



Downers Grove Public Library

Discoveries

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One of our newest library cardholders: Paige. Happy reading!

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 26
 Monday, May 27
 Thursday, June 20, close at 9 p.m.
 Friday, June 21, close at 7 p.m.
 Saturday, June 22, close at 1 p.m.
 Sunday, June 23

Program and service information is current as of the print date.
 Visit dglibrary.org for more details.




Summer Reading Club: Read, Renew, Repeat!

Monday, May 20 – Sunday, August 4
 Sign-up begins May 20

Read, Renew, Repeat this summer with the library's Summer Reading Club. Win prizes by reading; whether you enjoy graphic novels, eBooks, or audiobooks, all reading counts!

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 20

Forms and information about online tracking can be found at dglibrary.org/SRC. Looking for forms in additional languages? As part of our strategic plan's access initiatives, the library now offers forms in Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Polish, Russian, and Spanish!

Adult

Pick up forms at the Adult & Teen Services Desk

Read three books or 18 hours to win prizes. Prizes include books, themed prizes, and raffle entries for a variety of raffle prizes.

Teens

Pick up forms at the Adult & Teen Services Desk

Read three books or six hours to win prizes. Prizes include books, themed prizes, 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 Monday, May 20 to register. More information on summer programs and family events can be found in our upcoming June/July/August program flier.



Book Discussions

Books are available at the Adult & Teen Services Desk one month before each discussion.



Pages & Pints (Ages 21+)

Goldfinger Brewing Company
513 Rogers Street,
Downers Grove, 60515

The Lost Man

by Jane Harper

Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m.

Happiness Falls

by Angie Kim

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 7 p.m.

REAL READS

A Nonfiction Book Club

Real Reads

Sitting Pretty

by Rebekah Taussig

Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.

The Hungry Season

by Lisa Hamilton

Tuesday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.



Stellar Reads

The Jinn-Bot of Shantiport

by Samit Basu

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Godkiller by Hannah Kaner

Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.



Celebrity Reads

Being Henry: The Fonz... and Beyond

by Henry Winkler

Tuesday, June 4, 1 p.m.



Next Chapter Book Club

May 14 & 28; June 11 & 25,
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join our literacy program for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact the library to register.



Director's Note

When I first started at the Downers Grove Public Library nearly 8 years ago, I was astounded at the number of book clubs that used the library to get their books! Book clubs and book discussions are a wonderful way for readers to connect with

others. With over 80 clubs regularly using the library to get their books, we worked with the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation to start a Book Club Bags collection that currently offers over 100 ready-to-go bags with 10 copies of the selected book, discussion questions, and author information. We also offer librarian-assisted holds to help gather copies of the book selected by the club if it's a title not available in a Book Club Bag.

Beyond all of the independent book clubs, the library offers book discussions that appeal to a variety of readers. Nonfiction readers can join us for coffee and donuts in the library for Real Reads. Pages & Pints provides fiction readers over the age of 21 a chance to talk about books over a pint at Goldfinger Brewing Company. Sci-fi/fantasy fans can explore magic and new worlds with their fellow readers at Stellar Reads. And for our 18+ folks with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the Next Chapter Book Club offers an inclusive experience where participants can enjoy books, make friends, and have fun.

Whether through independent book clubs or library book discussions, I hope we can all connect with someone over a great read this summer!

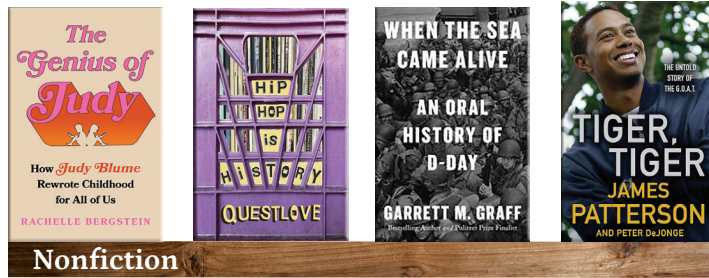


Have your own book club? Book Club Bags will make your next meeting a breeze! Each bag comes with 10 copies of the selected book, author information, and discussion questions. Find a list of available titles at dglibrary.org/book-clubs.



