

#### NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

June 1 & 15 • July 6 & 20 • August 3 & 17 | 10 am-12 pm In-Person: Community Room 🗸 💄

At Home: on Zoom 🤡 🦍

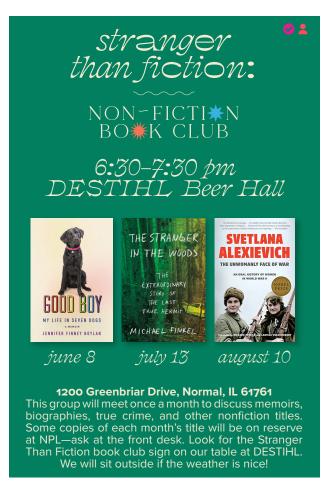
Gather to work on your current project and share tips and information. Bring a project you would like to work on.

#### **GENEALOGY MEETUP**

June 7 • July 5 • August 2 | 2-3 pm In-Person: Community Room 🗸 💄 At Home: on Zoom 🤡 🦍

Share your recent genealogical finds with others! Get help using Ancestry Library Edition and other library resources

to explore your family's history.



#### ADULT WRITING MEETUP 🗢 🚨

June 11 • July 2 • August 13 2-3:30 pm | Community Room

Whether you enjoy writing as a hobby or a career, join us for a monthly writing meetup. Bring your latest project to share or continue working on. There will be opportunities to read each other's writing and discuss latest reads. Bring or borrow a computer, or paper and pen will be provided.

All adult events are intended for ages 18+ unless otherwise stated.



#### **POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC**

7-8 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🗸 💄

At Home: on Zoom 🤡 🦍

Join us to read original poems or poems by poets you love.

June 21

Summer Fun

August 16

Sun & Moon

#### POETRY WALK

June 25-July 15 Carden Park

Enjoy nature and poetry all at the same time with this Poetry "Story" Walk through Carden Park. This walk will feature poems that reflect our summer reading theme, Read Beyond the Beaten Path. Come see what is included and enjoy being enveloped by the poetry of nature.





Love is in the air at NPL's romance book club! We will be discussing mostly romantic fiction, along with some love-related nonfiction. Some copies of the front desk. Audio and e-books are also available on Libby. Our choices will reflect romance between various couples and cultures, and all genders are welcome to respectfully attend these discussions. Be prepared to talk about sweet, steamy, or downright hilarious content as we spill our thoughts about each month's read.



# **2022** adult reading challenge



read a book by a transgender author



read a romance novel about characters from a different cultural background than your own

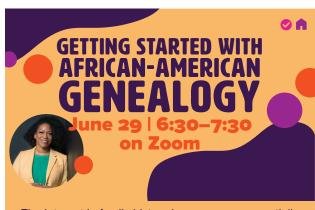


#### august

read a book in translation

june 28 • july 26 august 23 10–11 am community room and on zoom

Join us to discuss what you are reading for each month's Adult Reading Challenge. Tell us what you loved (or didn't) about your reads and get some recommendations from others, too! Snacks will be served. Let's dish about the Adult Reading Challenge!



The interest in family history has grown exponentially over the last decade and has become a national phenomenon. Nicka Smith, professional genealogist and expert in African ancestored genealogy, reverse genealogy, and in researching enslaved communities, leads this session on the basics of genealogy research and ways that descendants of both free people and the formerly enslaved can trace their ancestors.

#### MONARCH BUTTERFLIES & YOUR GARDEN 🗢 🚨

July 6 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Community Room

Help the threatened monarch butterflies flourish. Kay Henrichs, Illinois Extension Master Gardener, presents on how to create a monarch Way Station with milkweed and other nectar-rich flowers to provide food for the caterpillars and butterflies. Monarchs need your support!

#### POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS: JUSTIN HAMM 🍩

July 19 | 7-8 pm

In-Person: Community Room 🗸 💄

At Home: on YouTube 

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ntilde Gallery, returns to read poems from his new book, Drinking Guinness with the Dead.

