

Edwardsville Public Library

May 2026
Summer Preview
Youth Events & Programs

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, May 6 at 10am

Join us for a special storytime to celebrate International Compost Awareness Week! Our special guest, Mary Grose of Good Dirt Composting, will be here to read with us about gardens, composting, and worms! Be sure to check out our composting book displays while you're here.



Read to a Dog

A therapy dog is visiting the library and wants to listen to you read! Each young reader will have a 15 minute session with the dog-on-duty. Register for a session online!
Monday, May 11 at 4pm
Saturday, May 16 at 10am

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, May 20 at 4pm

We're diving into the third installment of Libba Bray's Diviners series, Before the Devil Breaks You. After battling a sleeping sickness, The Diviners are up against a group of new and malevolent foes - ghosts!



2026 EDWARDSVILLE STREET BANNER CONTEST

Presented by the Edwardsville Public Library,
the City of Edwardsville,
and the Edwardsville Arts Center

Create artwork inspired by this year's theme: **Route 66**
(Happy Birthday to our historic highway!)

All ages welcome - from kindergarten to adults!

16 winners will be featured on banners displayed throughout the City of Edwardsville.

For all the details, scan the QR code
or visit our website!



FIND US OUT & ABOUT!

Check out these cool events,
and you could see us there!

Goshen Market

Saturdays, starting May 9 | 8am-12pm

Give your weekends a fresh start at the Land of Goshen Community Market, located this season outside the library on Park Street and S. Kansas Street. Hear live music, stop by the 80+ vendor tables, and bring the kids to Market Sprouts - a hands-on educational program that educates children - and their families - on the importance of eating fresh, local produce!



Embracing Inclusion:

Community Support for Neurodiverse Learners

Saturday, May 9 | 10am-2pm

at the Edwardsville Public Safety Building

Introduce your neurodiverse learner to our first responders in a sensory-friendly event! Stop by the library's table for more Summer sneak-peaks and something fun to take home.

Pet Adoption Day

Saturday, May 23 | 11am-1pm

at the West End Service Station

Ms. Megan will be reading a few of her favorite dog stories alongside some doggone cute and adoptable pups!



Plant a Seed, read

SUMMER READING IS COMING!
May 28-July 31

Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm to table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology. This summer, we invite you to imagine the library as a community table where, instead of food, we feast on ideas! What will you grow with the seeds you plant?



SUMMER KICKOFF PARTY

THURSDAY, MAY 28 4:30-6:30PM

Summer fun is about to be in full bloom at our Kickoff Party in City Park, just outside the library! We proudly cohost this annual event with our friends at the City of Edwardsville's Parks & Recreation, and we hope to see you there!

4:00PM CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE
with the Edwardsville Library Friends inside the Library

4:30PM PARTY IN THE PARK BEGINS

- Find out what your favorite spots in town have in store for you this summer at Community Group tables
- Complimentary Mahalo Shave Ice
- Bubbles with FoamZees

5:00-6:00PM FARMER JASON
Catch Jason Ringenberg of Jason & the Scorchers rock the bandstand with a family-friendly show all about nature, animals, and life on the farm! So grab a pitchfork, or your guitar, and climb aboard the tractor!



CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE

THURSDAY, MAY 28 4-6:30PM



Join the **Edwardsville Library Friends (ELFs)** and discover a treasure trove of children's books for sale downstairs in the large meeting room. Who knows what magical tales you'll uncover?

The fun begins at 4:00pm and continues through the Summer Kickoff Party! Every sale supports the library and our free events & activities.



SPROUT-TACULAR SHOWCASE

A weekly, wildly fun show series where imagination grows! Preview some of our guest visitors this summer!

Wed. June 3 at 10am
Celia's Sing-Along Dance Party

Wed. June 17 at 10am
Cowboy Critters Petting Zoo

Wed. July 1 at 10am
Stegosaurus Steve & Iggy
with St. Louis Dinosaur

Sat. July 11 at 10am & 1pm
Opera Edwardsville

Wed. June 10 at 10am
The Lion & the Mouse Puppet Show
with Papa & Jackie Wright

Wed. June 24 at 10am
Will Stuck's M.E.S.S. Show

Wed. July 8 at 10am
Misfit Marionettes: The Farm Review

Wed. July 22 at 10am
Animal Tales

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Library Hours

Mon-Thurs	9am - 8pm
Fri	9am - 6pm
Sat	9am - 5pm
Sun	1pm - 5pm



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