Summer fun has just begun!

Did you know the library has passes to over 75 local museums and attractions available to check out? The Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass programs are available to Downers Grove Public Library cardholders, making it easy to access exciting and educational activities at a discount or completely free. Perfect for summer fun, these programs have something for everyone!

Explore More Illinois

Find instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theaters, and other fun and local cultural venues. Log in with your library card and browse for passes by date or by attraction. Reservations can be printed or downloaded. Limit: three active reservations per card.

Popular attractions include:

- Anderson Japanese Gardens
- Chicago History Museum
- DuPage Children's Museum
- DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center
- Illinois Holocaust Museum
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
- Museum of Science and Industry
- Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
- And more!

Get started: dgpl.fyi/explore-more

Museum Adventure Pass

Receive admission or a special discount at popular Chicago-area cultural destinations. Passes must be picked up at the library and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The library has a limited number of passes for each attraction, so come early!

Passes expire after seven days and may not be duplicated or transferred.

Popular attractions include:

- Brookfield Zoo
- Cantigny Park
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
- Illinois Railway Museum
- Naper Settlement
- KidsWork Children's Museum
- And more!

Get started: dgpl.fyi/museum-adventure
Director’s Note

Make the library a part of your summer fun! Bring the library on vacation by grabbing (or downloading!) your next read before you head out of town. If you’re staying local, there are so many opportunities for you to connect with the library and our partners throughout Downers Grove this summer. We love bringing the library outside of its four walls:

• Stop by our stall at the Indian Boundary YMCA’s Downtown Downers Grove Market on select Saturdays at the Main Street Train Station
• Groove with us at the Downers Grove Park District’s Summer Concert series on Tuesday, July 16, and Tuesday, August 6, at the Fishel Park Veterans Memorial Pavilion
• Join us for activities and pick up your Summer Reading Club prizes at Indian Trail Elementary School on Monday, July 22, at Kingsley Elementary School on Wednesday, July 24, or at El Sierra Elementary School on Tuesday, July 30
• Take a trip to a museum with free or discounted passes with the library’s Museum Adventure Pass or Explore More Illinois.
• Enjoy Downers Grove Park District’s new Story Walk at Constitution Park

Get out and enjoy all Downers Grove has to offer! We’ll see you there!

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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

*Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan
Tuesday, August 6, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7, 7 p.m.

**Real Reads**

*Waiting to Be Arrested at Night* by Tahir Hamut Izgil
Tuesday, July 16, 9:30 a.m.

*Fierce Ambition* by Jennet Conant
Tuesday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.

**Stellar Reads**

*Recursion* by Blake Crouch
Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

*Among Others* by Jo Walton
Wednesday, August 14, 7 p.m.

**Celebrity Reads**

*The Blues Brothers* by Daniel de Visé
Tuesday, August 27, 1 p.m.

**Next Chapter Book Club**
Tuesdays: July 9 & 23; August 13 & 27, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.
Join our literacy program for adults 18+ with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Contact the library to register.

**TBR: A Fiction Book Club**

*Carrie Soto Is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Thursday, July 25, 10 a.m.

*The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff
Thursday, August 22, 10 a.m.

**Walking Book Club**
With partner DG Park District
Off-site at Barth Pond
*The Women* by Kristin Hannah
Thursday, July 11, 9:30 a.m.

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Discover • Grow • Play • Learn
The VIP Treatment
The Staff Picks VIPs (Very Important Pickers) for July and August are Karen and Dawn. 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 entry per library card per month. The raffle runs July 22 — August 11, 2024.

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

July: Chat with Karen
Wednesday, July 24, 11 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Karen’s Pick: Princess Bride
by William Goldman

August: Chat with Dawn
Monday, August 5, 2:30 — 4:30 p.m.
Dawn’s Pick: Kill the Farm Boy
by Delilah S. Dawson and Kevin Hearne

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.

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.

