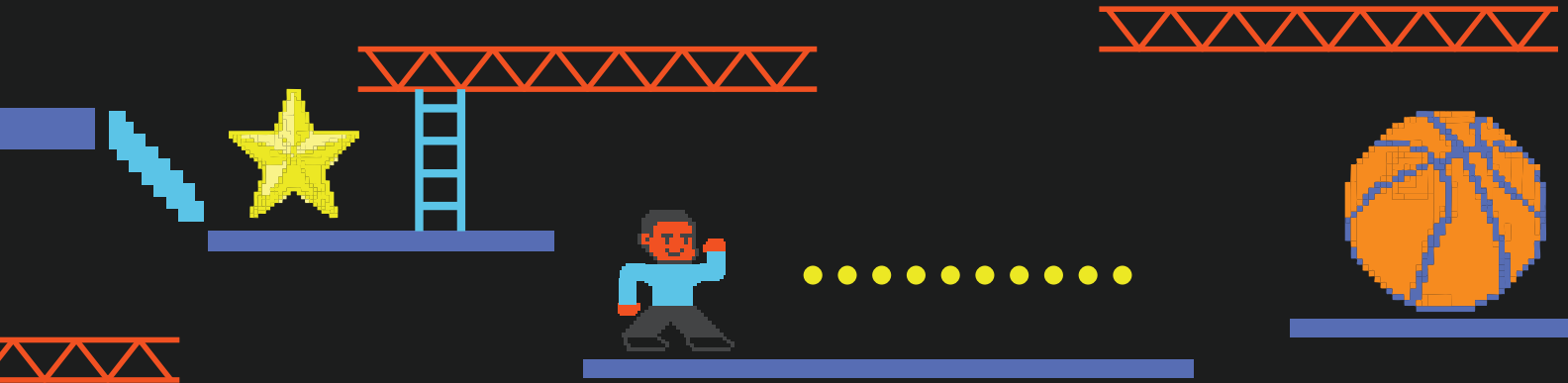




HIGH SCORE  
6,782,825



# LEVEL UP!



NORMAL  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SUMMER 2025 ACTIVITY GUIDE



**GENEALOGY MEETUP** ✓

June 3 • July 1 | Normal Township Hall

304 E. Mulberry St., Normal

August 5 | NPL Community Room

At Home: On Zoom

2–3 pm

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 4 &amp; 18 • July 2 &amp; 16 • August 6 &amp; 20 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

Come and work on your current project, as well as share tips and information on all things knitting & crocheting!

**PAPER CRAFTING CLUB**

June 11 • July 9 • August 13 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

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 3-D paper sculptures, there is room for you. Please bring your own materials to use with our tools.

*stranger than fiction:*

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

6:30–7:30 pm

DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall

JAMES HERRIOT  
All Creatures Great and Small  
jun 11

UNEARTHING  
A STORY OF TANGLED LOVE AND FAMILY SECRETS  
KYŌ MACLEAR  
jul 16

TRUEVINE  
THE NO BROTHERS: A KIDNAPPING, AND A MOTHER'S QUEST. A TRUE STORY OF THE JIM CROW SOUTH  
BETH MACY  
aug 20

**LUNCHTIME YOGA**

Mondays in June &amp; July | Normal Masonic Lodge

614 E. Lincoln St. #1889, Normal

No Yoga June 2 &amp; 9

Mondays in August | NPL Community Room

12–12:45 pm

Take a break from your busy day to join us for a beginner-level yoga class over your lunch hour. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

**PUZZLE SWAP**

June 16 | 6–6:15 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

Bring your puzzles ready to be re-homed (please make sure all the pieces are present!) and leave with new-to-you puzzles. Don't be late; swaps are often over in minutes!

**DESIGN & PRINT: TINKERCAD WORKSHOP**

June 19 | 5:30–6:30

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

In this creative session, work alongside others to design a 3D model using the TinkerCad program. This workshop setting provides the opportunity to tinker around with the software to create your own designs to later be printed. Whether you are a beginner or pro, all makers are welcome! NPL staff will be there to provide support and answer questions as needed.

**adult reading challenge**

**june**  
read the first book in a series

**july**  
read a book by a multi-racial author

**august**  
read a book about or set in a circus

**book brunch**  
june 24 • july 22 | fusion brew  
august 26 | NPL community room  
10–11 am

**COTTAGECORE: EMBROIDERY**

June 25 • July 23 • August 27 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

Do you create with a needle and thread through cross stitch, embroidery or crewel? However you use your needle, please feel welcome to come and share your time and experience with other needle workers. Bring whatever you are working on and visit with those who share a common interest. If this is a new area of interest, no worries! We will have some supplies to get you started.

