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Our first “100 Books Before Graduation” program graduate!

Summer Reading Club: Read Beyond the Beaten Path
May 22 — August 7
Sign-up begins May 22

Whether you read books, eBooks, graphic novels, or listen to audio or digital audiobooks, you can explore beyond the beaten path this summer! Join the community in the library’s Summer Reading Club by reading for prizes!

Track your reading:

• Online: Use the ReadSquared app
• On paper: Print out forms from the website or pick up forms at the library starting May 22

Forms and information about online tracking can be found at dglibrary.org/SRC.

Adult
Pick up forms at the Ask Us Desk
Read three books or eighteen hours to win prizes. Prizes include books, bookmarks, screen cleaners, playing cards, sticker packs, and raffle entries for a variety of raffle prizes.

Teens
Pick up forms at the Ask Us Desk
Read three books or six hours to win prizes. Prizes include books, bookmarks, screen cleaners, playing cards, sticker packs, and raffle entries for a variety of raffle prizes.

Kids
If you have not received your folder at school, visit the Kids Room Desk starting Sunday, May 22 to register. More information on summer programs and family events can be found in our upcoming June/July/August program flier.

Community Scavenger Hunt
The Summer Reading Club Scavenger Hunt is back! Explore Downtown Downers Grove to win prizes for kids and adults! Prizes include book bundles and gift certificates for Downtown Dollars. Visit dglibrary.org/SRC to get started.

Library Hours
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Library Closings
Sunday, May 29
Monday, May 30
Friday, June 24 — close at 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 25 — close at 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 26

Program and service information is current as of the print date. Please visit dglibrary.org/updates for the most up-to-date information.
Find your next title with the library’s Staff Picks collection. Staff members from all departments share their favorite books, movies, music, and video games. Look for Staff Picks in the library and online. Follow and use the hashtag #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks.

May: For Kids of All Ages

June: Beyond the Beaten Path

Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in the coming months! Contact the Ask Us Desk to place a hold.

Adult Programming Highlights

Programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted. Many virtual programs are recorded and will be available to view after the event date.

Job Workshops: R
With partner People’s Resource Center

Mock Interviews: Repetition Leads to Success
Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m.

Negotiate the Job Offer
Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m.

LinkedIn for Your Job Search
Thursday, June 2, 10 a.m.

Concerts: R
With partner DG Music Club

A Mother’s Day Serenade
Sunday, May 8, 2 p.m.

Dave Rudolf’s Beach Party
Sunday, June 12, 2 p.m.

Writer’s Workshop
Monday, May 9, 23; June 13, 27, 7 p.m.

Small Business Coworking
Monday, May 2 — Friday, May 6, 9 am — 3 p.m.
Conference Room A

Miss working in a place that’s not your living room? Grab your laptop and join us for free coffee and treats. Business librarians will be available for one-on-one help. More info: jmatteson@dglibrary.org

Book Bundle: Mental Health Awareness Month R
Monday, May 2 — Sunday, May 15
Register online to win a curated bundle of books.

Senior Housing 101 R
Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m.
Rick Graffagna from Senior Solutions presents information for seniors and adult children on how to select senior housing, options to consider, and funding.

Register: dglibrary.org/events

R Advance registration required
D Drop-in program
V Virtual program
Adult Programming Highlights

Programs are held in the Meeting Room unless otherwise noted. Many virtual programs are recorded and will be available to view after the event date.

Work Your Boundaries: How to Set Them
Friday, May 6, 1 p.m.
Azizi Marshall, owner and CEO of the Center for Creative Arts Therapy, will discuss workplace boundaries in a pandemic and post-pandemic business world.

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7, All Day
While supplies last.

Genealogy: Quhat's In a Nayme?
Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.
Investigate the origin and history of names, various naming and cultural patterns, and research strategies for locating a name in various types of records.

The ABCs of Bike Repair
Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.
Kid's Program Room
LiNiTo Cycle will demonstrate the ABCs of bike repair: air, brakes, and chain. Ten people may bring their bike for quick repairs or inspection. Please indicate during registration.