July: On the Road Again
Picks that include travel, a strong sense of place, or have a journey

August: Teenage Dream
Picks from Teen Central

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Craft Exchange

**Craft Supply Drop-Off**
Thursday, August 8, noon – 8 p.m.
Friday, August 9, noon – 8 p.m.
Do you have craft supplies you don’t need anymore? Donate your clean and in-good-condition craft supplies to the library! Unfinished projects or hazardous/ unusable items will not be accepted.

**Craft Supply Exchange**
Saturday, August 10, noon – 3 p.m.
Looking to try something new? Take a look through our donated supplies! Participants are not required to donate supplies to attend the swap.

Crafting Inspiration

Creativebug is an all ages crafting resource with video tutorials on everything from knitting and crocheting, to art and design for crafters of all experience levels. There are also downloadable patterns, templates, and recipes at your fingertips. To get started and learn more, go to dglibrary.org/research.

Computer Classes

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

- **Facebook Basics** [R]
  Monday, July 8, noon

- **Apple Maps on Your iPhone** [R]
  Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.

- **Word 2016 Intermediate** [R, P]
  Friday, July 12, 2 p.m.

- **Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)** [R]
  Monday, July 22, 7 p.m.

- **Excel 2016 Intro** [R]
  Tuesday, July 23, 11 a.m.

- **Google Drive** [R]
  Tuesday, July 30, 2 p.m.

- **Excel 2016 Intermediate** [R, P]
  Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m.

- **Canva Basics** [R]
  Thursday, August 15, noon

- **Word 2016 Intro** [R]
  Friday, August 16, 2 p.m.

- **iPhone Basics** [R]
  Monday, August 19, 3 p.m.

- **Excel Pivot Tables** [R, P, V]
  Tuesday, August 20, 2 p.m.

- **Windows Fundamentals** [R, P]
  sponsored by People’s Resource Center
  Mondays, September 16 – October 28, 6:30 p.m.
  Contact PRC’s Computer Training team
  ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.

- **Intro to Computers** [R, P]
  sponsored by People’s Resource Center
  Saturdays, September 21 – November 2, 9:30 a.m.
  Contact PRC’s Computer Training team
  ct@peoplesrc.org or 630-682-5402 ext. 218 to register.
Adult Programming

Grab & Go

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

**Picnic Blanket Strap Carrier**
Monday, July 1

**Macramé Bird Feeder**
Monday, August 5

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

**Sumac**
Tuesday, July 16

**MSG**
Tuesday, August 20

Crafts and the Arts

Registration for all registered craft programs will open two weeks before the program date.

**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.

- **Terrarium Magnet**
  Monday, July 15
- **'Not All Who Wander' Felt Pennant**
  Monday, August 19

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

- **DIY Cake Stand**
  Wednesday, July 3, 10 a.m.
- **You Are My Sunshine Sign**
  Wednesday, August 7, 10 a.m.

**Cardboard Collages**
Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
Celebrate the spirit of Summer Reading by using recycled materials to create art! All supplies will be provided.

**Tye-Dying for Adults**
Wednesday, July 24, noon
Make your own tie-dye t-shirt! Please bring your own pre-washed and dried cotton shirt. We will provide the dye and instructions.

**Paper Making Workshop**
Tuesday, August 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn to make your own paper! This workshop will include building a mould & deckle, making pulp, and creating paper. All supplies provided.

**Cricut Class**
Wednesdays: August 21 & 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to use a Cricut in this two-part class. Week one includes learning how to use the online workspace and designing your own glass can. Week two will focus on weeding and decorating. Attendance at both nights required.

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Lectures and Life Skills

The Chicago Region Trees Initiative
Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.
Chicago's regional forest is critical infrastructure. Learn how the Chicago Region Trees Initiative, based out of the Morton Arboretum, leverages funding, knowledge, skills, and expertise to reach its goals.

Great Decisions
Tuesdays: July 23, August 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m. — noon
Join the lively Great Decisions group where foreign policy issues are discussed.

Magazine Giveaway
Saturday, July 13, All day
Help us reuse and recycle the library's old magazines! Bring your own bag and help yourself to these free magazines. While supplies last.

Protecting Your Skin
Monday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.
Learn the importance of taking care of your skin and how to prevent skin cancer in an educational lecture from Duly Health and Care professionals.