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**home delivery for families**

Normal Public Library provides free home delivery services to families welcoming a new child.

Scan QR code for more information or call 309-433-3493

adult event • ages 18+

Registration is required. Register on our online calendar, at 309.452.1757, or at the Front Desk.

Virtual / NPL @ Home Event In-Person Event sponsored by the Normal Public Library Foundation



# Romance Me

## BOOK CLUB

6:30–7:30 PM



**Jun 26**  
NORMAL TOWNSHIP HALL

**Jul 24**  
NPL COMMUNITY ROOM

**Aug 28**  
NPL COMMUNITY ROOM


# \*Recipe Rotisserie\*

## a cookbook CLUB

2–3:30 \* Heartland Bank Community Room

**JULY 20**

**Midwest Made & Blog**  
by Shauna Sever  
shaunasever.com recipe-box



### DEATH CAFÉ ☑️ 👤

August 10 | 2–3 pm  
The Coffeehouse

114 E. Beaufort St., Normal

An informal, group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes. The purpose of Death Café is “to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.” This is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

### AN INSIDE LOOK: VENUS IN FUR 👤

August 11 | 7–8 pm

Heartland Theatre  
1110 Douglas St., Normal

A talk with the director and designers of *Venus in Fur*, by David Ives, a comedy about a theatre audition and the eternal conflict of Man versus Woman, running August 28–September 13 at Heartland Theatre.

MAKE NORMAL  
**EXTRAORDINARY.**

**We invest in  
our library  
to support  
our community!**

Tax dollars are not enough to provide all the resources residents seek at Normal Public Library. That is where the foundation plays a role!

Normal Public Library Foundation helps support dynamic programming for Normal Public Library that promotes reading and literacy for all ages and extends to everyone we serve.

**GIVE TODAY**



[normalpl.org/NPLF](https://normalpl.org/NPLF)

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**FOUNDATION**





## REGISTER TO PLAY

### 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, AND 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.

### KICK-OFF PARTY WITH JIM GILL

JUNE 2 | 5-7 PM

> UPTOWN CIRCLE <



Kick off summer reading with a sing-along and play-along concert by award-winning musician and author, Jim Gill! The family-friendly concert will take place from 5-5:45, and library staff will be on the plaza with fun activities from 5:45-7.

### END-OF-SUMMER FOAM PARTY

July 31 | 4:30-6 pm | Underwood Park  
200 Jersey Ave., Normal

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! Wear clothes you can get wet and bring a towel for cleanup.

### NORMAL, ILLINOIS UKULELE FUN JAM!

June 7 • July 5 | Normal Township Hall

304 E. Mulberry St., Normal

August 2 | NPL Atrium

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](http://normalukejam.com).

### "BORED" GAMES

June 18 • July 16

2-4 pm | Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

Feeling bored? Come out and compete in Mario Kart or Super Smash Bros., or try your hand at a board game!

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Virtual / NPL @ Home Event




In-Person Event



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## PAWS & PAGES

with The Humane Society of Central Illinois

Tuesdays in June & July | 10 am–12 pm  
Thursday in June & July | 4–6 pm  
The Humane Society of Central Illinois  
423 N. Kays Dr., Normal  
No sessions July 29 & 31

Practice reading skills while comforting adoptable animals at the Humane Society! Bring a favorite book or choose one from our selection, then enjoy a 15-minute reading session with a friendly dog, cat, or other critter. This program helps young readers build confidence while providing shelter animals with socialization and companionship as they await their forever homes!

### TEEN D&D

June 9 & 23 • July 14 & 28 | Normal Township Hall  
304 E. Mulberry St., Normal  
August 11 & 25 | NPL Community Room  
5–7 pm

Whether you have played Dungeons and Dragons before or not, you are welcome to join us in our ongoing campaign as we fight evil and explore fantasy realms.

### CRAFTERNOON

ages 10–18 years

4–5:30 pm

We will provide the supplies, you provide the creativity!