Election Equipment Demonstration
Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 23, 7 p.m.
Did you know that DuPage County has new election equipment? The League of Women Voters will demonstrate the new voting system that will be used in the June Primary. Attendees can walk through the voting process and cast a demonstration ballot using the new equipment.

Illinois’ Wild and Wonderful Early Bloomers
With partner Downers Grove Garden Club
Sunday, June 5, 2 p.m.
Cindy Crosby shares stories about our earliest spring wildflowers, their folklore, and uses throughout history.

Beginner Genealogy Help
Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.
Training Room
Staff will be available to help with your basic genealogy questions.

Introduction to the Art of Bonsai
Thursday, June 9, 10 a.m.
Off-site at Hidden Gardens
Bonsai expert Mark Karczewski gives an introduction to the care and keeping of Bonsai trees.

Strictly Self Defense
Wednesday, June 15, 11 a.m.
Fishel Park Bandstand
Join Lindsey Daehnke of Strictly Self Defense for 90 minutes of self-defense training. The session will focus on three key areas of self defense: mindset, skill set and planning. Waiver required.

Albums Still Inspiring - 50 Years Later
Partnered with area libraries
Thursday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Greg and Jim from the podcast Sound Opinions will make the case that 1972 was an innovative and influential era in pop music. They'll examine albums identified as enduring masterpieces and follow their musical threads into the present.

Juneteenth Celebration Book Bundle Raffle
Monday, June 20 — Sunday, June 26
Enter online to win a curated bundle of books and more to celebrate Black excellence. Find details and the entry form on the events calendar.

Juneteenth: History of Headwrap Demonstration
Wednesday, June 29, 7 p.m.
Enjoy a brief discussion of headwraps from slavery to today, including headpieces from different tribes that are symbols of status and marriage. Demonstration of head wrapping and hands-on practice will follow.

Tie-Dye Shirts
Wednesday, June 29, 11 a.m.
Fishel Park
Make your own tie-dye t-shirt! Please bring your own pre-washed and dried cotton shirt. We will provide the dye and instructions!

Doing the Work:
With partner Heather Hathaway Miranda

Diversity 101
Monday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.
Get answers to the questions you've been wondering, and find out why diversity of all kinds makes our community stronger.

How to Be a Better Ally
Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about actionable steps to being a better ally and how to support marginalized community members.

Visit dglibrary.org/events to register and to see a full list of upcoming programs.
Kids Programming Highlights

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date unless otherwise noted.
To register and learn more, go to dglibrary.org/events.

Storytimes

Registration and the number of people attending is required ahead of time. Registration opens one week before storytime. Children attending storytimes must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Preschool Storytime
Mondays, May 9, 23; Tuesdays, May 3, 17, 31, 9:30 a.m.
Featuring picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

Weekend Storytime
Saturdays, May 7-28, 9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Join us for picture books, songs, and activities designed for preschoolers to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

For Families

Lego Build: Playground
Thursday, May 5, 7 – 8 p.m.
What can you make with our Legos, a theme, and your imagination? We’ll display your creations in the Kids Room. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

Family Movies

Bring a blanket, a snack, and a pillow to enjoy a movie on our giant screen!

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)
Saturday, May 7, 2 – 4 p.m.
Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
Saturday, May 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Early Childhood

Children attending early childhood programs must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Lightning Bugs
Monday, May 2, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Learn more about these special insects that light up the night! We’ll make some firefly crafts, share a story or two, and celebrate our favorite blinking beetles.

Wacky Water
Tuesday, May 10, 10 – 10:30 p.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Got water? Come play with water, which might leave you thirsting for more. It’s not just for drinking!

Early Childhood Continued...

Painting with Cars
Wednesday, May 18, 9:30 – 10 a.m. & 1:30 – 2 p.m.
Ages 2 – 3. What do you get when you use trucks and cars as your paint brush!? Dress for extreme messiness!

