **LIMIT 16. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Google Sheets/Forms Basics

Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

In this introductory hands-on class, we will show you how to create, edit, and share spreadsheets in Google Sheets and how to create, edit, and share various forms using Google Forms. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Microsoft 365 Overview

Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

This lecture-style class will cover topics on Microsoft 365 apps, plans, pricing, storage, and features. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Google Slides Basics

Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m.

Discover how to prepare and share slideshow presentations with Google Slides in this hands-on class. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## iPhone Basic's

Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 11 a.m.

This lecture-style class will cover basic functions of iPhones, including checking for updates and how to navigate through your device. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**



# Computer Classes

Class capacity is 16 unless otherwise noted.

## iPhone Intermediate

Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 11 a.m.

This lecture-style class will build off the iPhone Basics class and go over iPhone functions such as password protection, Screen mirroring, Calendar, Bluetooth®, and much more. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Google Photos Basics

Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

Learn how to organize and manage your photos, make edits, and share your albums using Google Photos in this lecture-style class. **LIMIT 20. REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## AI Chatbots and You

Monday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.

In this ChatGPT-focused lecture you will learn what an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot is, how they have been used, and what they can do for you.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Cut the Cable

Monday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m.

This lecture-style class will show you how to cut your cable subscription and get your home ready for streaming.

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Windows 11 Basics

Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m.

This hands-on class will guide you through the fundamentals of navigating Windows 11. Learn to find what you need, organize your files, and personalize your experience. We'll cover the Start menu, Taskbar, File Explorer, Settings, and more! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Computer Intermediate

Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 11 a.m.

This hands-on class will build on the foundation of the previous Computer 101 class. You will learn how to create folders, surf the web, and how to create safe passwords. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## MacBook Basics

Thursday, Aug. 28 at 11 a.m.

In this lecture-style class, we will take a basic look at navigating around on a MacBook Air or Pro. You may bring your own MacBook if you would like to follow along. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

# Glowforge & Cricut® Classes

## Glowforge and Inkscape Basics

Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

In this course, you'll get hands-on instruction using the Glowforge laser cutter/engraver and creating/editing files in Inkscape for use with the Glowforge software. **LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Cricut® Basics - Design Space

Thursday, June 5 at 11 a.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

In this basics course, you will receive hands-on instruction on how to use the Cricut® Design Space and Cricut® craft cutting machine and take home a personalized greeting card project.

## Glowforge Father's Day Project

Saturday, June 7 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Sunday, June 8 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

In this class, you will use the Glowforge laser cutting/engraving machine to create a take home Father's Day project. Previous Glowforge experience or having previously taken our Glowforge Basics class is required to participate in this project class.

## Cricut® Basics - Vinyl Stickers

Tuesday, June 10 at 11 a.m.

How can you distinguish your to-go cup/water bottle from everyone else's? Join us for a workshop using Cricut® Software to create a simple image or text for decals to individualize your to-go cup. Please bring your own cup. **LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Cricut® Basics - Heat Transfer Vinyl

Tuesday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

In this class we will be learning about creating personalized apparel and many other things with heat transfer (iron-on) vinyl. It's not just for t-shirts anymore! We will give ironing-on tips but will not be using an iron during this session.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Cricut® Fourth of July Project

Saturday, June 28 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Sunday, June 29 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

In this class, you will use the Cricut® machine and create a take-home Fourth of July wreath. Previous Cricut® experience or having previously taken our Cricut® Basics class is required to participate in this project class.

## Cricut® Summer Project

Saturday, July 19 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

Sunday, July 20 at 2:30 p.m.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

Layered Mandalas are a hot trend in the crafting world. They look AMAZING! The layers create beautiful depth and a stunning finished project. In this hands-on class, you will create your own layered Mandala to frame or hang in your own home.



# Teens

Programs are for Teens in Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. For May events, register teens for programs in the grade that they are currently in. Starting in June, register them for programs aimed at the grade they will be starting in August. All events are in person unless otherwise noted. Register for each program through the library's online calendar at [orlandpark.librarycalendar.com](http://orlandpark.librarycalendar.com).



