

May

Adult Events @ your library

SAFE ZONE TRAINING

Monday, May 13th
5:30 PM

Registration Required

Safe Zone is a free training program to help educate and empower allies of the LGBTQIA+ community. In this two-hour training you will discuss affirming vocabulary for the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as the differences between sexuality, gender and attraction. This is a safe space to ask questions and discuss ways that you can be a more effective ally in your life and workplace.

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.

NAACP HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, May 11th
10 AM - 1 PM

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Preventive Health Information
- Gift of Life Marrow Registry: Swab. Match. Cure.
- Healthy Snacks
- Door Prizes (must be present to win)

CHAIR YOGA

Saturdays, May 4th & 25th
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.

SUNRISE SUNDAY YOGA

Sunday, May 19th
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.

RECOVERY WITHOUT STIGMA

Wednesday, May 22nd
6 PM

Mark Knott of the Metro East Recovery Council will be discussing 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.

ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT

Monday, May 6th
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.

MY FIRST CONCERT

May 5th is National Concert Day! To celebrate, we want to know what your first concert was. Come to the library and find the My First Concert Board and let us know what concert was your memorable first. The board is located next to the New Arrivals shelves.

TREEHOUSE WILDLIFE CENTER ANIMAL MEET & GREET

Thursday, May 23rd
6:30 PM

The Edwardsville Library Friends are hosting a meet and greet with animals from Treehouse Wildlife Center. Their programming utilizes education ambassador animals in their permanent resident program, combined with discussion of the natural histories of native species and current issues affecting them. For this presentation, the ELFs have requested the opossum and groundhog ambassadors.

LOCAL WOMEN'S HISTORY FILM SCREENING

Saturday, May 25th
5 - 6:30 PM

Edwardsville Public Library & Edwardsville High School's Advanced Journalism and Broadcast Clubs are proud to present five short films about the lives of five extraordinary Edwardsville women. Please join us at the library for the first viewing of student-produced films about local legends: Jenece Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Anne Gregor, Sharon Petty, and Debra Pitts. Listen to these extraordinary women speak about their lives and the history of Edwardsville, followed by a Q&A session with the film's subjects and the students involved in the project.

Illinois Libraries Present: Virtual Event

Registration required for Zoom link, visit our website for more details.

The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7th 7 PM

Kal Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for his starring roles in *Designated Survivor*, *House*, *Mira Nair's The Namesake*, the *Harold & Kumar* franchise, and the Disney+ Christmas comedy *The Santa Clauses*.

Movie Matinees



MAY 2ND
Mean Girls (2024)

Join us in May for two movie matinees!
Movies start at noon.

MAY 16TH
Ordinary Angels (2024)



Join a club!

THE COZY COMICS CLUB

Thursday, May 9th
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 May, we will be discussing Moon Knight: Black, White & Blood.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: [hoopla](#) Libby.



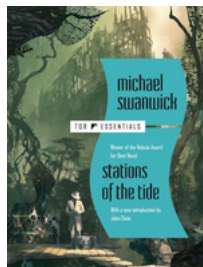
THE READER'S OUTPOST

Monday, May 20th
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 May, we will be reading from the 1990s - discussing Stations of the Tide by Michael Swanwick.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: Libby.



RIVETED READERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 28th
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 May, we will be discussing On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON: [hoopla](#) Libby.



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

CHESS CLUB

Monday, May 13th
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

Tuesday, May 28th
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, May 22nd
5:30 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 May, we will be showing Howl's Moving Castle.



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SUMMER 2024 EDWARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Events & Programs



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,

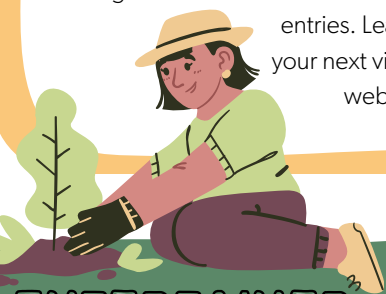
RENEW not only the books we check out but also renew our minds with knowledge and fresh ideas,

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.



**ENTERTAINER
AFTERNOONS**
WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM

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

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

Kids' Movie Matinees

Mondays, June 3 - July 22 at 1pm

A feature film & free popcorn every week!

Lego Club

Tuesdays, June 18 & July 16

4-5pm | Ages 5-12

Bring your imagination - we supply the Legos!

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!

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!



JUNE 5

Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party

JUNE 12

The Martika Show

JUNE 19

Library Closed - Juneteenth

JUNE 26

Papa & Jackie Wright Puppet Show
The Lion & the Mouse

JULY 3

Talewise Science Heroes
"Adventure of the Lost Treasure"

JULY 10

TreeHouse Wildlife Center

JULY 17

No Performer - Register for Bluey!

JULY 24

Foam Gone Bananas!

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 4 - July 23 | 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.

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.



BOOK CLUB

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



Shadow and Bone
by Leigh Bardugo

May 22 4-5pm

Orphaned and expendable, Alina Starkov is a soldier who knows she may not survive her first trek across the Shadow Fold—a swath of unnatural darkness crawling with monsters.



Siege and Storm
by Leigh Bardugo

June 26 4-5pm

Alina Starkov's power has grown, but not without a price. She is the Sun Summoner—hunted across the True Sea, haunted by the lives she took on the Shadow Fold. But she and Mal can't outrun their enemies for long.



Ruin and Rising
by Leigh Bardugo

July 31 4-5pm

The nation's fate rests with a broken Sun Summoner, a disgraced tracker, and the shattered remnants of a once-great magical army.



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| Friday | 9am - 6pm |
| Saturday | 9am - 5pm |
| Sunday | 1pm - 5pm |

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