



Kick-Off Summer Reading with us on June 8th!

Our Summer Reading Program is back and better than ever! We have books, prizes, and engaging activities for all ages. Whether you're a child discovering the joy of reading for the first time or an adult looking to dive into the latest bestseller, we have your next adventure covered!



Homeschool Prom 2026

Teens from across the area joined us for "A Night In Paris" at our second Homeschool Prom! Teens enjoyed cream puffs, eclairs, and macarons, while DJ Lance created a soundtrack for them to dance the night away. We can't wait to party again next year!



Ask Erin!



Erin is the Librarian's Assistant for the Youth Department. This month Erin wants to highlight Juneteenth.

Each year, on June 19th, people around the United States celebrate our nation's second Independence Day: Juneteenth! On June 19th, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with approximately 2,000 federal troops to free the 250,000 individuals who remained enslaved despite the issuing of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation over two years prior. News of freedom for these Americans spread, leading to coordinated celebrations across the country. Advocate Opal Lee began campaigning for this day to become a Federal Holiday in the 1970s, but it was not until 2021 that it became official. Juneteenth stands as a cultural representation of the resilience of Black Americans, and the collective efforts it takes to ensure the values the United States was founded on remain.



YOUTH

For Babies & Toddlers!

Babies & Books

Every Monday

10:15am - 11:00am

Join us for a weekly storytime for babies and toddlers under 2 with caregiver!

STORYTIME AT DEBATE SQUARE

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 10:30am - 11:00am

Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to Debate Square Park for an outdoor storytime. Don't forget your blankets and chairs!

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY

Monday, June 8 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Outdoors - Sign up for Summer Reading at our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party! Children who sign up at the party will receive a free book. We will also have crafts, tattoos, and games! In case of rain, our party will move inside the library.

SLIME MAKING

Color Change Slime

Tuesday, June 9 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Room - Join us each month to make a different kind of slime you can take home!

DINOSAUR FAMILY BINGO

Thursday, June 11 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun playing dinosaur themed Bingo! All children will go home a winner. This program is only for children, teens, and their caregivers.



POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, June 11 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - Meet to play and talk Pokémon with other trainers! Players can bring their own cards, or use decks provided by the library. Trade cards, battle each other, or just talk strategy - this club is for novice trainers and experts alike!

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, June 12 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Youth Program Room - Join us for a morning full of creativity. Each month we will make a masterpiece you can take home. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is for ages 5 and under.



PAWS to Read

Saturday, June 13 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your little ones to practice reading with the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! For kids of all ages.

Make It Monday

Monday, June 15 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in each Monday between 2:00pm and 4:00pm to make a craft with us! This week we will be painting wooden dinosaur or bird puzzles.

Dinosaur Discoveries with T-Rexplorers

Thursday, June 18 | 11:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00 - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - T-Rexplorers will bring a large collection of authentic dinosaur fossils, including bones, teeth, eggs, tracks, and coprolite (fossilized dino poop)! Kids will get a sneak peek into the world of paleontology, learn what it's like to be a fossil hunter, see all kinds of specimens up close, and hear stories from real digs. **Registration required.**

CRAFTS AT NIGHT

Dinosaur and Bird Puzzle Painting

Thursday, June 18 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Youth Program Room - Can't make it to our Make It Mondays in the afternoon? Come craft with us in the evening!

Make It Monday

Monday, June 22 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in each Monday between 2:00 and 4:00 pm to make a craft with us! This week we will be making Woodland Creature Ornaments.

Tie-Dye Party

Tuesday, June 23 | 12:00pm - 6:00pm



Bring a new, white item to the library to tie-dye! Limit two items per person. Register your family for a half hour time slot to make your tie-dye items. **Registration required.**

LIFE SIZE CANDY LAND

Thursday, June 25 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm &

Friday, June 26 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Meeting Room - Come along on a journey through Candy Land's magical landscapes, where you can step into the game! Navigate a giant Candy Land board, meet colorful characters, and enjoy fun little sweets as you play your way through this adventure.