Future Bestsellers

These titles are sure to be hot when they arrive in the coming months! Contact the Adult & Teen Services Desk to place a hold.



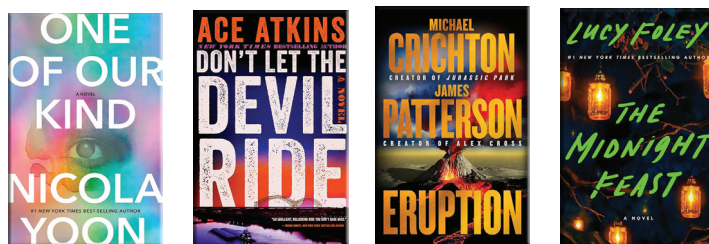
Nonfiction



Fiction



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STAFF PICKS

Staff members from all departments share their favorite materials in our Staff Picks program. Monthly themes feature titles to pique interest. Look for the picks in the library and online. Follow #DGPLreads to keep up with the freshest picks.

May: The Kids Are Alright

Picks from the Kids Room



June: Buzz-Worthy

The 17-year cicadas are back! Popular books or books that you think deserve to be popular or books about bugs



Pick Me!

The Staff Picks VIPs (Very Important Pickers) for May and June are Lindsey and Erin. Watch for a display in the lobby that highlights each VIP's favorite library materials. Additionally, patrons can enter a raffle for a basket of books including special selections by our VIPs. These giveaways are exclusively for Downers Grove Public Library cardholders. Enter to win by filling out an online entry. One ticket per library card per month. The raffle runs May 20 – June 9, 2024.

Stop by the lobby table to talk books with our VIP and earn a bonus raffle entry on the following days:



May: Chat with Lindsey

Thursday, May 23, 1 – 3 p.m.

Lindsey's Pick: **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark** by Alvin Schwartz



June: Chat with Erin

Tuesday, June 4, 2 – 4 p.m.

Erin's Pick: **Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy** by N.D. Stevenson





The Human Library®: Application Open

DGPL will be hosting a Human Library® program this coming Fall! Instead of checking out a physical book, check out a human Book, where patrons are given the opportunity to sit with someone, hear their experiences living through stigmatization and prejudice, and engage in conversation. Learn more about the Human Library® program and apply to share your story: dgpl.fyi/human-library-book. Applications to be a featured Book accepted April 22 – May 22.

New and Notable: Student Library Card Program

In March, the DGPL Board of Trustees and School District 58's Board of Education signed an intergovernmental agreement to provide library cards to every child enrolled in District 58 through the new Student Library Card Program. During District 58's registration process, parents could choose to opt-in for their students to receive a library card. Students will receive their library cards for the 2024-2025 school year. Student Library Cards may be used the same way as a regular library card, providing access to books, research databases, and study room spaces. Teachers will also be able to use DGPL's many online resources including databases and eMaterials to enhance and supplement their lessons. No other data, other than registration information, will be shared between the two entities, and cards will not be created for students without guardian consent. This initiative is made possible through the Cards for Kids Act expansion which allowed the DGPL Board of Trustees to waive registration fees for children under 18 who live outside of a library district, for example, in unincorporated Downers Grove. DGPL will coordinate card registration with area libraries on behalf of District 58 students who live in other municipalities.

The library is excited about this partnership, which provides thousands of children access to its resources without any burden or cost to students or District 58!

Computer Classes

- R Advance registration required
- P Prerequisite required
- V Virtual program

Programs are held in the Training Room unless otherwise noted. An email address and password may be required.

Intro to GIMP R

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 23, 2 p.m.

GIMP 2.0 R P

Wednesday, June 5, 2 p.m.
Thursday, June 13, 6 p.m.

Excel 2016 Intro R

Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.

Intro to Computers R P

sponsored by People's Resource Center
Mondays, May 13 – July 1, 6:30 p.m.
Contact PRC's Computer Training team
ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.

Apple Maps R P

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.

Facebook Sales:

Marketplace & Garage Sale Groups R V

Thursday, May 16, 3 p.m.

Windows Fundamentals R P

sponsored by People's Resource Center
Saturdays, May 18 – July 6, 9:30 p.m.
Contact PRC's Computer Training team
ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.

