Fall Story Times
Share stories, songs, and bubbles together with friends!
No registration required.

Toddler Time
Tuesdays, Sept. 13 - Nov. 15 at 10am | Ages 0-2

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays, Sept. 15 - Nov. 17 at 10am | Ages 3-5

Saturday Story Time
Saturdays, Oct. 15 & Nov. 12 at 10am | All Ages Welcome

Lego Club
Wednesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 4-5pm | Ages 5-12
Just bring your imagination - we’ll supply the Legos! Drop in during the hour to build to your heart’s content. Creations will be displayed in the Youth Library until the next Lego Club.

Read a Dog
Registration Required
Sat. Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3 at 10am
Tues. Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 20 at 5pm
Grades K-5
A therapy dog is visiting the library and wants to listen to you read! Each young reader will have a 15 minute session to read with the dog-on-duty.

Afterschool Drop-In
Wednesdays starting at 3pm
Grades K-5
Drop in to the library after school to try out a self-led activity. Will it be an art project, a sensory activity, or a puzzle? You’ll have to visit us to find out!

Take Home Crafts
Stop by the Youth Desk to pick up a monthly craft that you can make at home!
Sept. - Paper Loop Sunflowers
Oct. - Make Your Own Monster
Nov. - Spiky Hedgehogs
Dec. - Snowman House

Google CS First Coding Club: Storytelling
Registration Required
Mondays, Oct. 3 - Nov. 28 4-5pm | Grades 3-5
Students will use computer science to tell fun and interactive stories. Storytelling emphasizes creativity by encouraging students to tell a new story each session.

Treehouse Wildlife Center + Family Reading Night
Thursday, November 17 at 6:30pm
Celebrate Family Reading Night with stories at the Library and animal friends from Treehouse Wildlife Center. Family Reading Night was started by Secretary of State, Jesse White, and this year marks the 30th anniversary of the program.

Gingerbread House Decorating
Registration Required
Saturday, Dec. 10 | Ages 5 & up
Session 1: 10:00-11:00am
Session 2: 11:30am-12:30pm
Session 3: 2:00-3:00pm
Sign up for one of the three sessions, and build your own wintery house with an assortment of treats & sweets!

Edwardsville Book Festival
Saturday, Sept. 17 | 9am-2pm
Join us in City Park (next to Library) for a day of “bookish” fun, including regional authors, new & used book sales, kids’ activities, live entertainment & storytelling, crafts for sale, and food & drink.

Family Pumpkin Carving Contest
Send us a photo by Oct. 24
Carve or decorate a pumpkin with your family and email a photo of your carved pumpkin to us at meganp@edwpl.org by October 24 to be entered to win a prize! The winner will be announced at the Halloween Puppet Show.

Halloween Puppet Show
Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:30
Wear your costumes, and join us for our annual puppet show, seasonal songs, and a trick or treat parade around the library.
ACT Practice Test
Registration Required
Saturday, Oct. 1 | 9am-12pm
Sylvan Learning Center of Edwardsville will be at the library to administer a practice ACT test for local high school students. Testing will begin at 9am on October 1 in the library meeting room. Please arrive early to check in and bring a calculator. Information about receiving results will be given on the day of the test.

Nintendo Switch Free Play
Wednesdays starting at 1pm
Drop in to the library during this time to take a turn playing games like Smash Bros, Mario Kart, and more! First come, first served.

Game Night
Tuesdays, Sept. 13-Dec. 13
6-7:30pm
Go on a quest with fellow players in the classic collaborative game, Dungeons & Dragons, or drop in with friends to play one of our tabletop games.

Teen DIY Kits
Registration Required for Each Project
Get a kit full of all the materials needed to complete a new DIY project at home. Teens who register can pick up their kit at the Youth Desk during our open hours of the week listed:
Stranger Things Friendship Bracelet
Pick Up Sept. 19-24
Friends. Don’t. Lie. String together colorful beads and give this reminder to a buddy.
Pumpkin Painting
Pick Up Oct. 17-22
Paint spooky designs of your desire on a miniature pumpkin!
Felt Wall Pennant
Pick Up Nov. 14-19
Personalize a pennant to hang up on a wall, your door, or inside your locker.
Flannel Hand-Warmers
Pick Up Dec. 12-17
Stay cozy this winter with these simple-sew hand warmers filled with rice.

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Succulents 101
Registration Required
Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6pm
Having trouble keeping your plants alive? Learn the essentials of caring for plants, specifically succulents, with trained horticulturist, Molly Satarelli. Each participant will get to plant & take home their own succulent to put into practice what you learn at this session.

Teens Advisory Board
Join us to share ideas with other members about how to make the library a great place for teens! Check our TAB webpage for meeting information & to apply!

Poetry Open Mic
Monday, Nov. 21 at 6:30pm
Take the mic and read a poem or lyrics of your choice! You can share original poems or lyrics, or a favorite selection by another artist.