#### BIKE BASICS 🗸 🙎

#### adults & teens

July 27 | 5:30-6:30 pm

West Bloomington Revitalization Project Bike Co-op 724 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701

Join us to learn about basic bike maintenance, how to change a flat tire, how to properly wear and adjust a bike helmet, and riding safely. Participants will receive a free bike safety light!

#### KNOWING THE DNA HAND YOU'RE DEALT 📀 🚨

August 24 | 6:30-7:30 pm

**Community Room** 

Genealogist Carol Genung presents this introduction to DNA testing and genetic genealogy. Learn what DNA is, the differences in the testing companies, and the beginning steps of what to do with your results.

#### GO ZERO WASTE 🤣 🚨

#### adults & teens

#### August 31 | 5:30-7:30 pm **Community Room**

Learn money-saving strategies that also sustain the future of our planet. Discover the benefits of the five R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot, and how to implement them to detox your home and reduce clutter. Walk away with resources and tips to lessen unnecessary consumption, improve your health, and preserve the Earth for the next generations. Participants will receive free eco gifts!



### 2022 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE READ BEYOND THE BEATEN PAT

JUNE 1-AUGUST 1 \* REGISTER TODAY!



### e goal is simple:

Earn prizes for reading this summer! Read anything from magazines to books to cereal boxes!

You can use the Beanstack site or download the app for your mobile device. For more information, visit our website.

Start the challenge off right with a prize at registration. Throughout the summer you can earn prizes for reading, as well as prize drawing entries.

June 1 | 3–7 pm | NPL Fell Lot Kickoff summer reading in style! Camp NPL begins with inflatables, lawn games, live music, food, popsicles, and tie dye! Join us on this afternoon for lots of fun!

July 28 | 4–7 pm | Underwood Park
Drop by to celebrate the end of Camp NPL. Visit our s'mores station, make some crafts, and play classic field day games like relay races and a water balloon toss! There



#### PRONOUN PINS &

June 2 | 4-6 pm Cafe

Drop by to make a cute, colorful pin to display your pronouns!

#### **SUMMER STORYWALKS** WITH NORMAL PARKS & RECREATION

June 4-30 & July 2-31

**Anderson Park** 

You are invited to interact with a story through games, activities, and a walk in the park. Our Story Walks are selfguided and suitable for kids of all ages and their families. StoryWalks are designed for your family to enjoy during the park's open hours. Watch for more StoryWalks throughout the summer!

#### NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM!

June 4 · July 2 · August 6 2-4 pm | Cafe

Bring your ukulele (or borrow one of the library's) and join in, or feel free to watch and listen. More information on the group, and a songbook, can be found at normalukejam. com.

#### **MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE:** CELL PHONE MICROSCOPE PHOTO CONTEST A

Submissions: August 1-15

Judging on Facebook: August 17-31

Stop by any service desk to pick up your free cell phone microscope. Snap a few photos beyond the beaten path and submit your best one via direct message to our Facebook page or via email to ask@normalpl.org. The owner of the photo with the most likes wins a fun prize package!

### OH FREEDOM!

SONGS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT 🗸 🙎 **WITH THE ILLINOIS HUMANITIES ROAD SCHOLARS BUREAU** 

August 11 | 6-7 pm **Community Room** 

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the civil rights movement, award winning folksinger Chris Vallillo performs songs from the movement and presents first hand accounts of the historic struggle and discusses the impact of music to our nation's most important social cause.

# MAKE NORMAL EXTRA©RDINARY.

#### **FOUNDATION BOARD**

Lyn Potts President Marc Tucci Vice-President Derek Gibb Treasurer Nancy Anderson Secretary Dr. Ramsin Benyamin Morgan Falconer Brian Huonker Cheryl Magnuson Clare Malott Charley Reynard Erin Ripley-Gataric

Normal Public Library Foundation funding supports:

Summer Reading Challenge • author visits • Poetry is Normal Presents • 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten music concerts • theater performances • character visits • magic workshops art workshops • LEGO events • local speakers • and so much more for our community

#### With your vital support, we can do more.

The Normal Public Library Foundation works to ensure every person builds a life-long relationship with learning and libraries, giving them access to all the tools needed to succeed in life.

