



Children's Programs

Register for events requiring registration beginning April 1.

National Library Week

April 5-10 - All Ages

Welcome to your library! This year, National Library Week promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Stop in for fun activities, treats, prizes, and to show your library some love!

Scavenger Hunt & Library Trivia

Visit the library any time during the week to play for the chance to win prizes. (Adults, too!)

Book Talk with Local Author

See the Entry to the right!

Keepsake Bookmark Contest

Kids (ages 3-11) can submit a bookmark design by Friday, April 16 to be entered to win. Find more details on our website and Facebook.

Citizen Science Month

Help real scientists study the world with our new Citizen Science Kits, now available for checkout! Each kit includes instructions and projects that you can do with your family from places near you (even your own backyard) and submit your research online. May require a camera (or other mobile device with a camera) and access to listed free websites and apps.

Virtual Book Talk with Local Author, Stephanie Malia Krauss

Thursday, April 8 at 7pm

Registration Required

Join us for a conversation on Zoom with Author Stephanie Malia Krauss to talk about her new book, "Making It: What Today's Kids Need for Tomorrow's World." A nationally circulated book with a local footprint, "Making It" takes us to schools and communities across the country, including the Tiger Den at Edwardsville High School and the Triad School District MakerSpace. This event is for parents, educators, teens, and anyone interested in this topic. Register to receive the Zoom information.

Library Grab Bags

EPL Card Required

Let us know your favorite genres and authors, and we will hand-select a grab bag of any library materials for any age that you request! Visit our website to fill out the form.

Take Home Crafts

Grab a craft from the Youth Desk or our curbside pickup station that you can make at home! New crafts will be available every other week.

EPL Updates

- The library building is open to the public for 30-minute visits to browse and check out materials.
- Masks are required for all visitors, ages 2 and older.
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet while in the building.
- Curbside pickup is still available! To use this option, wait to be notified that your holds are ready to be picked up and then call the Adult Circulation Desk 15 minutes before your arrival at the library.
- Exciting renovations at the library will begin in various areas of the building. Read about the plan and the latest updates on the [EPL: the Next Chapter](#) page of our website.

Visit the ["How Do I"](#) page on our website to sign up to receive a newsletter via email.



**Teen Programs &
Reading Challenges** ▶

Teen Programs Grades 6-12

Register for events requiring registration beginning April 1.



National Poetry Month

Poetry Packets | April 5-30
Celebrate National Poetry Month with a packet full of materials to try your hand at Blackout Poetry, pocket poems, and more activities. Stop by the Youth Desk during our open hours to pick one up from April 5-30.

Submit a Poem | April 23

Do you write poetry? Send us some of your work to kristenr@edwpl.org by April 23 to be featured in a blog!



Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, Apr. 15 at 5-6pm

Meet up and hang out to discuss ideas about making the library a great place for teens! Snacks always provided. Gain experience volunteering and make a difference in your community as a TAB member. [Apply online!](#)

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Birdhouse Decorating Kit

Registration Required

April 12-17

Use items from nature to decorate a wooden birdhouse to draw birds to your yard or feature in a fairy garden! Those who register can pick up their kits from April 12-17 at the library Youth Desk during our open hours. For curbside pickup, call us 15 minutes before arriving at the library.

Virtual Volunteering

If you are a student needing to fulfill service hours or just want to get involved in the community, we would love your help with the following:

Review a Book

Send us a review of a book you read recently to be featured in the Teen section or on our blog.

Share Your Experience

Join others processing the pandemic with our [2020 Historian Project](#) or the [#WeWereHere Project](#).

Learn more on the teen page of our website.



Current Hours of Operation

Mon	9am - 6pm
Tues	9am - 7pm
Wed-Fri	9am - 6pm
Sat	9am - 5pm
Sun	Closed



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Reading Challenges

edwardsvillelibrary.beanstack.com

If you have created a Beanstack account for one of our previous challenges, simply log in to your account to start a new challenge!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Newborn-Kindergarten

Read books to your newborn, infant, or toddler, and keep track on Beanstack to earn badges and rewards! The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your little one starts Kindergarten.

Read Woke Challenge

All Ages

In this challenge created by Cicely Lewis, discover diverse books that challenge a social norm, give a voice to the voiceless, provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised, seek to challenge the status quo, and/or have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group. This is an ongoing challenge, so begin at any time and complete it in any order at your own pace!

STEAM at Home Challenge

Grades 2-5

STEAM is all around us! From the questions we ask, technology we use, and creative solutions we develop, our world is powered by STEAM. Learn more about its progress, pioneers, games, and activities in this interactive challenge!