Teen Book Club:
All of Us Villains
Registration Required
Thursday, Sept. 22 | 4-5pm
Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us. Libraries support and celebrate your freedom to read!
Read a book from the ALA’s Frequently Challenged Books List, and attend the Banned Book Club meeting to discuss them and why everyone should be free to read the books they want.

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Pokemon TCG Open Play
Wednesdays, October 5th & 19th
5-7:30 PM
Do you wanna be the very best, that no one ever was? Come connect with fellow Pokémon TCG players during our new twice a month open play. Our Wednesday open play will be a welcoming space for trainers to learn, practice, and battle for bragging rights.

Hobby Hour
Monday, October 17th
6-7:30 PM
Whether you enjoy painting, fiber crafts, model building, or wood carving, you are welcome to join us for Hobby Hour. Bring everything you need to work on your hobby and we’ll provide a room & great company.

House Plant Swap
Saturday, October 15th
9 AM
Come between the hours of 9am-11am to drop off your house plants, clippings or unused garden seeds to give them a second life. Those who dropped off a plant will have priority access to the swap between the hours of 11am-1pm. After 1pm the swap is open for the public to enjoy! Please no outdoor plants or unidentifiable seeds.

Moral Repair In An Unjust World: The Carol Keene Visiting Scholar Public Lecture Series
Thursday, October 20th
Hosted by the SIUE Philosophy Department
Join us for an informative lecture by visiting scholar Dr. Barrett Emerick of St. Mary’s College, Maryland. Professor Emerick will entertain questions and facilitate a public conversation about this important, timely topic.
Call the library at 618-692-7556 for program time, TBD.

Chair Yoga
Saturday, October 8th
10 AM
Registered yoga teacher Julie Hamilton will lead the class using modifications of many common yoga poses. Yoga mats not provided, bring your own for added chair stability.

An Evening with Jesmyn Ward: Virtual
Registration Required for Zoom Link
Wednesday, October 12th
7 PM
Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward as she discusses how her literary vision and personal experiences address urgent questions about racism and social injustice.

Register now:

Coloring for Grown Ups
Saturday, October 15th
1 PM
Join us for a relaxing and fun afternoon session of coloring. We will provide colored pencils and adult coloring books along with refreshments.

Edwardsville Library Cardholders – It’s time for the 4th Annual Library Crawl! Location “Passports” with a list of over 120 participating regional libraries will be available for pickup at EPL and online by Oct. 1. EPL cardholders who visit at least 5 other libraries can return their stamped passports to our library by Monday, November 7th to be entered into a drawing for a prize. Let the fun of exploring other libraries begin!

Events @ your library

Quarterly.
Monday, October 10th
6:30-7:30 PM
EPL’s new LGBTQ+ book club featuring fantasy and sci-fi for adults
**True Crime Book Club**

Join other armchair detectives in discussing the shocking details and events found in this popular non-fiction subgenre.

*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*

by John Berendt

Tuesday, October 25th
6:30 PM

**Main Street Community Center**

1 PM

Oct. 12th - iOS Security and Privacy
Oct. 19th - Android Security and Privacy

**Edwardsville Public Library**

11 AM

Oct. 25th - Online Security and Privacy

**Online Security Isn’t Scary**

Security isn’t scary! In this series we’ll cover some built-in privacy and security features on your device or web browser, common scams and how to spot them, and other general online safety practices.

**Halloween Movie Matinees**

*Movies start at noon*

Join us during the month of October for 3 Halloween themed movie matinees! Bring a brown bag lunch, and we’ll provide drinks and popcorn.

- **Oct 6th:** Ghostbusters
- **Oct 20th:** Beetlejuice
- **Oct 27th:** Hocus Pocus

**Pokémon TCG Halloween Tournament**

*Registration Required*

Wednesday, October 19th
5:00-7:30 PM

Attention all Pokémon trainers - join us for our first ever TCG Swiss style tournament. Standard format, three 30-minute rounds, best of 1. Each player gets a booster pack of cards for entering & top 3 of the evening will go home with a Halloween themed Pokémon plush, as well as a gift card to Heroic Adventures!

**Current Hours of Operation**

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**Crafternoon: Halloween Terrarium**

*Registration Required*

Sundays, October 9th & 16th
2:00-4:00 PM

Calling all goblins, ghosts, and creatures of the night - join us if you dare for a Halloween Crafternoon full of fright! You’re in for a spooktacular treat as we craft faux terrariums filled with ghosts, tombstones, and witches brooms. Enjoy light refreshments, festive music, and lively conversation while we craft.

We now require a $5.00 deposit to hold your registration spot for crafternoons. This deposit will be refunded if you attend the program or cancel up to 24 hours before the program. Please call the library for details.

**Something Weird in Your Neighborhood:**

Ghosts and Hauntings of Southern Illinois

**Pokémon TCG Halloween Tournament**

Wednesday, October 12th
6:30 PM

Join Troy Taylor, local author of Haunted Alton, for an evening of history and hauntings from all around the region -- a night that goes beyond just the legends and lore and reveals the real stories behind the area’s famous and little-known haunts! It’s going to be an eerie evening that will have you leaving the lights on after you go to bed at night!

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