Art Crawl
Thursday, May 19, 9:30 – 10 p.m.
Ages 6 – 24 months. During this messy paint time babies can walk, crawl, or sit as they explore paint at their own messy pace. Make sure to dress for messy, as babies will be crawling through paint to make their collaborative “masterpiece.”

Go Global: Ukraine
Tuesday, May 24, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Learn about this Eastern European country and do some crafting!

Backyard Bee House
Friday, May 27, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Support the local pollinators by building them a home! Decorate, construct, and hang your very own Mason Bee nest.

For School-Age Children

Make & Create
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Grades 1 – 6. Kids! Stop by the Program Room to work on an activity. No parents allowed—just you and your creativity. Stay as long as you would like!

Monday, May 2: Paper Quilling
Monday, May 9: Air Clay
Monday, May 16: Board Games
Monday, May 23: Easel Painting

Shoot for the Stars
Leprechaun Traps
Discovery Bags
Bags are on a first-come, first-served basis.

DIY Binoculars & Nature Guide
Wednesday, May 11

Pretend S’mores
Wednesday, May 25

Read to the Dogs
Thursday, May 12, 7 – 8 p.m.
Grades 1 – 8. Reading to dogs can improve children’s reading and communication skills while also being fun! Schedule a 15-minute time slot by calling the Kids Room Desk. No online registration.

Squishies
Friday, May 20, 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8. Craft your own squishy! We will work with foam and paint to create a fun craft.

Pokémon Fun
Saturday, May 21, 3 – 3:45 p.m.
Trade cards, show off favorites, and possibly win a new pack!

Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7
Come to the library and pick out a free comic book for yourself. Be sure to wear your favorite t-shirt or costume to celebrate!

Calling All Volunteers!
Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 21, 1 – 3 p.m.
Summer Reading volunteers are back! Do you need some volunteer hours? Do you love hanging out in the library? Are you entering 6th - 12th grade? Summer Reading Volunteers help kids sign up for summer reading and give out prizes. Come to the library with your parent and your summer schedule to sign up for your volunteer shifts. You'll leave that day knowing when you're volunteering.

An orientation/training session is required. There will be several options for this required training.

Find more programs, including an entire June schedule, on the Kids Program Flyer in the Kids Room! Programs can also be found at dglibrary.org/events.

Computer Classes for Adults:

Word 2016 Intro
Tuesday, May 3, 2 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intro
Friday, May 13, 11 a.m.

Pinterest Basics
Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

PowerPoint Intro
Thursday, May 19, 2 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate
Tuesday, May 24, 2 p.m.

Google Slides
Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intermediate
Friday, June 3, 11 a.m.

Intro to Computers
Sponsored by People's Resource Center
Mondays, June 6 — July 25, 6:30 p.m.
Contact Amy Zurita People's Resource Center at azurita@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 267 to register.

Virtual Prezi Overview
Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m.

Windows Fundamentals
Sponsored by People's Resource Center
Saturdays, June 11 — July 30, 9:30 a.m.
Contact Amy Zurita People's Resource Center at azurita@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 267 to register.

Lunch & Learn: How to Use Your Smartphone
Sponsored by the Downers Grove Park District
Wednesday, June 15, noon
4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove
Register in-person at the Lincoln Center or Downers Grove Recreation Center OR online at dgparks.org/registration-information.

Word 2016 Intro
Friday, June 17, 2 p.m.

PowerPoint Intermediate
Monday, June 20, 2 p.m.

Facebook Marketplace & Garage Sale Groups
Wednesday, June 22, 3 p.m.

Register: dglibrary.org/events

Advance registration required
Prerequisite required
Virtual program
Summer Job Workshop
Sunday, May 1, 1:30 — 2:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 9 – 12. Looking to make some extra cash? Saving for college? Get tips on finding the perfect summer job.

Mental Health Awareness Month Bag
Monday, May 2, All Day
Grades 7 – 12. Pick up a bag with a resource handout and activities. Available while supplies last.

