

SUMMER 2023
ACTIVITY GUIDE

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NORMAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY



JUN

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GENEALOGY MEETUP

June 6 • August 1 | 2–3 pm
In-Person: Community Room ✓ 2
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.

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

June 7 & 21 • July 5 & 19 • August 2 & 16
 10 am–12 pm
In-Person: Community Room ✓ 2
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.

BASICS OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY ✓ 2

June 11 & 18 | 2–4 pm
Community Room

Photographer Ray Silva will teach a hands-on class that covers the basics of DSLR and mirrorless cameras and the different camera modes. Become comfortable with shooting in manual mode and get ready to find your creative voice with your photography! Participants will need to bring their own camera. Registration is for the full series.

SUMMER TAKE & MAKES
 KIT PICK-UPS BEGIN

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

JUNE 13	FELT CITRUS COASTERS
JULY 11	MACRAME BAG
AUGUST 8	FABRIC SCRAP LADYBUG MAGNETS

PAPER CRAFTING CLUB ✓ 2

June 14 • July 12 • August 9
 10 am–12 pm | Community Room

Paper crafters, join us for an opportunity to work on your projects. We will provide a large workspace and bring out some of our best paper crafting tools for you to try and use. Whether you scrapbook, make cards, or build 3D paper sculptures, there is room for you at NPL. Please bring your own materials to use with our tools.

POETRY IS NORMAL OPEN MIC ✓ 2 🏠

June 20 • August 15
 7–8 pm | Café or on Zoom

Join us to read original poems or poems by poets you love. June's theme is Summer Solstice and August's theme is Anniversaries, but all themes are welcome!

LGBTQ GENEALOGY ✓ 🏠 🌈

June 21 | 6–7:15 pm
on Zoom

This presentation from professional genealogist Stewart Blandón Traiman focuses on clues in the genealogical records to find ancestors that may have been Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer.

stranger than fiction:

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

6:30–7:30 pm
Stave Wine Bar

<i>THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON MUSIC</i> The Science of a Human Obsession DANIEL J. LEVITIN june 14	<i>I Live a Life Like Yours</i> a memoir Jan Grue july 12	<i>Heartland</i> A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth SARAH SMARSH august 9
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DIY@NPL

Junk Journaling
 June 15 | 10–11:30 am & 6–7:30 pm

Book Nook
 July 20 | 10–11:30 am & 6–7:30 pm

Printmaking Workshop
 August 31 | 10–11:30 am & 6–7:30 pm

community room

NEEDLEWORK CIRCLE 2

June 25 | 2–4 pm
Café

Stop by to work on your current needlework project with others and to share tips and tricks! Knitting, crochet, cross stitch, and all other fiber crafts are welcome!

HURRICANES, CYPRESS TREES, & OTHER SYNONYMS FOR HOME 2

July 5 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Community Room

Local author Emily Fontenot will read from her new book, *Hurricanes, Cypress Trees, & Other Synonyms for Home*.

Romance Me

BOOK CLUB

6:30–7:30 PM

COMMUNITY ROOM



June 22

July 27

August 24

Recipe Rotisserie

a cookbook CLUB

2–3:30 * Community Room



JULY 9

The Honeysuckle Cookbook
by Dzung Lewis

POETRY IS NORMAL PRESENTS:

LYNNE JENSEN LAMPE

July 18 | 7–8 pm

Café or on YouTube Live

Join as poet, Lynne Jensen Lampe reads her from her new book *Talk Smack to a Hurricane*.

THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

July 26 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

Flowers are given for so many reasons in our lives. They can be given in friendship, sorrow, congratulations, and love. They can also simply say “I am thinking of you” or “I am sorry.” History tells us that flowers often held special meaning or secret messages. Master Gardener Jan Capodice will present on a history that goes well beyond well-known Victorian tradition as we learn about the messages and language of flowers.