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## Teen Paint and Sip

Monday, May 19 at 5 p.m.

Sit down for a relaxing hour of painting, music, and tasty drinks! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Teen LEGO® Derby

Friday, May 23 at 5 p.m.

Do you think that you have what it takes to build that fastest LEGO® car around? Sign up to accept the challenge. You'll have a half hour to build with the library's LEGOs®, and then we'll test them to find out whose car is the fastest. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Level Up Your Reading: Award Book Challenge

June - August

Read three Rebecca Caudill Award books (grades 6-8), Abe Lincoln Award books (grades 9-12), or Read for a Lifetime books (grades 9-12) during summer and be entered to win a gift card. Sign up for the challenge and log your books on Beanstack!

## Level Up Your Taste Buds! Snacks from Around the World

Friday, June 6 at 5 p.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Thursday, July 17 at 2 p.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

Join us once a month to try various snacks and candy from another country.

## Super Mario Lucky Star Jars

Monday, June 23 at 5 p.m.

Help Mario, Luigi, and Peach by decorating their Super Star Jars and filling them with as many stars as possible!

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Rise of the AI Escape Room

Friday, June 27 at 5 p.m.

**GRADES 6 - 8.** We have the latest set of VR goggles available to try, but due to some sort of glitch you are now stuck in a virtual wasteland. Your job is to solve the puzzles and find the code to disarm the AI before it escapes and takes over the real world. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Teen Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m.

A tournament to determine Orland Park Public Library's best Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player! Register in advance for this 1 vs. 1 tournament. Bringing your own controller is welcome! **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

## Cricut® for Teens

Tuesday, July 1 at 3 p.m.

In this basics class, you will receive hands-on instruction on how to use the Cricut® Design Space and Cricut®craft cutting machine. You will create and take home your own vinyl stickers.

**LIMIT 6. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Board Games & Brownies

Saturday, July 5 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun time of playing lots of different games and sampling delicious brownies! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Shark Slime

Friday, July 11 at 5 p.m.

Celebrate Shark Week by creating shark-inspired slime! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Canva Basics for Teens

Tuesday, July 22 at 3 p.m.

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to use this graphic design program to create a variety of fun projects, both print and digital. **LIMIT 16. REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Legend of Zelda Sword Origami

Wednesday, July 23 at 5 p.m.

Join the warriors of Hyrule by creating your very own Legend of Zelda Master Swords! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

## Summer Fairy Jars

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 5 p.m.

Enchant our library by creating fairy jars that are sure to light up your life!

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## DIY Tabletop Skee-Ball

Monday, Aug. 25 at 5 p.m.

Create your own tabletop Skee-ball game and compete against other kids to see who can get the highest score!

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**



## Take & Makes

Pickup begins at 9 a.m.

### Gaming Coasters

Monday, May 5

### D&D Dice Bags

Monday, June 9

### Marvel vs. DC Shrinky Dink Keychains

Monday, July 7

### Back To School Mascot Keychains (Shrinky Dinks)

Monday, Aug. 4



# Volunteer Hours

Anyone in grades 6-12 can participate in our service hour opportunities, unless otherwise noted. All in-person service hour programming requires registration through our online calendar. If you cannot attend the opportunities that you have registered for, be sure to either cancel online or call us at (708) 428-5154 to cancel. If you miss more than 2 opportunities without canceling, you will not be able to register for any more opportunities. The library does not provide service hours for court mandated issues. Students must provide their own service hour paperwork. Hours are given out at the discretion of library staff.

## Take, Make, & Bring Back

Pick up your kits at the Teen Desk, while supplies last. Hurry, they go FAST! Be sure to follow ALL instructions in your kit to earn service hours. You may only have 1 kit out at a time. Once you return your finished kit you can take another one. No registration required.

### Mini Works of Art - Level Up Theme

Month of May

**HOURS EARNED: 1 PER KIT** Pick up this kit and create a work of art to show off your creativity. Artwork will be used in the Teen Loft for Summer Reading.

