

# Edwardsville PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Children's Programs

Sign-up for programs requiring registration begins April 1.

### Story Time Sessions

#### BOOKS FOR BABIES LAPSIT

Tuesdays, April 8 & 22  
10am | For Ages 0-23 months

#### SPRING STORIES

Wednesdays, April 9 & 23  
10am | For All Ages  
Includes a craft activity

### JewelRide Books for Bikes

Ends on April 15 at 8pm

Raffle | Saturday, April 26 at 10am

For Grades K-8

Spring into Summer with a new bike! Read & log books to earn up to 20 entries to the raffle. Turn in your paper logs at the Youth Desk or log your books on Beanstack by 8pm on April 15. Then join us upstairs in the rotunda for the raffle on Saturday, April 26 at 10am. While we hope to have an audience to cheer on the lucky readers, you do not need to be present to win. See our website for more details!

### Take Home Crafts

Bunny Whisker Face Craft

Stop by the Youth Library to pick up this month's craft bag!

### National Library Week

April 6 - 12

What draws you in to the library? Whatever it may be, the library has something for everyone! Show the library some love and stop in to celebrate with us. Kids ages 5-11 can enter our [Keepsake Bookmark Contest!](#) Entries accepted through April 30. Details on our website.

### Lego Club

Wednesday, Apr. 2  
4:30-5:30pm | Ages 5-12  
Just bring your imagination - we'll supply the Legos!

### Read to a Dog

Registration Required  
Wednesday, Apr. 9 | 4-5pm  
Saturday, Apr. 19 | 10-11am  
A therapy dog is visiting the library and wants to listen to you read!

### Drop-In Playtime

Friday, Apr. 11  
10-11am | Ages 1-5  
Enjoy engaging sensory activities! All families are welcome to join.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop-Off Stuffies:  
Friday, Apr. 11 by 6pm  
Breakfast & Pickup:  
Saturday, Apr. 12 at 10am  
Send your favorite stuffed animal on an overnight at the library, then join us the next morning for a light breakfast and photo slideshow of all the fun they had!

### Toadstool Tales

Thursday, Apr. 17  
4:30-6pm | For All Ages  
Explore the lore of spores, fables of fungi, and the power of puffballs at this magical story time, with special guest, the Mushroom Fairy! Young foragers will learn about mushroom identification, life cycles, behaviors, and more through fun, learning activities.

Youth Events & Programs

APRIL 2025

## FANTASY KIDS CRAFTS

Thursday, April 24  
4-5pm | For Ages 5-12

### Registration Required

Join us for an exciting program featuring dragon-inspired fantasy crafts! Participants will have the opportunity to create their own dragon-themed crafts, including a playdough dragon egg, clothespin dragon, and work together to create a giant paper chain dragon! This program is provided by Jennifer Buchheit, author of "The Big Book of Fantasy Kid Crafts" and creator of Studio Rosie.

### Pokemon Hangout

Tuesday, Apr. 22  
4:30-5:30pm | Ages 7-12

Gotta catch 'em all! Gather with fellow Pokémon enthusiasts to trade, battle, and try a variety of crafts and games!

### Fandemonium

Sunday, Apr. 27 | 1-4pm

Back for it's second year, join us for EPL's nerdy mini convention! The entire library will be abuzz with fun for the whole family.

# Teen Programs Grades 6-12 unless otherwise stated.

Sign-up for programs requiring registration begins April 1.

## Game Night

Tuesdays, Jan. 21 - Apr. 29 | 6-7:30pm

Go on a quest with fellow players in the classic fantasy role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons, or drop in with friends to play one of our tabletop games.

## Mini Clay Planter DIY Kit

Available Starting Apr. 1

Stop by the Teen Room to snag a bag full of everything you need to complete a DIY project at home (while supplies last)!



## Anime Watch Party

Registration Required

Friday, Apr. 4 | 4-5:30pm

Calling all teen anime enthusiasts! Unite at this welcoming space for both die-hard fans and those just getting started to watch, snack, and chat. Fanart and cosplay encouraged!

## Keychain Craft Class

Registration Required

Thursday, Apr. 10 | 5-7pm

Dig into a bag of pony beads and make a keychain using the art of brickstitch (a Native American beading technique) to begin your beading journey.

## Crochet Club

Registration Required

Mondays, Apr. 14 & 28 | 3:30-5pm

Whether you're new to crochet or a seasoned stitcher, come join us to learn new techniques, share tips, and connect with other crocheters.

## Perler Bead Brigade

Registration Required

Tuesday, Apr. 15 | 3:30-5:30pm

Pixelate your world! Create cool designs using perler beads! Materials & some ideas will be available, but feel free to bring your own design.

## Graphic Novel Club

Registration Required

Monday, Apr. 21

4-5pm | Grades 5-8

Dive into pages of panels! Join this session to chat all about [The Cartoonists Club](#) by Raina Telgemeier & Scott McCloud. Check out a copy at the Youth Desk when you register.

## To Be Read... Book Club

Registration Required

Wednesday, Apr. 30 | 4-5pm

Join us as we continue reading through Suzanne Collins' popular dystopian series this month with Book 2, [Catching Fire](#). What will be the fate of District 12 following the events of the 74th Hunger Games tournament? Register at the Youth Desk to get a free copy of the book!

## The Book Was Better Movie Screening

Thursday, May 1 | 5-7:30pm

Let's be honest - the book is almost always better than its movie counterpart, but it's still fun to watch! As a follow-up to our Teen To-Be-Read Book Club, we will be screening "Catching Fire" (2013). Bring your friends, your own drink with lid, and enjoy free snacks and lively discussion comparing the film to the page.



# POETRY OPEN MIC

Thursday, April 24  
at 6:30pm

April is National Poetry Month - celebrate at the library!

Take the mic and read poems or lyrics of your choice! You can share original poems or lyrics, or a favorite selection by another artist.

Whether it's Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, Taylor Swift, Kendrick Lamar, Mother Goose, or yourself, we want to hear it!

Light snacks provided, and all attendees can enter to win a door prize!



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## Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9am - 8pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm
Sunday	1pm - 5pm

Visit the "How Do I...?" section of our website to sign up to get the latest library news sent to your email!