PHISHING SCAMS & IDENTITY THEFT

August 10 | 10–11 am

Community Room

Learn how to avoid phishing scams and identity theft! This program will cover how phishing scams work—on the phone, internet and locally—and how to protect your identity and passwords.

CROP ‘TIL YOU DROP!

August 19 | 10 am–4 pm

Community Room

Do you have a big paper project you need the time and space to finish? Maybe you are ready to scrapbook or journal your summer adventures, work on upcoming holiday cards, or build something, but you need more space to do it. Come to the library where we will get out all our great paper crafting tools and give you the space and extended time to work on your designs.

ALL ABOUT SOLAR

WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

August 30 | 6:30–7:30 pm

Community Room

Join Larissa Armstrong, Assistant Director at the Ecology Action Center to learn about how solar works, whether rooftop solar or community solar is right for you.

CREATE with Cricut

10–11:30 am | community room

june 24
summer
flower
pot

july 4
seasonal
sign

Have you ever wondered about how to use a Cricut or considered buying one? Join us and get crafty with Cricut Design Space. We will learn the basics of using a Cricut and Cricut Design Space. In the end take home your very own completed project.

adult reading challenge



june

read a book about music
or musicians



july

read a memoir by an author
with a disability or a
chronic illness

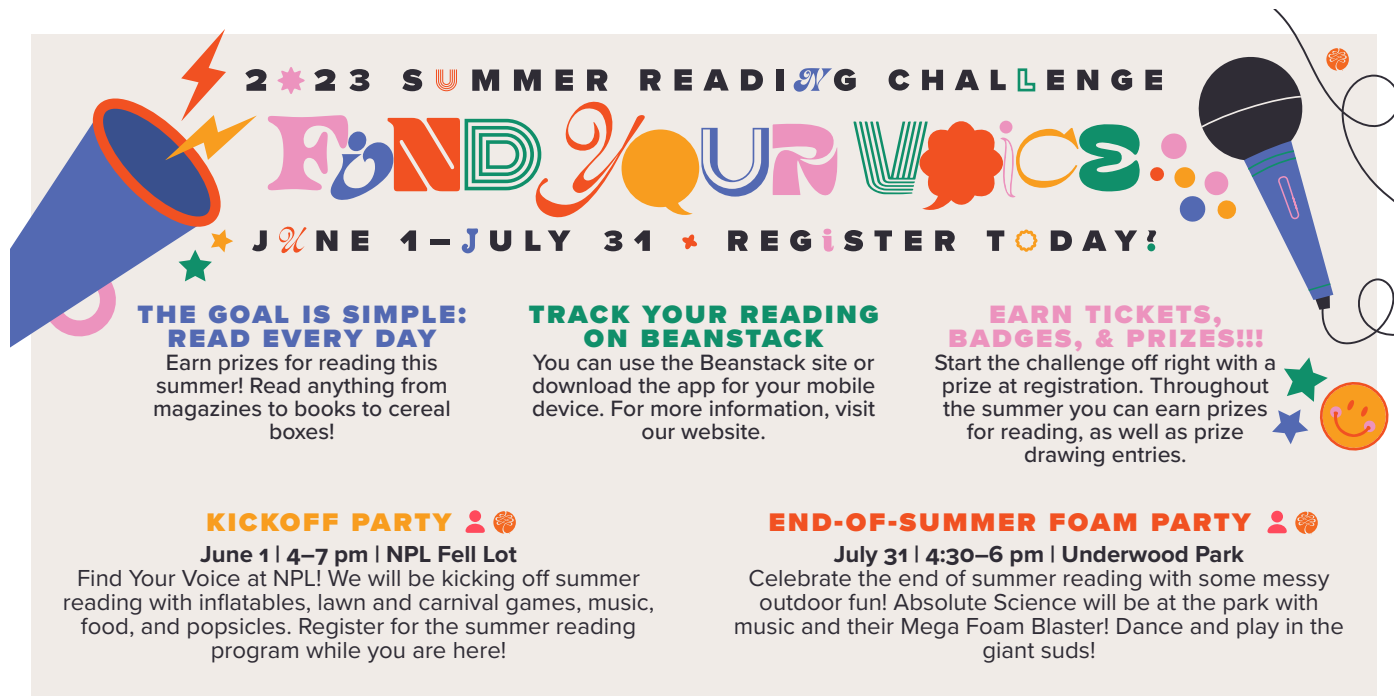


august

read a book about or set in
the Midwest

book
brunch

june 27 • july 25
august 22 | 10–11 am
board room or on zoom



2023 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

FIND YOUR VOICE

JUNE 1 – JULY 31 • REGISTER TODAY!

THE GOAL IS SIMPLE: READ EVERY DAY
Earn prizes for reading this summer! Read anything from magazines to books to cereal boxes!

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

EARN TICKETS, BADGES, & PRIZES!!!
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.

KICKOFF PARTY 🧑🏻🧑🏻
June 1 | 4–7 pm | NPL Fell Lot
Find Your Voice at NPL! We will be kicking off summer reading with inflatables, lawn and carnival games, music, food, and popsicles. Register for the summer reading program while you are here!

END-OF-SUMMER FOAM PARTY 🧑🏻🧑🏻
July 31 | 4:30–6 pm | Underwood Park
Celebrate the end of summer reading with some messy outdoor fun! Absolute Science will be at the park with music and their Mega Foam Blaster! Dance and play in the giant suds!

NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM! 🧑🏻

June 3 • July 1 • August 5
2–4 pm | Café

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.

TINY ART WORKSHOP 🎨🧑🏻

June 7 | 5–7 pm
Community Room

Create a piece of miniature art with acrylic paint on a 4x4 inch canvas that will then be displayed at Normal Public Library's Tiny Art Show in July! Supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity! Can't make this workshop but would like to participate in the show? Pick up your tiny canvas starting June 8 at any service desk to create your art at home!

TINY ART SHOW 🧑🏻

Canvas Pickup/Drop-off: June 8–30
Art show: July 3–31
Second Floor

We're having an art show—a TINY art show! Young and old alike are invited to submit a minuscule canvas art piece for Normal Public Library's Tiny Art Show! Participants can pick up a 4x4 inch canvas from the library at any service desk (while supplies last) to design and return for display. This is an exhibit rather than a competition; all people are welcome to participate, no matter their artistic ability.

PRONOUN PINS 🧑🏻

June 8 | 4–5:30 pm
Café

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

NEWSIES PREVIEW 🧑🏻

WITH COMMUNITY PLAYERS & THE PANTAGRAPH
June 24 | 1–2 pm
Community Players Theatre
Get a sneak peek of this amazing musical.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUMMER STORYWALKS 🧑🏻

WITH NORMAL PARKS & REC
THE GREAT KAPOK TREE
June 1–29 | Anderson Park
BIG RED BARN

July 1–31 | Anderson Park

NPL and Normal Parks and Recreation invite you to interact with a story through games, activities, and a walk in the park. Our StoryWalks are self-guided and suitable for kids of all ages and their families. StoryWalks are designed for your family to enjoy during the park's open hours.

FAMILY STEAM 🧑🏻

June 5 • July 25
4–6:30 pm | Community Room

Drop-in to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Each month will feature different experiments and activities based on STEAM principles. Dress to get messy!

FANTASTIC FOAM & MORE SCIENCE SHOW 🧑🏻🧑🏻

June 30 | 10–11 am
Community Room

Absolute Science will put on a show to make your hair stand up! You will experience items disappearing in clear liquids with refraction oil, see the power of a Van De Graaff generator, and see lots and lots of foam with a fantastic foam experiment!

FLOATS & FUNNIES 🧑🏻🧑🏻

June 7 | 10 am–4 pm
Community Room

All are welcome to grab an ice cream float in the Community Room and enjoy some cartoons as you relax in the AC!

MAKE NORMAL EXTRAORDINARY.

