

April

Adult Events @ your library

SEIZURE FIRST AID TRAINING

Monday, April 22nd
6 PM

About 1 in 10 people will have a seizure sometime in their life. You can help by learning how to recognize the different types of seizures and how to help someone who is having a seizure.

Training is grant funded & all attendees will leave with a certification valid for 2 years. This program is presented by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois.

COMPOSTING: WHAT, WHY AND HOW?

Thursday, April 11th
6:30 PM

Learn how to turn food scraps and yard trimmings into a valuable resource for a happy, healthy home garden. Program presented by Good Dirt Composting Collective.

GREETING CARD CLASS

Wednesday, April 10th
6 PM

Registration Required

Join Laura Borchert for a card making class at the library. Attendees will participate in making 3 different greeting cards for all occasions.

HEALING, HOPE, AND HARMONY - EXHIBIT AND SPOKEN WORDS

Saturday, April 20th
3 PM

Individual hope and healing can contribute to harmony. Come see a stamp exhibit and join in thoughtful conversations exploring how allyship and similar goals help communities.

Program presented by National Museum of African Americans on Stamps.

ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT

Monday, April 8th
6 - 7:30 PM

Grab your friends & some of your favorite board games for a community board game night. Refreshments & a small selection of games will be provided.

PAINTING WITH AMATEURS

Saturday, April 13th
2 PM

Looking for a place to practice painting miniatures, models, and canvas, with the support of other amateur enthusiasts? Join us for an open session for all skill levels. Please bring own paints & supplies.

SUNRISE SUNDAY YOGA

Sunday, April 21st
9 AM (must arrive by 8:45 AM)

Registration Required

Join Yoga Instructor Lisa Allen for a sunrise Sunday yoga session in the reading room of EPL. Yoga mats are not provided.

COMING SOON: THE JOURNEY OF MOLLY'S WAR: WACS AND WWII

Monday, May 20th
6:30 PM

Cyndee Schaffer is an author and educator who tells her mother's story and the history of the Women's Army Corps in her book, Mollie's War. Cyndee uses excerpts from her mother's letters written home during WWII to provide a romantic yet frightful glimpse into the life of a woman in uniform during this crucial time in history.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 8 - 13

• MONDAY 4/8

We want your recommendations!

Share your book/series/DVD favorites & get a treat!

• WEDNESDAY 4/10

Breakfast Book Browse!

Complementary donuts and coffee while you browse staff selections.

• SATURDAY 4/13

Party on the patio!

Snacks & activities on the patio in the youth library.

Illinois Libraries Present: Virtual

Registration required for 7
visit our website for details

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinking with Dr. Temple Grandin

Monday, April 3rd 7 PM

Join us for a virtual presentation by one of the world's most accomplished and well-known advocates for autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades.

RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE

MOVIE MATINEES

Join us in March for two movie matinees!

Movies start at noon.

APRIL 4TH

Migration (2023)



APRIL 18TH

Poms (2019)



MONDAY MENDING DROP-IN WITH ALANA

Monday, April 15th
5:30 - 6:30 PM

Monday Mending has returned! Drop in anytime during the hour to talk with Alana about what you'd like mended, and she will discuss the repair with you.

LEARN TO SEW: SWEATERS

Monday, April 15th
6:30 - 7:45 PM

Sweater season is almost over! Before we pack away our favorite cozy garments, they often need some attention. If you have holes, worn spots or other types of damage, we'll cover all the info to repair your garments and extend their useful life.

CHAIR YOGA

Saturdays, April 6th & 20th
10 AM

Instructor Julie Hamilton leads this class using many common yoga poses. Perfect for seniors and folks with disabilities or challenges.

Yoga mats are not provided; bring your own for added chair stability.

RECOVERY WITHOUT STIGMA

Wednesday, April 24th
6 PM

Mark Knott, from the Metro East Recovery Council, will be discussing substance abuse disorder and how to deal with it in a non-judgmental manner.



Join a club!

THE COZY COMICS CLUB

Thursday, April 11th
6:30 PM

If you are a long-time comics lover or just discovering the wonderful world of comic books and graphic novels, the Cozy Comics Club is for you.

For April, we will be discussing Chivalry by Neil Gaiman.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: Libby.

THE READER'S OUTPOST

Monday, April 22nd
6:30 PM

Interested in taking a reading journey through time and space, spanning multiple decades? Our Sci-Fi book club might be the one for you!

For April, we will be reading from the 1980's - discussing Contact by Carl Sagan.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: Libby.

RIVETED READERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 30th
6:30 PM

Like to read? We'd love to meet you! Join us for a laid-back chat about adult books published in a variety of genres.

For April, we will be discussing Happiness Falls by Angie Kim.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: Libby.

A supply of all book club books are available for checkout at the adult circulation desk.

CHESS CLUB

Monday, April 15th
6:30 PM

The new EPL Chess club is a casual environment for masters and novices to meet up to play and enjoy one of the oldest games in the world. Bring your board or just your enthusiasm.