NPLF is a community-based organization designed to raise and provide funding to enable Normal Public Library to enhance programs, services and facilities for our community.

#### There are three easy ways to give:

- 1 Individual and Corporate Giving
- 2 Planned Giving
- S Passive Giving— Amazon Smile, Axline Pharmacy, Kroger Community Rewards, Schnucks escrip

To make a gift of stock or learn about other ways to support the library, contact Brian Chase at bchase@normalpl.org or 309.433.3499.

Use the form below to make your gift or give online at normalpl.org/NPLF

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#### TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 2 • July 7 • August 4 4-5 pm | Board Room

Come share your ideas and have a say in teen services at Normal Public Library.

#### TEEN D&D

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June 13 & 27 · July 11 & 25 · August 8 & 22 5-8 pm | Discord & Roll20 🛖

June 20 · July 18 · August 15

and yes, a dragon await you in this D&D campaign. Do not worry if you have never played or do not have a character developed, all are welcome to join.



#### TEEN ANIME (LUB 💄

June 14 & 28 • July 12 & 26 • August 16 & 30 4:30-6 pm | Community Room

Come join other fans of Japanese animation and comics as we watch and discuss our favorite anime TV shows.

#### TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP 🔮 🚨

June 16 • July 21 • August 18

4-5 pm | Board Room

Join us to discuss the highs and lows of the writing life, and share your work with other writers!

#### PRIDE MONTH BOOK DISCUSSION

June 21 | 4-5 pm

Teen Area

Join us as we discuss our favorite or most recent LGBTQ+ reads for teens.

#### AFTER-HOURS MOVIE NIGHT

June 24 | 5:30-8 pm

**Community Room** 

Stay after the library closes to enjoy a movie and popcorn!

#### **LEGO MY LIBRARY: TEEN EDITION**

June 30 • July 14

4-6 pm | Community Room

LEGO My Library is not just for kids anymore! Come build with us, either to match a suggested theme, or wherever your creativity takes you.

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adults & teens

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#### MURDER AT THE LIBRARY 🗸 🚨

July 29 | 5:30-8 pm **Community Room** 

There has been a murder at the library, and it is up to you to solve it! Come examine the scene, find clues, and discover the culprit.

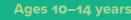
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# TWEEN EVENTS



#### "BORED" GAMES 💄

Every Wednesday • June 8-July 27 2-4 pm | Community Room

Feeling bored this summer? Cool off and satisfy your brain and your belly at our gaming afternoons. Compete in Mario Kart, break out your dance skills in Just Dance, or try your hand at a board game. Bring friends, snack, and play away the afternoon.

#### CRAFTERNOON 2

June 9 & 23 • July 7 & 21 2-4 pm | Cafe

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity in this open crafts day. There will be a suggested craft with instructions at each event, but feel free to create whatever you want!

#### THE ULTIMATE VIDEO GAMING EXPERIENCE

June 10 | 2-4 pm NPL Fell Lot

Prepare to be thrilled as you check out the stateof-the-art Rolling Video Games mobile video game



Teen events are intended for students in 6th-12th grade unless otherwise stated.

#### CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT

#### all kids

#### June 1-30 | NPL Children's Floor

Celebrate Pride Month by finding hidden book covers in Children's Services. These books recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals.

#### SUMMER STORY HOUR IN THE PARK 💄

#### ages 3–5 years

#### June 6 & 20 • July 5 & 18

#### 10-11 am | Anderson Park

Grab a blanket and meet us at Anderson Park near the tennis courts for Summer Story Hour! We will share stories, songs, and activities designed to foster a love of reading!

# SIGN & SING & SING NUMBER SIGN WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

#### ages 0–5 years

#### June 10 & 24 • July 8 & 22 • August 12 & 26 Anderson Park | 10:30–11 am

Join Miss Meghan of Communication Junction for a story time full of songs, rhymes, and books shared in American Sign Language. Miss Meghan will use bubbles and a stuffed animal to teach some signs. Please bring a blanket, your own bubbles, and a stuffy to add to the fun.