June 12

Normal Township Hall

304 E. Mulberry St., Normal

No-Sew Drawstring Pouch

July 10

Normal Township Hall

304 E. Mulberry St., Normal

Pocket Game Tin

August 14

NPL Community Room

Paper Infinity Cube Fidget Toy

### TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

June 19 • July 17 | The Coffeehouse  
114 E. Beaufort St., Normal  
August 21 | NPL Board Room  
4–5 pm

Join us for writing exercises and games, prompts to help you get started or continue your writing, and a chance to share your work and provide feedback to others.

### GAME ON! MOBILE VIDEO GAME TRUCK

ages 10–18 years

June 21 | 11 am–1 pm  
Community Activity Center  
1110 Douglas St., Normal

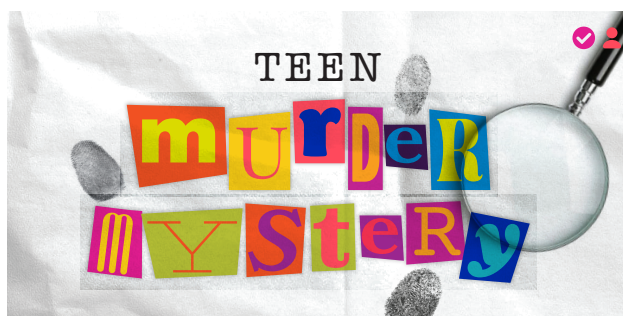
Join the folks at Game On Illinois for a mobile gaming truck experience! Prepare to be thrilled as you check out the state-of-the-art mobile video game truck.

### GAME ON! CUPCAKE DECORATING CHALLENGE

ages 10–14 years

June 24 | 2–3:30 pm  
Normal Township Hall  
304 E. Mulberry St., Normal

Join us for a gamer-themed cupcake decorating challenge. Compete to create the most colorful, creative, and game-inspired cupcake designs. This challenge is all about having fun, showing off your sweet decorating skills, and maybe even unlocking a prize-worthy win.



June 27 | 5:30–8 pm  
Community Activity Center  
1110 Douglas St., Normal

There's been a murder aboard the exploratory starship Emissary NPL-1701. Come examine the scene, find clues, and discover the culprit in this sci-fi mystery!

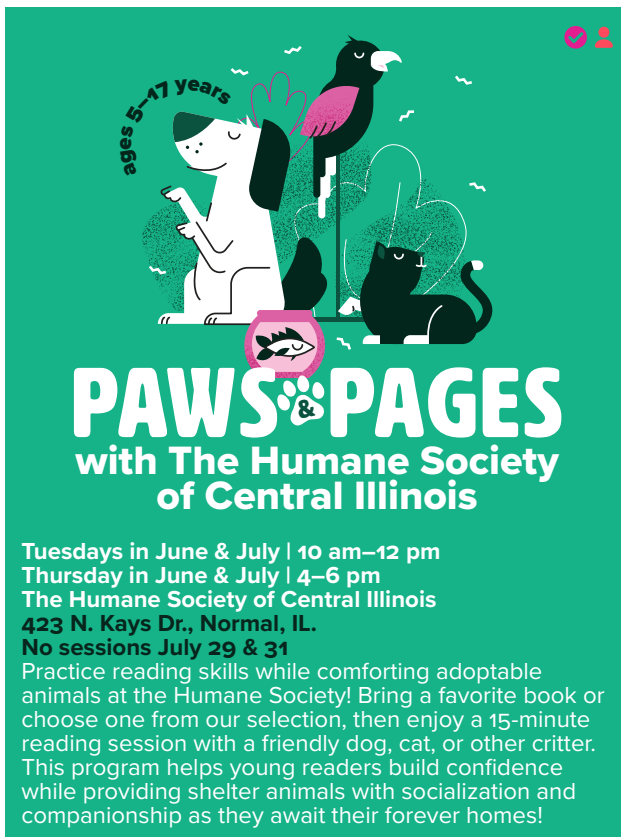
### PLAY SKIBIDI GAMES, WIN SKIBIDI PRIZES WITH BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

July 15 | 2–4 pm  
Bloomington Public Library  
205 E. Olive St., Bloomington

Fight boredom and come play silly games for a chance to win even sillier prizes in this joint program with Bloomington Public Library. Can you throw a Hershey kiss into a fishbowl while naming an animal? Can you build a tower out of toilet paper? And can you knock over a tower of toilet paper? If you can do any of these things, you might be a winner.







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### ALL AGES STORYTIME

Wednesdays in June & July | 10–11 am  
Underwood Park South Shelter  
200 Jersey Ave., Normal

Enjoy stories, songs, and BUBBLES! Every session ends with outdoor playtime with new friends! Intended for children of all ages with a caregiver.