Excel 2016 Intermediate R P

Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.

Google Sheets Basics R V

Tuesday, June 4, 2 p.m.

Facebook Basics R

Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m.

Word 2016 Intro R

Friday, June 7, 2 p.m.

Google Slides R V

Friday, June 14, 2 p.m.

Intro to Microsoft Teams R

Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Word 2016 Intermediate R P

Friday, June 28, 2 p.m.



Adult Programming

- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- H** Hybrid program
- 📺** Virtual program

Check dglibrary.org/events for program location information. Many virtual programs are recorded and will be available to view after the event date.

Grab & Go

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Crafts for Adults

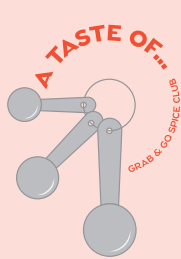
Stop by the second floor Adult & Teen Services Desk and pick up a bag. While supplies last.

DIY Citronella Candle **D**

Monday, May 6

Watercolor Kit **D**

Monday, June 3



Kits include recipes, cookbook recommendations, as well as some history and cultural context. While supplies last.

Celery Seeds **D**

Tuesday, May 21

Fenugreek **D**

Tuesday, June 18

Gaming

Drop-In Board Games **D**

Fridays, May 3 — June 28, 9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Contemporary board games, card games, and Mahjongg. Learn a new game or bring your own!

D&D Adventurers League

Adults & Teens 16+ (For All Experience Levels). Play exciting one-off Dungeons and Dragons adventures with characters and materials provided.

The Sword of Selfairil **R**

Friday, May 10, 5:30 — 9 p.m.

Black Heart of Vengeance **R**

Friday, May 24, 5:30 — 9 p.m.

Boltsmelter's Book **R**

Friday, June 7, 5:30 — 9 p.m.

Learn to Play! Pathfinder Society:

The Absalom Initiation **R**

Friday, June 28, 5:30 — 9 p.m.

Adults & Teens 16+ (For All Experience Levels).

Participate in exciting one-off Pathfinder RPG adventures with characters and materials provided.

Star Wars Trivia **R**

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Test your knowledge of all things Star Wars in this live pub-style trivia game! Sign up as a squadron of 2-6 or enter Solo and join Forces with another group. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams.

Concerts

Celebrate May **R**

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Fabulous piano music and lively sounds of brass from the Cove Creek Brass Quintet.

Crafts and the Arts

Crafts for Older Adults

Learn new craft techniques and mingle with other older adults as you craft on the first Wednesday of every month.

Embroidered Sun Hat **R**

Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m.

Stamped Tea Towels **R**

Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m.

CrAfter Work Take and Make

Register for a craft kit and complete the project on your own time! Kits are held for one week after program date at the Adult & Teen Services Desk.

Zen Garden **R**

Monday, May 20

Recycled Egg Carton Wreath **R**

Monday, June 17

Hat Carrying Tote Bag **R**

Thursday, May 23, All Day

Register for a kit to make a tote bag that doubles as a sun hat carrier, just in time for summer.

Everyone's Welcome Mat **R**

Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Celebrate Pride Month by creating a doormat to let everyone know they are welcome.

Mocktails and A Masterpiece **R**

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Learn how to craft a delicious mocktail, then paint a masterpiece while you sip and socialize.

Illinois Libraries Presents

The Many Lives of Kal Penn **R** **📺**

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Rescheduled: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin **R** **📺**

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.

This event was originally scheduled for April 6.



Adult & Teen Programming

Lectures and Life Skills

Mock Interviews **R**

with partner People's Resource Center
Tuesday, May 7, 10-11:30 a.m.

Attend a workshop to gain confidence in interviewing. Registrants will choose a 20-minute time slot.

Ford's Theater and the Lincoln Assassination **R** **🎧**

Thursday, May 9, 3 p.m.

Look at historical maps, photos, and illustrations while investigating the events and legacies surrounding Abraham Lincoln's assassination with guides from Ford's Theatre.

Great Decisions **R** **H**

Tuesdays: May 14 & 28; June 11 & 25, 10:30 — noon

Join our lively Great Decisions group where foreign policy issues are discussed.