NOTHING BUT VINYL CLUB

Monday, April 29th
6 PM

Vinyl is back, and EPL is where to get it. Come listen to and share your favorite vinyl in the library with other enthusiasts, and no one is going to shush you!

ADULT ANIME CLUB

Wednesday, April 17th
6 PM

Are you a fan of Japanese animation and want to hang out with other adults who share your love of Manga & Anime? Join us! For April, we will be showing Your Name (2016) directed by Makoto Shinkai.



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EDWARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Events & Programs

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sign up begins April 1 for programs requiring registration.



Story Time Sessions

- Books for Babies Lapsit**
Tuesdays, April 9 & 23
at 10am | For ages 0-23 months
- Spring Stories**
Wednesdays, April 10 & 24
at 10am | All Ages Welcome
- Family Story Time**
Saturday, April 6
at 10am | All Ages Welcome
Wednesdays, April 3 - 24
at 6:30pm | All Ages Welcome

National Library Week

April 7 - April 13
Show the library some love and celebrate this special week with treats & fun!
Kids ages 5-11 can enter our Keepsake Bookmark Contest! Entries accepted through April 30. Details on our website.

Pokémon Hangout

Registration Required
Wednesday, April 10
4:30-5:30pm | Ages 7-12
Gather with fellow Pokémon enthusiasts, practice your Trading Card Game (TCG) skills, try themed activities, trade cards under supervision, and more!

Drop-In Play Time: Sensory Fun!

Friday, April 12
10 - 11am | Ages 1-5
Enjoy engaging sensory activities! This event is open to all families and is especially great for those with multi-sensory needs.

Lego Club

Thursday, April 18
4:30-5:30pm | Ages 5-12
Just bring your imagination - we'll supply the Legos!

Read to a Dog

Registration Required
Saturday, Apr. 20
at 10am | Grades K-5
A therapy dog is visiting the library and wants to listen to you read! 15-min session per reader.

Earth Day

Monday, April 22
Explore fun activities to celebrate and learn about Earth Day in the Youth Library!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop-Off: Friday, April 26 by 6pm
Breakfast & Pickup:
Saturday, April 27 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!

Techsplorers

Registration Required
Monday, April 29
4-4:45pm | Grades 3-5
Get hands-on experience with cool tech!

Take Home Crafts

New Monthly Craft
Stop by the Youth Library to pick up the latest craft available!



JewelRide

BOOKS FOR BIKES

Spring Reading Challenge

March 1 - April 30

Spring into summer with a new bike!
Keep up the momentum and read, read, read!

Kids in Grades K-8 are eligible to participate. By reading & logging books, you can earn up to 20 entries to our raffle, in which 15 bikes will be awarded to lucky readers!

Sponsored by JewelRide, Edwardsville's own local medical transport company, as well as The Cyclery & Fitness Center, Thompson Flaherty and YCG Accounting, BJ's Printables, and Dr. Hyten Dental.

All reading must be logged and turned in by Tuesday, April 30 at 8pm.

The raffle will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 10am.

Find full details on our website. Register online with Beanstack or stop by the Youth Desk for a paper log to get started!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 6-12

Sign up begins April 1 for programs requiring registration.



Wednesday, April 24
4-5pm

Magnus Chase & the Gods of Asgard: The Ship of the Dead
by Rick Riordan

Get a free copy of the book at the Youth Desk when you register!

Loki is free from his chains. He's readying Naglfar, the Ship of the Dead, complete with a host of giants and zombies, to sail against the Asgardian gods and begin the final battle of Ragnarok. It's up to Magnus and his friends to stop him, but to do so they will be in for the trials of their lives.

Along the way, they will face angry sea gods, hostile giants, and an evil fire-breathing dragon. Magnus's biggest challenge will be facing his own inner demons. Does he have what it takes to outwit the wily trickster god?



Free Play Saturday
Nintendo Switch

Saturdays | 12-4pm

Get your game on in the Teen Room during this time, playing games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more! Just ask at the desk to get started. First come, first served.

Game Night

Tuesdays, Jan. 23 - Apr. 30
6-7:30pm

Go on a quest with fellow players in the classic collaborative role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons, or try out our many other tabletop games.

Crochet Club

Registration Required
Mondays, April 8 & 22
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 crochet enthusiasts. If you have your own supplies and project, bring it along. Basic supplies will be available.

Cocoa & Color

Thursday, April 11 | 5-6pm

Enjoy a cup of cocoa and unwind while coloring intricate line-art designs with others. A variety of coloring utensils and pages will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own to work with.

Mini Garden Gnome DIY Kit

Registration Required

Pickup between Apr. 21-27

Get a kit with everything you need to create small garden guardians with clay and paint.



Poetry Open Mic

Thursday, April 25
at 6:30 pm

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

Perler Bead Brigade

Registration Required

Tuesday, April 30 | 3:30-5:30pm

Pixelate your world! Create cool designs using perler beads during the session.

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Library Hours:

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| 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!