

Youth Services Newsletter • February 2021

Children's Programs

Register for events requiring registration beginning February 1.

Story Time At Home

Through Mar. 25

Fun stories, songs, and rhymes on Facebook! Join us live at 10am, or watch the video later at your convenience!

Baby & Toddler Time

Tuesdays at 10:00am

Preschooler Story Time

Thursdays at 10:00am

Preschool Valentine's Dance Party on Zoom

Registration Required

Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10:30am

Let's Dance! Join us on zoom for stories, songs, and lots of dancing! Once you register, you will receive an email with the zoom link to join us on the day of the dance. Dance party kits will be available for those who have registered and will be available February 8-12 during our operating hours at the youth desk, or call us 15 minutes before arriving for curbside pickup.

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.

We "Heart" Books

Show books some love! Stop by the Youth Desk to tell us the title of your favorite book. It will be written on a heart and added to our bulletin board display for the month of February. If you're unable to come inside, email us your book title, and we'll make a heart for you!

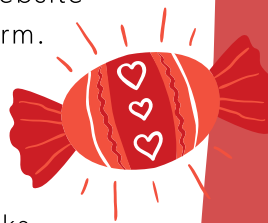
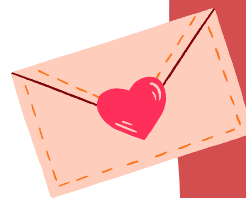
Library Grab Bags

Edwardsville Library card is required.

Let us know your favorite genres and authors, and we will hand-select a grab bag for you! We can put together items for any age, and they can include any type of library materials you would like. Visit our website to fill out the online form.

Book Bundles

Check out a featured, themed bundle of books designed for families to enjoy reading together on your next library visit, or give us a call at the Youth Desk (618-692-7556 x5) to find out what bundles are available. Then we can put them on hold for a curbside pickup!



EPL Updates

- The library building is now 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.
- We are monitoring the situation carefully and will make adjustments as needed.
- Computer Labs are not currently available for use.
- Keep up with the latest news from the library on Facebook and 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 February 1.

Black History Month Reading Challenge

Begins Feb. 1

Celebrate Black History with your community this month, and every month. Learn about Black history makers, explore cultural traditions, and honor the evolution of Black history in America. From the Civil Rights Movement to #BlackLivesMatter, it is vital to understand our history so that we can impact our future. Read 600 minutes and complete activities to earn badges along the way. This is an ongoing challenge.



Teen Advisory Board on Zoom

Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7-9pm

It's just like our old TAB meetings, but from home! Bring your own snack and ideas about future library events for teens to our Zoom meeting, hang out, and catch up. [Apply online!](#)

DIY Tote Bag Kit

Registration Required

Feb. 15-20

Learn about artist and educator, Alma Thomas, while creating your own painting inspired by her style on a canvas tote bag. Kits will be available February 15-20 during our operating hours at the Youth Desk, or call us 15 minutes before arriving for curbside pickup.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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Current Hours of Operation

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