Brick By Brick: A History of Naval Station Great Lakes **R**

Wednesday, May 15, 1 p.m.

The National Museum of the American Sailor presents the history of Naval Station Great Lakes from its founding in 1911 to its current role as the U.S. Navy's only boot camp.

Bringing Nature to Your Yard **R**

Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m.

Receive a native plant guide and learn what plants will attract pollinators and birds with The Conservation Foundation.

Utilities and Home Energy Savings **R** **🎧**

Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.

Join Citizens Utility Board for information on how to reduce energy usage, avoid utility scams, and find programs designed to save money and energy.

Astrology 101 **R**

Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m.

Learn about signs (sun, moon, rising), planets, and how to read a natal chart with Jez Layman.

Talking Books for People with a Disability **R**

Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.

Learn about Talking Books, a free program providing audio materials to Illinois residents unable to read standard print due to a visual or physical disability.

Edible Mushrooms of Illinois **R**

Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.

The Illinois Mycological Association will teach you where to find and how to identify wild edible mushrooms.

Armor and Infantry During D-Day and the Battle of Normandy **R**

Friday, June 13, 1 p.m.

Cantigny's The First Division Museum presents personal stories to explain the challenges, strategies, and solutions used by the American Infantry and Armor Units during D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

Celebrations

Hula Lessons **R**

Teens: Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 — 5:30 p.m.

Adults: Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by learning hula with Hula 'O Puanani.

DG PRIDEFest 2024 **D**

with partners EQDG and Downers Grove Park District

Saturday, June 8, noon — 3 p.m.

Fishel Park

Stop by Fishel Park for live music, food, and activities for the whole family. For a complete list of Pride initiatives around Downers Grove, visit eqdg.org.

Celebrate Juneteenth with Red Drink! **D**

Wednesday, June 19, All Day

Pick up a Hibiscus Tea Red Drink Kit for your own Juneteenth Celebration! Included are ingredients and educational resources to understand the history of this delicious drink.

Study Sessions

The Final Stretch Study and Project Space **D**

Friday, May 17 — Tuesday, May, 21

Hours: Friday, Monday, Tuesday: 3 — 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 1 — 5 p.m.

Meeting Room


High School and College students, study for finals in a quiet, snack-filled environment! Refreshments and the occasional destressing activity will be provided.



The Suminagashi crafting program from February 15.



Teen Programming

- R** Advance registration required
- D** Drop-in program
- *** Pickup Program
-  Mental Health Awareness Month

Programs are held in the Meeting Room and designed for Grades 7 – 12 unless otherwise noted.
All materials provided unless otherwise noted.

Teen Maker Kits **D**

Maker Kits have projects for teens to complete anytime the library is open. They can be found at the Teen Central Desk.

May Kits

- Book Page Art
- Celebrate AANHPI
- Taylor Swift Bracelet Kit

June Kits

- Shrinky Dink Pride Pins
- Braided Coasters
- Taylor Swift Bracelet Kit

Take & Make Crafts **D**

Pick up a craft to complete in Teen Central or take home. Available while supplies last.

Soap Carving

Wednesday, May 8

Upcycled Oui Jar Vases

Wednesday, June 12

The Little Heart Project **D**

Wednesday, May 1 – Friday, May 31, All Day
Teen Central

Pick up a little yarn heart and spread awareness and hope for suicide prevention.

Stress Relief and Meditation **R**

with partner NAMI DuPage
Friday, May 3, 4 – 5 p.m.

Learn how to manage stress through strategies like meditation.

Teen Table Talk **D**

with partner Grit2 TAB
Tuesday, May 7, 7 – 8 p.m.
Kid's Program Room

Join us for a teen-led support group where peers talk about mental health in a safe space.

Teen Library Council **R**

Thursday, May 9 & June 13, 4 – 5 p.m.
Teen Central

Join us for the first ever meeting of a new forum where teens can voice their ideas, plan projects, and help shape the future of the library.

Pedal Petting Zoo **R**

Saturdays: May 11 & 18; June 8 & 15, 1 – 5 p.m.
Media Lab

Sign up for a 30-minute time slot to learn sequencing, cable management, and try new guitar pedals.

Teacup Fairy Gardens **R**

Tuesday, May 28, All Day

Create an enchanting miniature garden inside a teacup.