### Create the Next Reading Dragons Special Edition Card

Months of June & July

**HOURS EARNED: 1 HOUR PER KIT UP TO 3** Pick up this kit and decorate the dragon for a chance to be our next Reading Dragons card artist. Artwork may be used during our next Reading Dragons Winter Reading program on upcoming "Special Edition" cards.



### Love Your Library Mini Paintings

Month of August

**HOURS EARNED: 1 PER KIT** Pick up this kit and create a work of art to show off your love for the library. Artwork will be used to decorate the Teen Loft.

### Little Free Food Pantry Stockers

Mondays & Wednesday at 5 p.m.

May 5, June 2, July 2, & Aug. 4

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1, MAY 15, JUNE 16, & JULY 15**

**HOURS EARNED: VARIES** Help us keep our Little Food Pantry stocked. You will need to attend a 1-hour mandatory training session and commit to visiting the library once a week for the month you register for. Meet at the Teen Desk for training. See our Teen Service Hours website for more details.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH MONTH SEPARATELY.**

### Summer Reading Kickoff Volunteers

Saturday, June 7 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 4** Register to help out with our Summer Reading Kickoff Day. We'll have various stations and activities that you will help run with the help of our librarians. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Summer Buddies - The Floor Is Lava

Thursday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 1.5** Buddy up with a child to help them conquer the game "The Floor Is Lava." **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Mario & Friends Obstacle Course

Tuesday, June 24 at 1 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 2.5** Level Up your creativity and help build a Mario and Friends-inspired obstacle course with other teens. Then help little kids go through it. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

### Escape From Jurassic Park!

Tuesday, July 1 at 3 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 2.5** Work with other teens to create a floor maze based on Jurassic Park for kids of all ages to enjoy. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Summer Buddies - Video Game Character Perler Beads

Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 1.5** Buddy up with a child to help them create video game masterpieces using Perler Beads. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Life-Sized Candy Land Volunteers

Saturday, July 26

10 a.m. - Noon Noon - 2 p.m. & 2 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 27 from 2 - 4 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 2 PER SESSION** Sign up to help out with our Life-Sized Candy Land Game. Choose a shift to sign up for and work with librarians to make the game come to life for families. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

### Summer Buddies - Race to the Galaxy

Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.m.

**HOURS EARNED: 1.5** Buddy up with a child to help them play this awesome game. Think gym class game... but even better! **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## New Teen Internship Opportunities!

Are you interested in helping out at the library at least once a month and earning service hours? Are you looking for something to add to your future college applications or resumé? Stop by the Teen Desk starting July 1 to grab a copy of our Teen Intern Application or print one off on our website. Applications are open July 1 - August 13. Interviews for the program will be at the end of August. You must be able to commit to attending the scheduled intern meeting one Sunday a month for 2 hours. You must also be able to commit to 2 hours' worth of "homework" a month. You will earn at least 4 service hours a month if you are chosen for this program. Interns will also have bonus opportunities to earn even more service hours. Visit our Teen Services webpage to learn more about this exclusive Service Hour opportunity.



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HOURS ON PAGES  
15-20.**



# Children

All programs are in-person. Please pay attention to age restrictions and program limits. OPPL cardholders are given priority, but non-residents can be waitlisted and will be allowed registration 5 days before the event if space allows. For May events, register children for programs in the grade that they are currently in. Starting in June, register them for programs aimed at the grade they will be starting in August.



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## Storytime Schedule

Register at 9 a.m. on May 1 for May programs, May 15 for June programs, June 16 for July programs, July 15 for August programs. All storytimes require registration unless otherwise noted.

### Tuesdays

#### Toddler Time

at 10 a.m.

May 13 - Aug. 26

24-47 MONTHS

WITH PARENT OR CAREGIVER.

### Wednesdays

#### Baby Lapsit Storytime

at 10 a.m.

May 14 - Aug. 27

AGES BIRTH-11 MONTHS.