Make It Monday

Monday, June 29 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in each Monday between 2:00 and 4:00 to make a craft with us! This week we will be making summer memory jars.

Mini Dino Makers

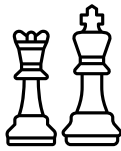
Tuesday, June 30 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Meeting Room - Drop in for a morning of dinosaur crafts for ages 2-7! We will make dinosaur head bands, paper plate dinosaurs, dinosaur suncatchers, and more.

join chessport!

Wednesday, June 3 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the basics or a seasoned player looking to sharpen your strategy, this event is for you! Chess sets are provided. All ages welcome.



ADULT

Learn to Make Adaptive Books

Tuesday, June 9 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Meeting Room - Adaptive books are modified reading materials with added visual supports. Our presenter, Rita Angelini, has been making adaptive books for years. These books can be used with children with a variety of developmental differences, including autism, challenged fine motor skills, language delays, visual challenges, and complex bodies in general. They can also assist reluctant readers.

TEENS

TEEN TUESDAYS

Summer Workday

Tuesday, June 2 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Teen Room - Handy with a pair of scissors? A pro at preparation? Join us for a special Teen Tuesday to work on our Summer Reading Program materials.



MOSAICS

Tuesday, June 16 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Learning Lab - We're kicking off our Summer with colorful creativity! Using multi-color tiles and a simple square base, the designs you can create are endless!

Games in the Grass! Ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday, June 30 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Debate Square - It's Game Day and we're going outside to play Ultimate Frisbee! Meet at the field in Debate Square, where we will build teams and face off. Wear clothes that you can move freely and safely in.

MONDAY MURDERS

Dial A for Aunties

by Jesse Q. Sutano

Monday, June 15 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Boardroom - When Meddelin Chan ends up accidentally killing her blind date, her meddlesome mother calls for her even more meddlesome aunties to help get rid of the body. All are welcome for this book group.

"GEORGE ROGER CLARK TAKES ON THE OLD NORTHWEST"

Tuesday, June 16 | 6:30pm - 7:45pm

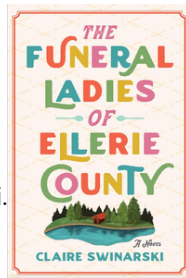
Meeting Room - John Lynn traveled a thousand miles by canoe and 250 miles by bicycle to follow the route of George Rogers Clark and his men during their daring Revolutionary War campaign to drive the British from their forts on the western frontier. He will talk about and show pictures of his travel adventures, along with the history of the "Old Northwest Territory."

ADULT

Senior Resource Center Book Discussion

Thursday, June 4 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Senior Resource Center - Join us at the Senior Resource Center in Freeport to discuss this month's selection, *The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County*, by Claire Swinarski. Armed with a Crock-Pot and a pile of recipes, a grandmother, her granddaughter, and a mysterious young man work to bring a community together in this uplifting novel. No registration required, all are welcome!



IT'S A WEIRD WORLD...

Wednesday, June 17 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Boardroom - This month we will discuss aliens! There is so much about aliens, we couldn't fit it all into our discussion in February. Let's do it again!

Therapeutic Recreation

For Folks with I.D.D.

Tuesday, June 23 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Meeting Room - Join our therapeutic recreation program designed especially for individuals with disabilities. Engage in crafting, chatting, and fun activities! No registration required.

TINFOIL STAINED GLASS CRAFT



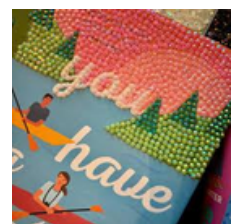
Monday, June 8 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - Make faux stained glass using tinfoil, sharpies, and a picture frame - it looks really cool. We will have various templates for designs. **Registration Required.**

Bedazzled Books Craft

Monday, June 29 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Meeting Room - It's all the rage - you bring in a favorite book and use our supplies to bedazzle it. Your favorite book will be beautiful and displayable! It's sort of like diamond art. **Registration Required.**



STAY CONNECTED

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