After Hours: Pride Month Kickoff Party **R**

Saturday, June 1, 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Kickoff Pride Month with color, crafts, games, and music!

Teen Colab: Giant Paint By Number **R**

Saturday, June 1 – Sunday, June 30, All Day
Teen Central

Help us color a window mural in Teen Central in honor of Summer Reading Club!

Metal Hand Stamping **R**

Wednesday, June 5, 3 – 4 p.m.

Create unique metal jewelry and keychain tags with stamps.

Taylor Swift Edible Bracelet Cupcakes **R**

Friday, June 7, noon – 1 p.m.

Decorate cupcakes with Taylor Swift bracelet-style edible beads to give away or eat yourself!

Quick Quest Teen D&D **R**

Monday, June 10, 3– 5 p.m.
Study Room B

Join us for a one-off collaborative tabletop adventure.

Needle Felted Hedgehog **R**

Tuesday, June 11, 2 – 3 p.m.

Create a cute needle-felted hedgehog.

Fantasy Potion Bottle Decoration **R**

Saturday, June 15, 1 – 2 p.m.

Fill and decorate glass bottles to resemble magical potions.

Tea and Tea **R**

Tuesday, June 18, noon – 1 p.m.

Create a concoction for a relaxing bath while sipping a concoction of relaxing brew!

Wildflower Seed Bombs **R**

Thursday, June 20, 2 – 3 p.m.

Make seed bombs to give as gifts or plant in your garden.

Vibe Checking Relationships **R**

with partner NAMI DuPage
Monday, June 24, 3 – 4 p.m.

Explore the dynamics of all different types of relationships and learn how to build healthier bonds.

Cicada-rama **R**

Monday, June 26, 4 – 5 p.m.

Use cicada shells to make a keychain or necklace.

Mini Art Show **R**

Friday, June 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

Explore your creative side by creating mini-masterpieces to be displayed in Teen Central.



Kids Programming

Registration opens two weeks prior to event date.

- 🕒 Drop-in activity
- 📅 Advance registration and DGPL Card required

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

For Families

Family LEGO Build

What can you make with our LEGO bricks, a theme, and your imagination? We'll display your creations in the Kids Room. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

May: Food 📅
Thursday, May 2, 7 – 8 p.m.

June: Forests 📅
Thursday, June 6, 7 – 8 p.m.



Free Comic Book Day

📅 Saturday, May 4
Come to the library and pick out a free comic book for yourself. Be sure to wear your favorite t-shirts and costumes to celebrate! Available while supplies last.

Lyman Woods Nature Programs

A naturalist from Lyman Woods visits the library to teach us about our local wildlife and their natural world.

Discovering Habitats 🕒
Friday, May 31, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Camouflaged Critters 🕒
Friday, June 7, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

📅 Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.
An up-close, live, and extremely interactive experience learning about reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

Family Story Night: Buggy Fun

📅 Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Register as a family to join us for silly stories, songs, and an owl craft. Geared towards preschoolers but the whole family is welcome to attend.

Family Movies

Bring a blanket, snack, and pillow to enjoy a movie on our giant screen. Closed captioning provided.

Homeward Bound (G) 🕒
Saturday, May 25, 2 p.m.

FernGully (G) 🕒
Saturday, June 29, 2 p.m.



Community Celebrates

Celebrate the wonderful things that make our community great in this program series that shares holidays and cultural identities. Join us for stories, activities, and crafts!

Hawaii 📅
Saturday, May 11, 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Pride 📅
Saturday, June 15, 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Summer Reading Club: Volunteer Sign-ups

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 18, 2 – 4 p.m.

Do you need some volunteer hours? Do you love hanging out in the library? Are you entering Grades 6 – 12 in Fall 2024? Summer 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 summer volunteer schedule. 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.

New Collections in the Kids Room!

Early Learning Kits

Ten new Early Learning Kits have been added to the Kids Room Anything Emporium. These kits are for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers focusing on topics such as Sensory Exploration, Music, Science, and more. Each kit includes activities, manipulatives, and books. Find Early Learning kits by searching "Anything Emporium Early Learning" in the catalog.

