

Youth Services Newsletter • September 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 September 1st.

Thank You for a Great Summer!

Together, we read over 12,000 books! The most logged book this summer was "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling.

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

Take Home Crafts

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

Don't miss our special book-themed craft to celebrate our 2nd annual Book Festival, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

The Book Festival will be virtual this year. Look for more info soon!



Back to School Reading Challenge

Sept. 1-30

Join the community to read as many minutes as possible during the month of September for the chance to win one of three grand prizes of \$500 for your library!

Register on Beanstack now.

See more reading challenges on the next page.

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).

Book Bundles

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

EPL Updates

As we continue into the new school year, we are still committed to providing fun, educational activities for your family in this unprecedented time. We are also available to help provide resources and materials to support your child or teen's learning, in class or remote.

Visiting the library?

- Visitors 2 and older are required to wear a mask to enter the building.
- Visits are limited to 30 minutes.
- Curbside pickup is available.
- 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!

Last, but certainly not least, thank YOU! From receiving letters in the mail, to interacting on our virtual story times, to seeing kiddos in the library again, we appreciate everything that you do to support your library!

-Ms. Megan

Teen Programs & Reading Challenges



Teen Programs

Grades 6-12

Register for events requiring registration starting September 1st.

Dungeons & Dragons Online

Registration Required & Limited

Tuesdays, Sept. 15- Nov. 17

6:30-8:30pm

Dungeons and Dragons game night has moved online! Using Discord and Roll20, you will be able to talk to other players and see the quest unfold. Registering once will sign you up for all future game night sessions for the Fall. On game day, the library will email you the details to get set up.

Teen Advisory Board

Apply Online

Sept. 24 at 6:30-8:30pm

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.

If you are not already a member of TAB, fill out an application from the teen page of our website.

Kahoot Trivia Night

Registration Required

Sept. 30 at 7:00pm

Play games with the library on Kahoot! These trivia games will be available for you to test your knowledge against friends online. Once you register, you will be sent an access code on game day!

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Teens' Top Ten

Each year, the Young Adult Library Services Association hosts the Teens' Top Ten, where ages 12-18 can vote for their favorite Young Adult books from the previous year. You can read through the list and cast your vote now until October 12! See the nominees on our Teens' Top Ten blog post.

Virtual Volunteering

If you are a student looking to fill service hours or just want to get involved in the community, we would love your help with the following:

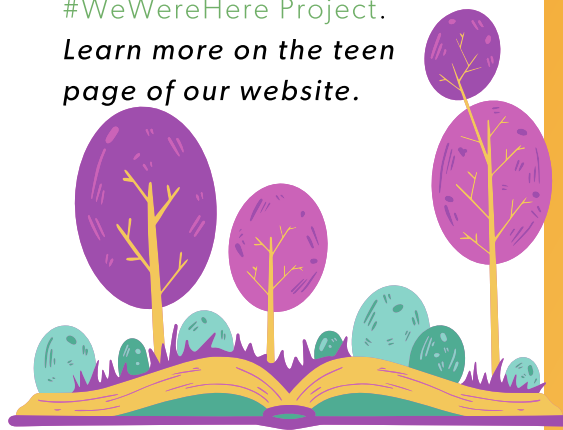
Review a Book

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 Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	9am - 9pm
Friday	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 5pm
Sunday	12pm - 5pm



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Reading Challenges

Register now for the challenges below online at edwardsvillelibrary.beanstack.com or from the Beanstack Tracker app. If you have created a Beanstack account for one of our previous challenges, you do not need to do so again. Simply log in to your account to register for 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!