Reading Deeply: BYOBook Yin Yoga
Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.
A self-care two-for-one deal, this class allows students to hold carefully sequenced poses for several minutes while being able to read. Bring your own mat or beach towels.

Getting Started with Family Search
Thursday, July 25, 7 p.m.
Learn about the FamilySearch website, including tips to navigate the various functions and features. Q&A to follow.

Common Cause
Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m.
Understand the fundamentals of voting, including your rights and where to get assistance. Examine the effect of misinformation and disinformation on the voting process with Common Cause.

Food Forests
Monday, August 5, 7 p.m.
Join the Chicago Region Trees Initiative from Morton Arboretum to learn about food forests and how to help nature thrive!

What Is the Illinois PUNS List?
Tuesday, August 6, 6 p.m.
Learn about service waivers for children and adults with disabilities and the enrollment process for the Illinois Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) list.

Empowering Your Child for the School Year Ahead
Wednesday, August 7, 7 — 8:30 p.m.
Are you ready to confidently and easily support your child's academic journey? Join us for an insightful workshop to equip you with the tools and knowledge to prepare children in all grades for a successful school year.

The Warrior Tradition: American Indians in WWII
Tuesday, August 13, noon
In honor of National Navajo Code Talkers Day, explore how Native Americans used their once-suppressed languages on the battlefield. Presented by the National World War II Museum.

Identity Theft Scams and Tips
Wednesday, August 21, noon
The Illinois Attorney General’s Office will present tips to prevent identity theft and ways to restore your financial profile if it happens to you.

Tippecanoe and Twitter, Too
Thursday, August 22, 6 p.m.
John Paris, College of DuPage Associate Professor of History, joins us to trace political offices’ reliance on ever-changing technology and media tools and tactics. This lecture will be followed by a Q&A session.

Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition
Tuesday, August 27, 7 p.m.
Learn how to use Ancestry Library Edition to start researching your family history and genealogy.
Teen Programming

Programs are designed for Grades 7 — 12 unless otherwise noted. All materials provided unless otherwise noted.

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

July Kits
- Kawaii Food Charms
- 4th of July Braided T-shirt Coasters
- Taylor Swift Bracelet Kit

August Kits
- School Supply Decoration
- Code Talkers Escape Room in a Box
- Taylor Swift Bracelet Kit

Teen Take & Make Crafts 🔄
Pick up a craft to complete in Teen Central or take home. Available while supplies last.

- Flower Crown
  Wednesday, July 10
- Nature Weaving Loom
  Wednesday, August 14

Build it with Cardboard 🔄
Tuesday, July 2, 2 — 3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Use the Makedo Cardboard Construction Kit to transform cardboard into anything you can imagine!

Quick Quest Teen D&D 🔄
Mondays: July 8 & August 12, 3 — 5 p.m.
Conference Room B
Grab your dice and join us for a one-off collaborative tabletop adventure.

View From Behind the Lens:
Filmmaking Basics 🔄
Wednesday: July 10 & 17, 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.
Training Room
Teens are invited to learn filmmaking skills in this two-week workshop. Participants will learn camera basics, lighting tips, and how to edit with iMovie software. A short film will be completed at the end of the course. Registrants must be available for both dates to participate.

Service Project: Cards for Hospitalized Kids 🔄
Monday, July 15 — Sunday, July 21
Teen Central
Stop by Teen Central to create uplifting, handmade cards for Cards for Hospitalized Kids, an organization that distributes them to hospitals nationwide.

TLC: Teen Library Council 🔄
Thursday: July 11 & August 8, 4 — 5 p.m.
Teen Central
Join us for a TLC meeting, where teens can voice their ideas, plan projects, and help shape the future of Teen Central.

Crafts
Registration for all registered craft programs will open two weeks before the program date.

- Turn Single-Use Plastic Bags into a Tote 🔄
  Saturday, July 6, 2 — 3:30 p.m
  Meeting Room
  Transform single-use plastic bags into more eco-friendly reusable tote bags.

- Customizable Puzzle 🔄*
  Tuesday, July 23, All day
  Turn a blank puzzle into a masterpiece.