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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:

- ❶ Individual and Corporate Giving
- ❷ Planned Giving
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To make a gift of stock or learn about other ways to support the library, contact John Fischer at jfischer@normalpl.org or 309.433.3488.

Thank you to all of our donors for both investing and believing in the vision of Normal Public Library. Your support makes all the difference!

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

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I am interested in supporting the Normal Public Library Foundation by:

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206 W. College Ave. / Normal, IL 61761

The Normal Public Library Foundation is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Federal Tax ID # 45-3138846

For online giving go to: normalpl.org/NPLF
For more information call: 309.433.3488

All pledges should be made payable to Normal Public Library Foundation

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

ROLL FOR INITIATIVE: DUNGEON MASTER TRAINING ✓ 2

June 6 | 5:30–7 pm

Community Room

If you have ever wanted to try running your own Dungeons and Dragons game, now is your chance! Join Dungeon Master Kristi as we walk through the basics of preparing for a session, running a game, and encouraging your players. Every attendee will receive a free set of dice.

"BORED" GAMES 2

ages 10–18 years

June 7 & 21 • July 5 & 19

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, eat a snack, and play away the afternoon.

TEEN D&D

June 12 & 26 • July 10 & 24 • August 14 & 28

5–7:30 pm | Community Room ✓ 2

June 19 • July 17 • August 21

5–8 pm | Discord & Roll20 ✓ 2

Goblin ambushes, mysterious caverns, evil henchmen, 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 CLUB 2

June 13 • July 11 • August 8

4:30–6 pm | Board Room

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

CRAFTERNOONS 2

ages 10–18 years

2–4 pm | Café

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

June 14

Painted terracotta pots

June 28

Origami animals

July 12

Faux stained glass watercolor art

July 26

Homemade magnetic poetry

August 10

Tetris magnets

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP 2

June 15 • July 20 • August 17

4–5 pm | Board Room

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

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL 2

June 20 • July 18 • August 15

4–5 pm | Teen Space on First Floor

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

TEEN KARAOKE OPEN MIC NIGHT ✓ 2

WITH BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN SERVICES

June 23 | 5:30–8 pm

Café

Share your talent with others at our coffeehouse-style open mic night! Come prepared to share and listen, as we begin the evening with poetry or spoken word performances and end with a karaoke session.

TEEN MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT ✓ 2

WITH BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN SERVICES

July 28 | 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.



FOR KIDS

CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH SCAVENGER HUNT 2

ages 5–12 years

June 1–30 | Second Floor

June is Pride Month! Recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals with a book-themed scavenger hunt. Stop by the second floor service desk to begin.

TAKE A BOW ✓ 2

ages 8–12 years

June 2, 9, 16, & 23 | Performance: June 30

3–4:30 | Community Room

Join us for a fast-paced workshop that focuses on movement, basic acting skills, improv, and storytelling. Concludes with a one-of-a-kind performance!

BABY ROCK 2

ages 0–2 years

Mondays in June & July

10–10:30 am | Community Room

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

READY, SET, READ! 🧑

ages 3–5 years

Tuesdays in June & July
10–10:45 am | Community Room
No Ready, Set, Read! on July 4.

Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and activities.

JAMMIE JAMBOREE 🧑

ages 0–5 years

June 8 & 22 • July 13 & 27 • August 10 & 24
6–6:30 pm | Book Nook

Put on your pajamas and join us for stories, songs, and bubbles!

ART SPARKS ✔️🧑

ages 8–12 years

June 8 • July 6 • August 3
6–7 pm | Community Room

Craving creativity? Need more color in your life? Try being an Art Spark! We will dabble with different mediums to create monthly masterpieces! Dress to get messy!

SIGN & SING 🧑🧠**WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION**

ages 0–5 years

June 9 & 23 • July 14 & 28 • August 11 & 25
10:30–11 am | Community Room

Join Miss Meghan of Communication Junction for stories, movement, rhymes, and bubbles! Caregivers and kids will learn several signs at story time, and every attendee will get a take home sheet for more practice.