#### Baby Walkers Storytime

at 11 a.m.

May 14 - Aug. 27

AGES 12-23 MONTHS.

#### Arabic Storytime

at 4:30 p.m.

May 21, June 18,  
July 16, & Aug. 20

ALL AGES. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

### Thursdays

#### Once Upon a Time Storytime

at 10 a.m.

May 15 - Aug. 28

ALL AGES.

#### Night Owls Storytime

at 6:30 p.m.

May 15, June 12 & 26

July 3, 17, & 31, Aug. 14 & 28

ALL AGES.

### Saturdays

#### Bright Starts Family Storytime

at 10 a.m.

May 17 - Aug. 30

ALL AGES.





# Family Events/All Ages

## Flat Gordon

June and July

Have you seen Gordon? Stop by the desk in the Children's Library to pick up your own Flat Gordon to take on summer adventures. Don't forget to tag the library when you share your photos online! You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok!

## Homeschoolers: Backyard Games

Friday, May 9 at 1 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the year with outdoor games. We will also have space for you to bring your favorite board games as well. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Ohana Means Family

Friday, May 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Aloha! Everyone belongs at the library! Let's celebrate the new release of *Lilo & Stitch* with games and activities. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

## Crosstown Exotics

Saturday, June 7 at 11 a.m.

Come celebrate the beginning of summer reading with an exciting reptile show! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Excited for Eid!

Tuesday, June 10 from 6 - 7 p.m.

Celebrate Eid with us as we do games and activities outside! Event will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## T-Rexplorers

Monday, June 16 at 2 p.m.

Get excited about science and nature with T-Rexplorers! See dinosaur bones up close and get a glimpse of what it would be like to go on a Paleontological dig with authentic dinosaur fossils from species like the T-Rex and the Triceratops. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Escape from Jurassic Park!

Tuesday, July 1 at 4 p.m.

Dinos are on the loose! Can you make it out of this all-ages floor maze designed by our teen volunteers? **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Puppy Pals

Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m.

Our furry friends are back by popular demand! If you missed the Puppy Pals last year and their amazing tricks, you're in luck! They are back again with incredible tricks certain to delight patrons of all ages! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Rockin' and Reading with Leonardo

Friday, July 11 at 2 p.m.

Bring your dancing shoes and your best air guitar moves...it's time for rockin' and reading with Leonardo! This is a humorous, high-energy music and movement program that inspires little rockers to be big readers. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Bubble Creation Station

Monday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

EVERYBODY gets to make bubbles! And who doesn't love bubbles? This is a fantastic, interactive activity that brings everyone together! Kids will be shown how different bubble wands will make different types of bubbles and they'll learn some bubble tricks too! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Life-Sized Candy Land

Saturday, July 26  
from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 27 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Challenge and try your luck to make it through Gumdrops Mountain and Candy Cane Forest to Candy Castle. **THIS IS A DROP-IN EVENT AND NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

## Sarah Jane Layne

Thursday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.

It's time to get dancing with Sarah Jane Layne and her band! Come hear some original songs, as well as some old favorites and sing along. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## Books & Ballerinas

Saturday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m.

**AGES 3 - GRADE 2.** Come see a short ballet performance and then learn a few ballet moves of your own from the talented dancers of Ballet 5:8. **REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

## Special Event

### Welcome to the Teen Loft!

Saturday, June 14  
from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**INCOMING SIXTH GRADERS.** Are you starting sixth grade in the fall? Come to this after-hours event to celebrate your move to the Teen Department at OPPL! We'll play games, make stuff, and enjoy having the library to ourselves.

### Sweet Stories at Rainbow Cone

Saturday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m.  
**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1**

Friday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Friday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16**

Friday, Aug. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

**REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15**

Join us at Rainbow Cone for layers of delicious ice cream, sweet stories, and ice cream-themed activities!

