

## Youth Services Newsletter • November 2020

Visit the "How Do I" page on our website to sign up to receive a newsletter via email.

### Children's Programs

Register for events requiring registration starting November 1st.

#### Story Time at Home

Sept. 15-Nov. 19

Fun stories, songs, and rhymes each week 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

#### Opera Edwardsville's "The Three Little Pigs"

Beginning Friday, Nov. 6

We are excited to partner with Opera Edwardsville to present their performance of "The Three Little Pigs" to our patrons virtually! Starting November 6th, we will provide the link to the performance on our website and the library's social media for families to enjoy.



#### Take Home Crafts

Stop by the youth library to pick up a craft that you can make at home! New crafts will be available every other week.



#### Book Bundles

Check out a featured, themed bundle of books designed for families to enjoy reading together! Watch for new themes to be made available.

#### Library Grab Bags

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.

Edwardsville Library card required.



#### Coming Soon: Winter Reading Challenge

Get ready for our Winter Reading Challenge on Beanstack, starting in December. More info soon!

### EPL Updates

- Effective October 18, our hours of operation have changed. See the second page of the newsletter or check our website for more information.
- Visitors 2 and older are required to wear a mask to enter the building.
- Please limit your visit to 30 minutes.
- Curbside pickup is available! To use this option, wait to be notified that your holds are ready to be picked up and then give us a call 15 minutes before your arrival at the library.
- The youth computer lab is open for students ages 18 and under for educational purposes only. 1 hour time limit.
- We are monitoring the situation carefully and will make adjustments as needed.
- Keep up with the latest news from the library on Facebook and our website!

### Teen Programs & Reading Challenges



# Teen Programs

Grades 6-12

Register for events requiring registration starting November 2nd.

## DIY Gift Wrap Take-Home Kits

### Registration Required

Monday, Nov. 23

Create custom wrapping paper for your gifts this year! Register to receive a kit including paper to design, paint, ribbon, and more. Pick up your kit at the Youth Desk from Nov. 23-Dec. 5.

## Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, Nov. 19 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!](#)

## The Art of "Thanks"

Nov. 1-Nov. 18

What does "thankfulness" look like to you? We want to see your artwork that represents something or someone you are thankful for. Email an image of your creation to [kristenr@edwpl.org](mailto:kristenr@edwpl.org) for

the chance to win a prize! The winner will be selected by our Teen Advisory Board and notified by email.

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## Escape the Room

Monday, Nov. 16

Solve riddles and puzzles to find your way through this virtual escape room! Can you unravel the mystery and make it out in time? The room will open on our website and Facebook on Nov. 16 for you to try from home at any time you feel brave enough to enter.

## 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 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

Monday	9am - 6pm
Tuesday	9am - 7pm
Wednesday	9am - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 6pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed

 [Edwardsville Public Library](#)

 [@edwardsvillelibrary](#)



## Reading Challenges

[edwardsvillelibrary.beanstack.com](http://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!