A book club for all things graphic novels and comics! We will pick out a title to read each month, then meet up to chat about it, enjoy themed activities, and make friends! While reading the book is encouraged, it is not necessary to attend. Selected graphic novels will be available to pick up at NPL—ask at the front desk.

TECH-IT-OUT 🧑

ages 5–12 years

June 15 • July 20 • August 17
4–6 pm | Second Floor Media Zone

Drop-in to explore robots, gadgets, and other tech toys! Kids will have the opportunity to engage their problem-solving skills and experience real-world applications of science, engineering, programming, and more!

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO 🧑**WITH IWU MUSIC EDUCATION**

ages 3–12 years

June 22 & July 27 | 10 am–1 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!

ITSY ARTS: ON LOCATION ✔️🧑🧠**WITH ILLINOIS ART STATION**

ages 0–5 years

June 28 • July 26 • August 23

10–11 am | Community Room

This art class will provide children a safe and playful space where creativity and imagination can flourish and where motor skills, confidence, and expression can be nurtured, honed, and explored. Classes will be taught and guided by teaching artists and professionals committed to child social development and growth.

INVESTIGATE SCIENTISTS SCAVENGER HUNT 🧑🧠

ages 5–12 years

July 1–31 | Second Floor

You will discover that no two scientists look the same with this book-themed scavenger hunt. Dive into the world of astrophysics, engineering, and more! Stop by the second floor service desk to begin.

FIND YOUR VOICE:**HOW PLASTIC BAGS CHANGED A COMMUNITY** 🧑**WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER**

ages 5–12 years

July 13 | 10–11 am

Community Room

Join the Ecology Action Center in reading *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia* by Miranda Paul. The picture book shares the story of five women who, despite ridicule and a lack of resources, creatively deal with their village's plastic trash problem. Learn about recycling efforts in our own local community and about how to properly dispose of plastic bags. Following the story, participants will learn to make bracelets out of plastic bags!

THEATER FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES 🧑**BY THE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**

July 21 | 10–11 am

Anderson Park**CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES SCAVENGER HUNT** 🧑🧠

ages 5–12 years

August 1–31 | Second Floor

Celebrate differences with a book-themed scavenger hunt. Featured books will highlight notable figures like autism and animal behavioral author and speaker, Temple Grandin; disability rights activities, Judith Heumann; author and activist living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Shane Burcaw, and more. Don't forget to check out the display of community resources.

TINY CHEFS ✔️🧑

ages 3–5 years

August 18 | 10–10:45 am

Community Room

Stir up some fun with a short storytime followed by hands-on cooking of a related recipe. Dress to get messy with your grownup!

NORMAL ARC 10 AM	June 6 & 20 July 18 August 1 & 15
ADELAIDE APARTMENTS 1 PM	June 6 August 1
BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM	June 12 July 10 August 14
MERCY CREEK 10 AM	June 13 July 11 August 8
EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM	June 27 July 25 August 22
EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM	June 27 July 25 August 22



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

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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!

END YOUR VOICES Poetry Walk

JUNE 14-JULY 12
ROSA PARKS COMMONS
ADULTS & TEENS

IS IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO LEAVE YOUR HOME, BUT YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO USE THE LIBRARY?

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

NPL OUT&ABOUT

PRIDE IN THE PARK
June 2 | Franklin Park

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
June 17 | Miller Park

MAKE MUSIC NORMAL
June 24 | Uptown Normal

PACK THE PARK
July 15 | Underwood Park

SWEET CORN CIRCUS
August 26 & 27 | Uptown Normal

CULTURAL FEST
August 12 | Miller Park

Go to normalpl.org for more information!

K-6th Graders

PARTNERS IN READING

Registration:
August 15

Sessions begin:
Week of September 11

Every fall and spring semester, we pair up college and grade school students to read together and enjoy the library.

JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
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