**ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**
**MAY 28 – JULY 31**
Adults who read & log 3 books will each earn a prize! Read 10 or more books this summer & be entered into the grand prize drawing for a Summer Reading Prize Bundle!
Registration began May 28th via the Beanstack app. Prefer a paper log? Stop by the Adult Circulation Desk to get your copy!

**INSIDE THE 1904 ST LOUIS WORLD’S FAIR**
Wednesday, July 10th
6:30 PM
All ages are welcome to this lively and fun presentation that takes you inside the 1904 World’s Fair. Karl M. Kindt will present his collection of over 400 glass plate negatives, artifacts, and discuss the sights, sounds, and events that once graced the 1,500 acres of St. Louis’s Forest Park.

**VIRTUAL CULT CLASSICS FILM CLUB**
Registration & Age Verification Required
Do you love watching and talking about movies, but don’t have the time for a monthly in-person meeting? Welcome to the Edwardsville Public Library’s Virtual Cult Classics Film Club. Each month we will watch a different cult classic film that can be streamed on KANOPY, an app that is free with your EPL library card. Registrants will have two weeks to watch the film and then another two weeks to discuss it on Discord. This club is limited to EPL patrons ages 18+. This month’s film is the 1959 Roger Corman Classic: A Bucket of Blood.
Find more information & how to register on the home page of our website.

**THIS LAND IS YOURLAND:
THE FOLKSONGS OF WOODY GUTHRIE**
Sunday, July 14th
2 PM
Join us on Woody Guthrie’s birthday for a program that combines music performance (guitar and vocal) and spoken commentary. This program features songs by legendary folksinger and songwriter Woodrow “Woody” Guthrie (1912-1967), as well as commentary on the time period and each song. This commentary frames the program in a larger historical context, and offers specific details on Guthrie’s songs and his biography.

**ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ONE-SHOT ADVENTURE**
Saturday, July 27th
11 AM
Registration Required
Join us for a single session D&D adventure with pre-generated characters & a staff Dungeon Master. No books, dice, or prep necessary. Just sit down & enjoy an adventure in a single two-hour session.
This month’s session: A Rude Awakening: A volcanic mine has been evacuated and rumors of a powerful beast abound. Brave adventures are needed.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC MEETING – ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**
Monday, July 15th 6 PM
Each year Madison County receives Federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for community improvements. HUD’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low- and moderate-income individuals.

Please join Chris Kalter, CDBG Coordinator for Madison County on Monday, July 15th at 6pm for light refreshments, hear about the upcoming projects, and provide your thoughts and feedback on future projects.
If you are unable to make the meeting, you can still contact Chris Kalter at cjkalter@madisoncountyil.gov or 618-296-4955 to voice your comments, questions, or concerns.
**Movie Matinees**

Join us in July for two movie matinees!

**JULY 11TH**
The Boys in the Boat (2024)

**JULY 25TH**
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (2024)

**RECOVERY WITHOUT STIGMA**

**Wednesday, July 31st**
6 PM
Mark Knott of the Metro East Recovery Council will be on hand to discuss substance abuse disorder and how to deal with it in a non-judgmental manner. NARCAN training will also be available to those who need it.

**SUNRISE SUNDAY YOGA**

Sunday, July 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.

**ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT**

**Monday, July 8th**
6 - 7:30 PM
Grab your friends & some of your favorite board games for a community board game night.
This month’s spotlight game is Ticket to Ride.

**CHAIR YOGA**

Saturdays, July 13th & 27th
10 AM
Instructor Julie Hamilton leads this class using many common yoga poses. Yoga mats are not provided; bring your own for added chair stability.

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**Join a Club**

**THE COZY COMICS CLUB**

Thursday, July 11th
6:30 PM
Discovering the wonderful world of comic books and graphic novels!
For July, we will be discussing Once & Future Vol 1.

**THE READER’S OUTPOST**

Monday, July 22nd
6:30 PM
EPL’s sci-fi book club.
For July, we will be reading from the 2010s - discussing All Systems Red by Martha Wells.

**RIVETED READERS BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, July 30th
6:30 PM
Come chat about adult books published in a variety of genres.
For July, we will be discussing The Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenandore.

**CHESS CLUB**

Monday, July 1st
6:30 PM
A casual environment for masters and novices to meet up to play.

**NOTHING BUT VINYL CLUB**

Monday, July 29th
6 PM
Come listen to and share your favorite vinyl in the library with other enthusiasts.

**ADULT ANIME CLUB**

Wednesday, July 31st
5:30 PM
For July, we will be showing The Boy and the Heron.

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**SUMMER 2024**

**EDWARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Youth Events & Programs**

**SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY**  
**Wed, May 29 | 4:30-6:30pm**

Join us in City Park outside the library with City of Edwardsville Parks & Recreation to start your summer off right! Learn what some of your favorite places in the community have in store for you, including our Summer Reading Program, while enjoying fun & music provided by the Bubble Bus, free ice cream, the Edwardsville Library Friends’ Children’s Book Sale, and more!

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

- **Lego Club**
  
  Tuesdays, June 18 & July 16
  
  4-5pm | Ages 5-12
  
  Bring your imagination - we supply the Legos!

- **Kids’ Movie Matinees**
  
  Mondays, June 3 - July 22 at 1pm
  
  A feature film & free popcorn every week!