Maker Mondays
Mondays, May 2 — 23, 3 — 4:30 p.m.
Grades 7 – 12. Drop in after school to hang out and create something! A limited number of bags may be available to take home. Check the online events calendar for details.

Book Bundle: Mental Health Awareness Month
Monday, May 2 — Sunday, May 15
Grades 7 – 12. Enter online to win a curated bundle of books to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month. Find details and an entry form on the events calendar.

Need-to-Know Significant FAFSA Changes and the College Planning Process
Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.
Grades 7 – 12, Adults. Join us to learn how these changes may impact your family and new strategies to consider to give your student the best opportunity to be admitted and maximize scholarships and financial aid.

The ABCs of Bike Repair
Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.
Kids Program Room
Grades 7 – 12, Adults. LiNiTo Cycle will demonstrate the ABCs of bike repair: air, brakes, and chain. Ten people may bring their bike for quick repairs or inspection. Please indicate during registration.

Henna
Saturday, May 7, 2 — 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Learn about the history of henna and how to create designs with henna cones. All supplies provided.

DIY Squishies*
Friday, May 20, 4 — 5 p.m.
Kids Program Room
Grades 7 – 12. Create your own squishy with foam and paint.

Summer Reading Club Kick Off: Read Off the Beaten Path
May 22, All Day
Grab a button and celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading Club!

Bee Yourself Pride Cross Stitch*
Thursday, June 2, 4 — 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Create a bee-utiful cross stitch to celebrate Pride Month. All supplies provided.

Maker Mondays 2 Go
Mondays, June 6 — 27, All Day
Grades 7 – 12. Pick up an activity each Monday. Check the online events calendar for details.

Plant Love
Tuesday, June 14, 3 — 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Join us to learn all the basics needed to grow healthy, happy plants. This is a hands-on class, so be prepared to put your hands in soil and bring home a new plant baby!

Juneteenth Celebration Bundle
Monday, June 20 — Sunday, June 26
Grades 7 – 12. Enter online to win a curated bundle of books and more to celebrate Black excellence. Find details and entry form on the events calendar.

Movie Showing: Black Panther
Wednesday, June 22, 1 — 3 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Celebrate Juneteenth and Black excellence with this Marvel journey to Wakanda.

Summer Watercolor Painting*
Wednesday, June 29, 1 — 2 p.m.
Meeting Room
Grades 7 – 12. Create a summer-inspired watercolor painting to display. All supplies provided.

Tie-Dye
Thursday, June 30, 1 — 2 p.m.
Fishel Park
Grades 7 – 12. Join us to tie-dye a t-shirt in the park. All supplies provided.
**Director’s Note**

**Elevating Our Library**

This summer, the Downers Grove Public Library’s 24-year-old hydraulic passenger elevator will be undergoing a modernization. Originally not included in the 2017—2027 capital needs assessment, this project was added to the planned capital needs projects as the elevator’s age began to show with service issues and replacement parts became increasingly difficult to obtain. This project will upgrade the elevator’s controller, power unit, and hoist-way equipment. The elevator cab will get new interior controls, doors and sensors, lighting, wall coverings, and flooring. Benefits of this project include:

- Increased durability and reliability
- Improved fire and life safety features
- Decreased waiting times
- Reduced energy consumption
- Reduced operation cost
- Reduced troubleshooting time

Unfortunately, this project means that the only elevator in the building will be out of service and unusable for approximately three to five weeks. While the elevator is out of service, a temporary and accessible service desk in the lobby will be staffed to assist patrons, retrieve items, and answer reference questions. Interim computer workstations for patron use will also be available on the first floor. We understand that this will be a major barrier to service for some patrons. We are committed to providing exceptional customer service to minimize that barrier. Please watch the library website, eNewsletter, and social media for the announcement of the start date for the elevator modernization project.

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**Pride Month**

**OutWords Journey Storytelling**

With partner EQDG

Saturday, June 4, 1 p.m.