**COMIC BOOK CLUB**

AGES 8-12  
3-4 PM  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

JUNE 11  
JUNE 25  
JULY 9  
JULY 23

K–6th Graders

## PARTNERS IN READING

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

Registration  
August 15

Sessions begin  
Week of  
September 8



## SIGN & SING WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0–5 years

June 13 & 27 • July 11 & 25 • August 8 & 22  
10–10:30 am | Underwood Park

200 Jersey Ave., Normal

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.

## BRING THE WILD TO YOU WITH WILDLIFE PRAIRIE PARK

ages 5–12 years

July 8 | 10–10:45 am

Kingsley Junior High School

303 Kingsley St., Normal

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.

## TRASH TUNES: BUILDING INSTRUMENTS FROM TRASH WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

ages 5–12 years

July 18 | 10–11 am

Heartland Bank Community Room

1200 W. College Ave., Normal, 4th Floor

Come and explore the true story behind *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood. This colorful picture book tells how children in Cateura, Paraguay, turned trash from their town's landfill into musical instruments! In this hands-on program, kids will create their own instruments from recycled materials, like drums and plastic bottle trumpets, and then come together to play music as a group. It is a fun way to learn about recycling and music! Best for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome.

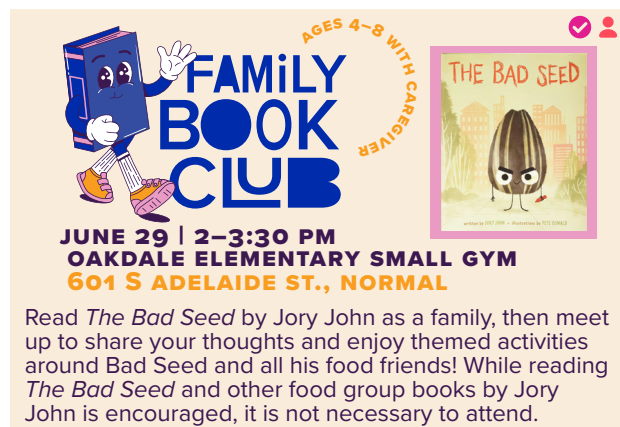
## T-REXPLORERS

July 24 | 6–7 pm

Chiddix Junior High School Cafeteria

300 S. Walnut St., Normal

Get a glimpse of what it is like to go on a paleontological dig by exploring fossil specimens and hearing stories about the latest finds! **Arrive at 5:45 pm to meet Ranger the T-Rex!**



## FANTASTIC FOAM & MORE SCIENCE SHOW WITH ABSOLUTE SCIENCE

July 28 | 2–2:45 pm

Chiddix Junior High School Cafeteria

300 S. Walnut St., Normal

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!





<b>NORMAL ARC 10 AM</b>	June 3 & 17 July 1 & 15 August 5 & 19
<b>VILLAS 1 PM</b>	June 3 July 1 August 5
<b>BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM</b>	June 9 July 14 August 11
<b>MERCY CREEK 10 AM</b>	June 10 July 8 August 12
<b>EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM</b>	June 24 July 22 August 26
<b>EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM</b>	June 24 July 22 August 26



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.*  
Visit our website for the most up-to-date event information.  
normalpl.org/events

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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 & about

**Pack the Park**  
July 12 | 9–11:30 am  
Garden Park

**Kite Fest**  
July 19 | 11 am–6 pm  
Grove Elementary

**Sweet Corn Circus**  
August 23 | 10 am–5 pm  
August 24 | 11 am–4 pm  
Uptown Normal

**Brightpoint Block Party**  
June 17 | 5–6:30 pm  
Scott Child & Family Center

**Juneteenth**  
June 21 | 11 am–4 pm  
Miller Park

**Pride Night**  
July 9 | 5:30–7:30 pm  
Miller Park Zoo

Librarian-Curated

## Browser Packs

Items hand-picked  
just for you!

Request your collection of items at  
[normalpl.org/form/browser-pack](https://normalpl.org/form/browser-pack)

You can request items for up to 4 readers as a physical pack checked out to you or a list of recommendations emailed to you

# READ. LEARN. WATCH. LISTEN.

Download on the App Store  
GET IT ON Google Play

[normalpl.org/download-stream](https://normalpl.org/download-stream)  
[normalpl.org/learning-resources](https://normalpl.org/learning-resources)

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