- **Musical Story Time**
  
  with Ellen Singh
  
  Tuesday, May 7 at 10am
  
  For ages Birth-5
  
  Join us for a special story time with Kindermusik Instructor, Ellen Singh! This event is sponsored by Brightpoint.

- **Read to a Dog**
  
  Registration Required
  
  Saturdays, May 18, June 15, & July 20 at 10am | Grades K-5
  
  A therapy dog is visiting the library and wants to listen to you read!

- **All About Eagles**
  
  Saturday, June 1 at 10am
  
  Soar to the library to see live eagles visiting from the World Bird Sanctuary.

- **Story Time & Playgroup**
  
  Books for Babies Lapsit
  
  Tuesdays, June 4 - July 23
  
  at 10am | For ages 0-23 months

  Time for Twos
  
  Wednesdays, June 5 - July 24
  
  at 10am | Age 2 years

  Family Story Time
  
  Wednesdays, June 5 - July 24
  
  at 6:30pm | All Ages Welcome

  Saturdays, June 15 & July 27
  
  at 10am | All Ages Welcome

  Preschool Story Time
  
  Thursdays, June 6 - July 25
  
  at 10am | Ages 3-5 years

- **Pokémon Hangout**
  
  Registration Required
  
  Wednesdays, June 12 & July 10
  
  4-5pm | Ages 7-12
  
  Trade, battle, create, and hone your trainer skills!

- **Bluey Bonanza**
  
  Register for one of the following sessions:
  
  **Session 1:** Saturday, June 22 at 10am-12pm
  
  **Session 2:** Saturday, June 22 at 2-4pm
  
  **Session 3:** Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30-7pm
  
  Meet Bluey and try some of her favorite games for yourself!

- **ENTERTAINER AFTERNOONS**
  
  Wednesdays at 1PM
  
  **June 5**
  
  Celia’s Sing-Along Dance Party
  
  The Martika Show
  
  Library Closed - Juneteenth
  
  Papa & Jackie Wright Puppet Show
  
  The Lion & the Mouse
  
  **June 12**
  
  **June 19**
  
  **June 26**

- **Opera Edwardsville Presents:**
  
  **Little Red Riding Hood**
  
  Saturday, July 13 | 9:30am & 11:30am
  
  Bring your family to one of the offered performance times to revisit the beloved tale through operatic song, performed by the talented cast of Opera Edwardsville.

- **Project WILD with the Watershed Nature Center**
  
  Registration Required
  
  Friday, July 19 at 10am | Grades 3-5
  
  Learn all about animal habitats through interactive activities led by Ms. Vanessa from the Watershed Nature Center!

- **READ! RENEW! REPEAT!**
  
  **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**
  
  **May 28 - July 31**
  
  Pair your love of reading with a love for the world we live in this summer!

  There is a movement to be mindful about our use of natural resources as we live day to day. At the library, we have the opportunity to READ as many books as we please, RENEW not only the books we check out but also renew our minds with knowledge and fresh ideas, and REPEAT over and over!

  Get started at EPL as you read books to earn cool prizes! There is a challenge for every age (you, too, parents)!

  **FOR THE KIDS:**
  
  Read & log 10 books on Beanstack or a paper log, and get a free book, a prize pack of passes to all kinds of fun around town, and an entry to the Grand Prize Drawing! Keep reading throughout the summer for more Grand Prize entries. Learn more at your next visit or on our website.
**TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Grades 6-12**

**Summer Reading Challenge**

**Read! Renew! Repeat!**

May 28 - July 31

Read this summer, renew your books at the library & renew your mind with knowledge and fresh ideas, and repeat! Throughout the summer, you can earn cool prizes for logging the books you read. Read & log 5 books on Beanstack or a paper log, and you’ll get a free book, a prize pack of passes to all kinds of fun around town, and an entry to the Grand Prize Drawing! Keep reading throughout the summer for more Grand Prize entries. Learn more at your next visit or on our website.

**Game Night**

Tuesdays, June 11 - July 30 | 6-7:30pm

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

**Teen Movie Nights**

Thursdays, June 6 - July 25 at 5pm

Free popcorn and a movie every Thursday night! You can bring your own additional snack, beverage with lid, and friends along! Check our website for movie titles.

**Book Nooks**

**Registration Required**

Sunday, June 30 | 2-3pm

Craft a mini reading haven to fit among your books using scraps and other recycled craft supplies.

**DIY Kits**

Get a kit full of all the materials needed to complete a project at home, while supplies last! Stop by the Teen Room during the week listed to snag a bag.

- **Toast Squishable**
  
  Available starting June 9

  Transform a sponge into an adorable squishy!

- **Glitter Glue Bouncy Ball**
  
  Available starting July 7

  It’s glittery, it’s bouncy, it’s science!

**Super Smash Bros Tournament**

**Registration Required**

Friday, June 28 | 1-4pm

Test your skills against fellow players in the Super Smash Bros. Tournament! There can only be one winner - will it be you?

**Perler Bead Brigade**

**Registration Required**

Tuesdays, June 11 & July 9

3:30-5:30pm

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

**Crochet Club**

**Registration Required**

Mondays, June 10 & 24 and July 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 available.

**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!