Fishel Park

Listen and connect to authentic human experiences that are shared in story form by and for individuals that identify or are allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Visit dglibrary.org for more information.

**LGBTQ+ Community Acceptance and Inclusion Panel Discussion**

Monday, June 6, 7 p.m.

Join community members and leaders for a panel discussion on ideas for creating a more inclusive community.

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**Organization of the Month**

May **grit2**

grit2 is a Downers Grove nonprofit organization working to connect our community with resources to support better mental wellness and build resiliency in our youth. Since its inception in 2018, they have worked diligently to build relationships with local health organizations and schools including developing an advisory board of professionals in the guidance, counseling, and education fields. Additionally, throughout the year grit2 hosts speakers and events on various topics including mindful parenting, parent/teen communication, vaping and substance abuse, anxiety/stress, teen relationships, and more. Their website, grit2.org, features upcoming area events and a comprehensive community resource page. grit2 is looking for ideas and invites community members to get involved by visiting grit2.org.

June **Youth Outlook**

Youth Outlook (YO) celebrates, empowers, advocates for, and provides services to meet the ever-evolving needs of LGBTQ+ youth and their families, friends, and communities. YO is the first social service agency in Illinois solely dedicated to the support of LGBTQ+ youth. They do this through local drop-in centers for LGBTQIA+ youth, support groups for parents of LGBTQ+ youth, and community education. Since its founding in 1996, Youth Outlook has served over 1,800 people. A drop-in center opened in Downers Grove in October of 2021, and numerous youth have participated. In addition to its drop-in centers, Youth Outlook offers programs in-person and virtually. There are a variety of ways to volunteer with Youth Outlook, ranging from helping at a drop-in center to fundraising. For more information, email volunteering@youth-outlook.org.

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**Sign Up to Be an Organization of the Month!**

Do you know an organization that should be featured for our monthly organization spotlight? Visit the following link, fill out an application, and let us know! dgpl.fyi/OrgOfTheMonth.

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Visit dglibrary.org/events to register and to see a full list of upcoming programs.
New Cover to Cover Podcasts


June – What We Can’t Put Down: books, movies, and music picks for Summer Reading Club.

Cover to Cover is produced in the library’s Media Lab. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, or on the library’s website at dglibrary.org/cover-to-cover-podcast.

Register: dglibrary.org/events
Advance registration required | Virtual program

In Bloom, DGPLF Garden Walk Bricks

With a bounty of individuals (moms, dads, and grads, among others) to commemorate this time of year, consider honoring a loved one while also investing in your library with the purchase of a custom engraved Garden Walk Brick from the DGPL Foundation.

Visit dgplfoundation.org/garden-walk-brick-program to place an order today.

Book & Author Discussions

Books available at the Ask Us Desk, one month in advance per discussion.

**Book Discussion: The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi**
Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.

**Walking Book Club — Park District Registration**
In partnership with the Downers Grove Park District
Tuesdays, June 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy the outdoors while discussing **News of the World** by Paulette Jiles. Register through the DG Park District.

In association with Illinois Libraries Present:

**An Evening with Michelle Zauner**
Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Join us for an evening with musician and author Michelle Zauner as she discusses her music career and her beloved bestselling memoir, **Crying in H Mart**. Jessica Hopper joins her in conversation.

**An Evening with Jessamine Chan and Emily Maloney**
Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Chan and Maloney discuss systems of power through the lens of their acclaimed books, **The School for Good Mothers** and **Cost of Living**.

**An Evening with Kwame Onwuachi**
Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Join us for an enlightening evening with Kwame, hearing stories behind his family’s recipes, and the importance of the connections between cuisine, place, and culture.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Downers Grove Public Library sits on the unceded, traditional, and ancestral homelands of Native peoples. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Indigenous peoples who have been caretakers of the land throughout generations, past and present. We invite you to learn more about the genocide and forced displacement by non-Native settlers, and the ongoing injustices against Native peoples.

Learn more: dglibrary.org/land

Discoveries brings news of services and activities at the Downers Grove Public Library

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