### Storytimes in the Park

Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

June 17 at Quintana Park

July 22 at Cachey Park

Aug. 12 at Discovery Park

Let's experience some of our beautiful Orland Park parks for a wonderful outdoor storytime. While you're there, stop by our Little Free Libraries for your next read. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

### Sprinkle Saturdays at Stan's

Saturdays at 2 p.m.  
June 21 & Aug. 16

Stop by Stan's Donuts for a deliciously frosted library event. **REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15 & JULY 15.**

## Off-site Events

## Birth-23 Months

With parent or caregiver.

### Baby Prom 2025: A Midmorning to Remember

Friday, May 23 at 11 a.m.

Why wait until high school? Put on a fancy dress or tux and join us at the library for A Midmorning to Remember. The day will be filled with dancing, "limo" rides, and that very special someone. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### Tummy Time Together

Monday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

**BIRTH-11 MONTHS.** "Tummy time is the worst!"-Every Baby, ever. Let's make tummy time more fun by sharing it with friends in this special playtime for our littlest babies. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Baby Backyard Water Play

Monday, July 14 at 11 a.m.

Let's have some splish-splashing fun in The Backyard. Don't forget to wear your swimsuit and bring your towel!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

## Ages 2-3

With parent or caregiver.

### Toddler Flower Painting

Wednesday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

Use spring sprouts like flowers or leaves as paintbrushes to create beautiful artwork! [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### LEGO® Duplo Builders

Friday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

Imagine, build, and create using the library's LEGO® Duplo collection. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Toddler Sensory Play

Thursday, July 10 at 4 p.m.

Engage your senses in a special playtime just for toddlers. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Toddler Backyard Water Play

Monday, July 14 at 2 p.m.

Let's have some splish-splashing fun in The Backyard. Don't forget to wear your swimsuit and bring your towel! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Yellow Toddler Craft

Friday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m.

Feeling inspired by the summer sun? So are we! Join us as we do a craft inspired by the color yellow! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

## Ages 3-6

With parent or caregiver.

### Picnic Craft

Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we create a picnic-inspired craft! [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Mario & Friends Obstacle Course

Tuesday, June 24 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Join us for a Mario and Friends inspired obstacle course created by our teen volunteers. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Preschool Backyard Water Play

Monday, July 14 at 4 p.m.

Let's have some splish-splashing fun in The Backyard. Don't forget to wear your swimsuit and bring your towel! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Rainy Day Games

Thursday, July 24 at 4 p.m.

It's raining, it's pouring...or maybe it isn't! Either way, join us at the library for some fun indoor games.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Freeze Dance & Freeze Pops!

Monday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m.

We'll work up a sweat grooving to our favorite freeze dances, then cool off with some delicious freeze pops.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Bubble Play

Friday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m.

Join us in The Backyard as we play with bubbles and make some bubble art!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)





## Grades K-2

### Classic Card Games

Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.



Try your hand at some classic games including Old Maid, Go Fish, Uno & War. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### Rockin' Recess Games!

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



Play some old favorites like Hopscotch, Hot Potato, Simon Says, and Duck, Duck Goose. Win some fun prizes!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Flat Gordon

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

What's that tapir up to now? We will read *Have You Seen Gordon?* by Adam Jay Epstein and color our own Gordons to take on summer adventures.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Summer Buddies: The Floor Is Lava

Thursday, June 19 at 2 p.m.

Can you make it across the room using a collection of weird and wacky props? Find out in this hands-on, real-life version of the classic game.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Sailor Duck's Backyard Bash!

Monday, June 30 at 2 p.m.



You're invited to a party in The Backyard with Sailor Duck leading the festivities!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Handprint Eagle Craft

Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m.



Come try your hand, literally, as you will trace your hands to make an eagle that looks as if it is flying. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Summer Buddies: Video Game Character Perler Beads

Wednesday, July 9 at 2 p.m.

Create your favorite video game characters using Perler Beads in this hands-on craft program.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)



### Rock, Paper, Scissors

Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.



Read the book *Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Drew Daywalt and explore the sculptures made in New Mexico and Indiana. Then of course try your hand at winning this fun game with a twist to the rules and a tournament winner!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### LEGO® Derby

Wednesday, July 30 at 2 p.m.