Tonieboxes and Tonies

Five Toniebox speaker players and a variety of Tonies are now available for checkout in the Kids Room. Tonieboxes are wireless speakers that use small character figurines called Tonies to play music and audio stories. Patrons who are curious about the Toniebox are invited to check out a speaker kit that includes a Toniebox speaker and five different playable characters. Patrons who already have a Toniebox at home can check out any of the library's various characters to play on their home device.



Storytimes

Children attending storytimes must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

May Storytimes **D**

Monday — Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for fun, themed storytimes!

May 6: Dogs!

May 15: Cats!

May 7: Cars & Trucks

May 16: Wonderful Weather

May 8: Frogs, and Snakes, and Gators, Oh my!

May 20: Under the Sea

May 9: Moose

May 21: Fruits & Vegetables

May 13: Rhythm & Rhyme

May 22: Yellow

May 14: Farm

May 23: Yoga

Weekday Storytime **D**

Mondays: June 10 — 24, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays: June 11 — 25, 9:30 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Picture books, songs, and activities designed to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

Toddler Storytime **D**

Wednesdays: June 12 — 26, 9:30 a.m.

Up to 36 months. This storytime is filled with songs, stories, and bubbles followed by playtime. Perfect for wiggly toddlers.

Early Childhood

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

DUPLO Fun **D**

Friday, May 3, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Join us to play with our DUPLO and make a new friend.

Numbers, Colors, and Shapes, Oh my! **D**

Friday, May 10, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

Play fun games that combine numbers, colors, and shapes by sorting and sequencing.

Play Dough Fun **D**

Friday, May 24, 10 — 11:30 a.m.

We will bring out our collection of play dough and tools, so you can drop in and cook up some fun.

Toddler Play **D**

Tuesday, May 28, 9:30 a.m. — 10 a.m.

Up to 36 months. While your toddler gets to play, you get to socialize with other parents. We will supply the room and the toys for your little ones!

Infant Play **D**

Thursday, May 30, 9:30 — 10 a.m.

Birth — 24 months. We will supply the room and the toys for your little ones, while you can connect with other caregivers!

Infant Storytime **D**

Thursdays: June 13 — 27, 9:30 a.m.

Non-walkers. Snuggle up with your baby for songs, rhymes, and a little bouncing.

Weekend Storytime **D**

Saturdays, May 4 — June 29, 10 a.m.

Join us for picture books, songs, and activities designed to promote early literacy and vocabulary skills.

The Language Labs Storytimes

The Language Labs is coming to the library to present bilingual storytimes.

Spanish Storytime **D**

Friday, May 17, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

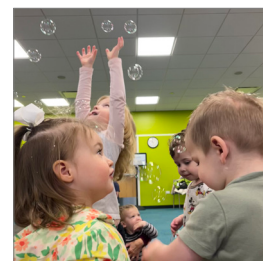
Ukrainian Storytime **D**

Friday, June 28, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Pride Storytime **D**

Friday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 2 – 6. Join us for a librarian-led family storytime filled with books, stories, and songs that celebrate Pride Month.



OUR 37 STORYTIMES IN MARCH SET A RECORD WITH 1,771 ATTENDEES!

Mini Mad Scientists **C**

Ages 3 – 5. It's time to test some hypotheses and unleash our inner scientists.

Weather

Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

Cicadas

Thursday, June 6, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 6, 4 — 4:30 p.m.



Community Crew, What Do They Do?:

Trash Day! **C**

Friday, June 14, 1 — 1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 – 5. Let's play pretend and turn YOU into a community helper.

Firefly Time **C**

Monday, June 24, 10:30 — 11 a.m.

Ages 18 – 36 months. Come discover, "glow", play, and learn about fireflies with us!



School-Age Children

Make & Create D

Mondays: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Grades 1 – 6. Kids, drop in to the Program Room to work on an activity. No parents allowed – just you and your creativity. Stay as long as you would like!

May 6: Summer Reading Decorations

May 13: Marble Run

May 20: Dot Art

June 3: Picture Frames

June 10: Bingo!

June 17: Pipe Cleaner Animals

June 24: Community Cupboard Craft

Star Wars Bingo Scavenger Hunt D

Thursday, May 1 – Sunday, May 12

Grades 1 – 6. Use the Force to locate the Star Wars characters throughout the Kids Room to get bingo and a sticker.