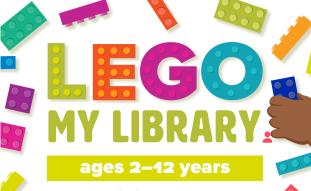
#### **BABY ROCK**

#### ages 0-2 years

June 13 & 27 • July 11 & 25 | Anderson Park August 8 & 22 | Community Room

#### 10-10:30 am

Enjoy stories, songs, and finger-plays, all intended to enhance babies' development of language and senses.



June 16 & 30 · July 14 10 am-1 pm Community Room

Join us to build, build, build! Children are welcome to create anything and creations will then be on display in the Children's Department. Children under the age of 8 should make sure their grownups are part of the construction crew.

# INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO & WITH IWU MUSIC EDUCATION

#### ages 3-8 years

#### June 23 & July 21 | 10 am-12 pm Community Room

Drop in to check out some cool kids' instruments! IWU music education students will join us to demonstrate the basics of rhythm and beat!

#### MAKER ACADEMY 🗢 🚨

#### ages 5-8 years

#### August 29 | 4–5:30 pm Community Room

The Academy is back in session! Craft, experiment, design, and create with other makers! Every month we will meet to work on a new project. At your first session of Maker Academy, you will be presented with your maker apron and then each activity you attend will earn you buttons to add to your apron.

### **FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

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June 3 | 9:30-10:30 am & 11 am-12 pm

#### **Community Room**

Wildlife Prairie Park will teach us about the animals we see in our backyards and share ways to make living with them fun and rewarding! In addition, educators from the park will have several live animals to show attendees.

#### **FAMILY STEAM CLUB**

#### June 7 & July 19 | 4-6 pm

#### Community Room

Drop-in to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics together.

#### A PEEK BENEATH THE BEATEN PATH 2

#### WITH SUGAR GROVE NATURE CENTER

#### June 17 | 10-11 am

#### **Community Room**

If you think what you see on a nature hike is cool, just wait until you discover what you don't see! Under your feet, in the ground, is a whole world waiting to be found. Bugs, roots, fungi, and a whole lot more emerge from the soil for you to explore.

#### FLOATS & FUNNIES!

#### July 1 | 10 am-4 pm Community Room

Escape the summer heat with a refreshing ice cream float and enjoy some cartoons as you relax!

# MATILDA PREVIEW BY COMMUNITY PLAYERS

#### July 9 | 10 am-12 pm

#### Community Room

Get a sneak peek of Community Players' production of *Matilda*. The well-loved book by Roald Dahl is presented in this funny and clever musical!

### MUCH ADO ABOUT QUITE A LOT

## WITH THE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

#### July 15 | 10-11 am

#### **Community Room**

Shakespeare comes to the library! Bring your children, grandchildren, or youth group—everyone is welcome. The 2022 production is *Much Ado About Quite A Lot* by Nancy Steele Brokaw and directed by Lori Adams.





# **NORMAL ARC**

### **10 AM**

June 7 & 21 July 5 & 19 August 2 & 16

# ADELAIDE

### 1 PM

July 5 August 2

**10 AM** 

June 13 July 11 August 8

### EVERGREEN VILLAGE

9:30 AM

#### **EVERGREEN** PLACE

### **11 AM**

June 28 July 26 August 23



- Normal Public Library 206 W. College Ave. Normal, IL 61761
- 309.452.1757 Children's: 454.4668
- normalpl.org ask@normalpl.org

M - TH | 9 AM-8 PM F - SAT | 9 AM-5 PM **SUN** | 1 PM-5 PM

Program details are subject to change.

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- During library events staff may take photographs and/or video recordings for future publicity and promotional purposes.

If you prefer to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these photographs or videos, please immediately inform library staff present at the event. Thank you!



### NPL has more than just books!

Check it out at normalpl.org/things

**Board Games Knitting Loom** 

Outdoor Games Seeds

**Ukuleles &** Guitars

Kits **Mobile Hot Spots** 

Sensory Bags

Zoo Passes ...And more!

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Call us at 452.1757 to inquire about library services to your home!



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