Test out your LEGO® skills to create a LEGO® car that can go the fastest, the farthest, or that is the most unique! The library supplies the LEGOs®, you bring your building skills! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### FRIENDLY FEUD!

Monday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Sailor Duck hosts this kid-friendly version of Family Feud! Kids will be split randomly into teams of 5 to compete in the classic game show! Please register for one session. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Summer Buddies: Race to the Galaxy

Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m.

In this fast-paced game, you'll work with your team to collect all of the space gems before the other teams! The clock is ticking; can you get them all before the buzzer sounds? [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Paper Bag Kite Craft

Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.



Decorate a paper lunch bag, add streamers, and make your own special kite to fly. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### DIY Puzzle & Game!

Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m.



Have fun making your own puzzle and Tic-Tac-Toe game! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

## Grades 3-5



### All About Energy

Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.



Come learn about all the different kinds of energy and do some experiments to demonstrate them. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### Edible Slime

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.



Slime you can play with and try a bite, if you dare! [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### Eye Wear LEGOs®

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to build your own fabulous LEGO® glasses. Anything you can wear on your face you get to keep!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 1](#)

### Knitting Club

Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20

Do you admire hand-knit hats, mittens, or scarves? This is your chance to learn to knit, so you can create your own.

### ERROR 404: Program Not Found

Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m.



Learn all about simple circuits and create your very own running dinosaur robot just like the browser game.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Jewelry Making!

Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Try your hand at creating some beautiful, unique jewelry! [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Rise of the AI Escape Room

Friday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

We have the latest set of VR goggles available to try, but due to some sort of glitch you are now stuck in a virtual wasteland. Your job is to solve the puzzles and find the code to disarm the AI before it escapes and takes over the real world. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Games of the Past

Monday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.



Come and play some games that your parents played when they were younger like Cat's Cradle, and then make your own Fortune Teller. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### The KID Game

Monday, July 7 at 2 p.m.



Join us for a series of mini games inspired by the wildly popular pop culture phenoms. We will be playing Red Light, Green Light, The Dalgona Challenge, Tug of War, and more!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Paper Collages

Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.



Have fun making a paper collage using a variety of materials. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Ice Cream Day!

Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m.



July 20 is National Ice Cream Day! Design a delicious dessert to enjoy while making various origami crafts.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Ransom Notes

Wednesday, July 23 at 2 p.m.

Get ready for a fit of giggles during this ridiculous word magnet game. The librarian will give you a silly prompt and you will have 60 seconds to use the word magnets in front of you to come up with a silly response to the question.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Giant Board Game Extravaganza

Tuesday, July 29 at 4 p.m.



Get ready for BIG BIG FUN! Join us in gigantic games of Hungry Hungry Hippos on push scooters and humongous Jenga and even Kerplunk so big it'll knock your socks off!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### A Bobbie Goods Time

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m.

Come chill with us for cozy coloring and snacks. You can turn your creations into stickers and buttons. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Art Games

Monday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m.



Have a blast playing different ART GAMES with your friends!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Dippin' Dots Scented Slime

Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.



Get ready to get your hand gooey and create your very own Dippin' Dots-themed slime. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Invisible Life Around Us

Friday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Examine various microorganisms in our everyday life. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)



## Grades K-5

### Star Wars Time

Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m.



The force is strong at the library. Explore the galaxy with stories and a craft. [REGISTRATION IS APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED.](#)

### Video Game Club

Fridays from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15



Hop in for some multiplayer fun on Nintendo Switch games like Mario Kart 8 Deluxe and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate!

[NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.](#)

### BINGO-Palooza: Super Mario BINGO

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



Find your favorite Mario game characters five in a row and BINGO. [REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### Crayola Imagine Academy of Arts Presents: Board Game Design

Wednesday, June 25 at 2 p.m.

Come dive into the world of board game design by creating your own board game about the wonders of ocean life.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15](#)

### BINGO-Palooza: Loteria

Friday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m.