Pokémon Fun D

Saturdays: May 4 & June 1, 3 – 4 p.m.

Trade cards, learn the card game, and talk about Pokémon with fellow fans.



Kid Coders C

Monday – Thursday, June 10 – 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Grades 5 – 6. This four-day class will cover the basics of coding in Scratch. Register only if your child can attend the entire session as skills build over the week.

Animal Explorations

Grades K – 2. Join us for facts and fun as we learn about a different animal each month.

Humpback Whales C

Wednesday, May 8, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Porcupines C

Wednesday, June 5, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Read to the Dogs C

Thursdays: May 9 & June 13, 7 – 8 p.m.

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.

How to Eat Like a Bird C

Tuesday, June 4, 1 – 1:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. Have you been told you eat like a bird? Is that a compliment? Discover how different style beaks help birds eat.



CANDY SUSHI



GWC 2024 GRADUATING CLASS

Cicadas Are Here! C

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Let's all learn about new friends that are flying all over the place. Take home a large handmade cicada to keep you company.



TAP: the art project: Horace Pippin C

Tuesday, June 18, 3 – 4 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. In honor of Juneteenth, we are celebrating Black excellence. Learn about artist Horace Pippin. After the lesson, we'll explore color and pattern as we create our own masterworks inspired by the artist.

Kid Inventors C

Wednesday, June 19, 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Grades K – 2. In honor of Juneteenth, be inspired by Black innovators. Learn about some inventions and then create a hands-on engineering project with LEGO.

Sew What: Basic Skills C

Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. – noon

Grades 5 – 8. Let's learn to sew. Basic skills include sewing a straight line, pivoting, and threading the machine. Participants will leave with a small project.

DIY Book Nooks C

Thursday, June 20, 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Grades 6 – 8. Turn a part of your bookshelf into a miniature new world!

Beginner Birders C

Tuesday, June 25, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Grades K – 2. Calling all Junior Birders! Do you have a keen eye for spotting our feathered friends? This is the program for you. Join us and learn all about the amazing birds right in our backyards. You can even earn an official DGPL birder badge!

Slime Time C

Friday, June 28, 1 – 1:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Learn to create slime using everyday materials and discover the science behind it.





Adult Summer Reading Club 2024

May 20 — August 4

Read three books or eighteen hours to win a prize (up to two times). If you read even more, additional entries go into a raffle drawing for a variety of grand prizes at the end of the summer. Bring completed forms to the Adult & Teen Services Desk. You can also keep track of your reading online by going to dglibrary.readsquared.com.

Prize Pickup begins Monday, June 3.

For the first two forms completed, you will receive the following:

- Book
- Choice of a themed prize
- One raffle ticket for grand prize drawing

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

DGPL Library Card (required): **2119100** _____



I am reading: 3 Books -OR- 18 Hours

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New Cover to Cover Podcasts

May – Meet Teen Services Coordinator, Jade Parks.

June – A progress update on the Strategic Plan.

Cover to Cover is produced in the library's Media Lab. Listen online at dglibrary.org/cover-to-cover.

Strategic Plan Update

Are you wondering how the library is progressing on its new Strategic Plan? Here's what was accomplished in the first quarter of 2024:

- Increased access to materials with the addition of 14 lockers to the Holds Lockers
- Investigated and identified additional languages and translation services for Summer Reading Club materials based on feedback from School Districts 58 and 99, and circulation trends
- Updated the Personnel and General Policies
- Created a tween gaming area in the Kids Room
- Implemented the Student Library Card Program (see page 4)
- And more!

To follow progress on the strategic plan, find the 2024 Work Plan Tracker on the library's website: dglibrary.org/transparency.



Be a Lasting Part of the Library

Looking for a thoughtful gift for a mom, dad, or grad in your life? When you purchase a custom engraved Garden Walk Brick from the Downers Grove Public Library Foundation, your commemorative brick is added to the Garden Walk path in the southwest corner of the library's exterior. Bricks support the specific goal of enhancing the library's growing collection of free and accessible public art.

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Learn more: dglibrary.org/land