Play the beloved and traditional Mexican picture BINGO.

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, July 31 from 2 - 4 p.m.



Ready to hit the road? We'll have a tournament to determine our best Mario Kart 8 Deluxe racer! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JUNE 16](#)

### Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 9 from 2 - 4 p.m.



Register for our 1 vs. 1 tournament to determine the library's best Super Smash Bros. Ultimate player! We'll supply the gaming gear! [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)



### BINGO-Palooza: Book Cover BINGO

Thursday, Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.



Get five familiar book covers in a row for a BINGO!

[REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

### Crafty Readers: Back to School

Friday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Read a story and create a craft to celebrate the new school year. [REGISTRATION OPENS: JULY 15](#)

## Did You Know?

The Children's Library offers several opportunities for Teens to complete tasks for volunteer hours. Teens can help out with programs for grades 5 and under, specifically our Buddies programs and Popular Character Obstacle Courses. They also help out with library-wide events such as the Friends of the Library Booksale, the Summer Reading Kickoff Event, and Winter Wonderfest. This year we gave Teens the opportunity to decorate the windows of the Youth Services Craft Room. The art is visible by visiting The Backyard. For in-person volunteer opportunities for this summer and beyond, be sure to check our newsletter and our online calendar.



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**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
1 - 5 p.m.

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### Library Board Meetings

The Library Board meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

### Follow Us



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## Shred Your Documents at the Library

### New Paper Shredder in the Tech Center




Need to safely dispose of documents? The library has a public shredder in our Tech Center! Just check in at the Computer Help Desk before use.

The shredder handles paper only. You can shred up to 10 pages at a time using the top slot for quick results or let the auto-feed tray handle up to 300 sheets in about 6-8 minutes.

For fast, one-time shredding, drop in anytime! If you have larger shredding needs, library cardholders and reciprocal borrowers can reserve time to use the auto-feed tray.

Appointments fill up fast, so book yours today!  
Call (708) 428-5171 to schedule.

### Community Shredding Event

Friday, June 13  
from Noon - 2 p.m. 

Join us in the library's parking lot for a free Community Shredding Event! Safely dispose of your confidential documents and protect your personal information. This event is proudly sponsored by Illinois State Representative Mary Gill and Illinois State Senator Bill Cunningham. Bring your papers, and let us help you shred with confidence. All are welcome!

## Honor and Memorial Giving

### Celebrate loved ones and special occasions

Monetary donations accepted. To learn more, email [gifts@orlandparklibrary.org](mailto:gifts@orlandparklibrary.org).

In memory of **Louis J. DePasquale Sr.**, *Transformational Sales Leadership: Sales Leader Perspectives* by Christine A. Eastman, Phill McGowan, and Beth Rodgers, has been donated by **Joy Stenson**.

In memory of **Grandpa Lou DePasquale Sr.**, *When I Became Your Grandpa* by Susannah Shane, has been donated by **Joy Stenson**.

In memory of **Helen Okorafor**, *One Way Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor, has been donated by **Ann Gardner**.

In memory of **Philomena Gaspard**, *Authentic Polish Cooking: 120 Mouthwatering Recipes, from Old-Country Staples to Exquisite Modern Cuisine* by Marianna Dworak, has been donated by **The Orland Neighborhood Group**.

In memory of **Shirley Maloney**, *Judy: The Life, Legend, and Tragedy of an American Icon* by Gerold Frank, has been donated by **Orland Park Public Library Board of Library Trustees and Staff**.

In memory of **Dallas Stefanos**, *The Director* by Daniel Kehlmann, has been donated by **Her Dinami Friends**.

In memory of **Dallas Stefanos**, **Friend and Avid Reader**, a paver stone has been donated by **Her Dinami Friends**.

In memory of **Michael J. Ahl**, **Son of Mary Ann and Tom Ahl**, a paver stone has been donated by **Todd Bofinger**.

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## Library Closed

Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26  
Friday, July 4

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
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