- Tie-Dying T-Shirts 🔄
  Wednesday, July 24, 2 — 3 p.m.
  Meeting Room
  Get creative and tie-dye a t-shirt for summer!

- Potato Fashion Show 🔄
  Wednesday, August 7, 3:30 — 4:30 p.m.
  Meeting Room
  Use fabric scraps, pipe cleaners, and feathers to dress up your potatoes, then display them.

- Disco Cactus 🔄*
  Tuesday, August 27, All day
  Transform a plastic succulent into a dazzling disco cactus to decorate your space.

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Teen Programming (cont.)

Tools are designed for Grades 7 — 12 unless otherwise noted. All materials provided unless otherwise noted.

Teen Life: Conversations with NAMI
Don’t miss these engaging conversations designed to support teens in learning about, understanding, and managing their social, emotional, and mental health.

Talking About Tough Topics with Friends
Thursday, July 18, 3:30 — 4:30 p.m.

Scrolling Smarter on Social Media
Tuesday, August 6, 3:30 — 4:30 p.m.

Micro-Olympics
Friday, July 26, 1 — 2:30 p.m.
Meeting Room
Compete in a series of fun challenges inspired by the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris.

Sewing with a Sewing Machine 101
Wednesday, July 31, 1 — 3 p.m.
Meeting Room
Learn the basics of sewing on a sewing machine and create a pillow.

Anime Club
Wednesdays: July 31 & August 28, 6 — 7 p.m.
Conference Room B
Come watch and discuss a wide variety of anime and eat snacks.

Songwriting Class
Thursday, August 1, 4 — 5 p.m.
Meeting Room
Interested in songwriting? Sign up for a class with Nashville Songwriters Association 2023 Song of the Year award winner, Fred LeBaron.

After Hours: Nerf Night
Saturday, August 3, 4:45 — 6:30 p.m.
Kids Program Room
Play tag, capture the flag, and more with Nerf Blasters. Snacks and pizza will be served.

Major Changes to the College Process
Monday, August 26, 7 — 8 p.m.
2024 brings significant college planning changes. Join us to learn new strategies for applying to college and maximizing scholarships.
Kids Programming

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.

**July: Themepark**
- Thursday, July 18, 7 – 8 p.m.

**August: Olympic Games**
- Thursday, August 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

Drop-in Crafts
Crafts will be available while supplies last. Preschoolers must craft with adult supervision.

**Fourth of July**
- Tuesday, July 2

**Summer Fun**
- Friday, July 19

**Ice Cream**
- Tuesday, August 6

**Back-to-School**
- Monday, August 12

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

**Terrific Trees**
- Friday, July 19, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

**Pollinator Party**
- Friday, August 2, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

The Frog Lady
- Saturday, July 20, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Explore the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians in one-of-a-kind herpetology programs that will educate and entertain. You will enjoy learning about animals from around the world while seeing them right up close.

**Mammals and More**
- Saturday, August 3, 11 – 11:45 a.m.
Flying Fox Conservation is bringing the zoo to the library! Learn about and meet some of the most unique creatures from around the world. This program is geared towards school-age children and space is limited.

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

**Wall-E**
- Friday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

**Minions**
- Saturday, July 13, 1 p.m.

**Penguins of Madagascar**
- Thursday, August 15, 2 p.m.

**Paddington**
- Wednesday, August 21, 10 a.m.

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

**Summer Storytime**
- Mondays: July 1 — 15, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
- Tuesdays: July 2 — 16, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
- Ages 3 – 5.

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

**Toddler Storytime**
- Wednesdays: July 3 — July 17, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
- Up to 36 months.

This storytime is filled with songs, stories, and bubbles—followed by playtime. Perfect for wiggly toddlers.

**Infant Storytime**
- Thursdays: July 11 — 18, 9:30 a.m.
- Non-walkers.

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

**Weekend Storytime**
- Saturdays: July 6 — August 31, 10 — 10:30 a.m.

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

**The Language Labs: Spanish Storytime**
- Fridays: July 12 & August 9, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
The Language Labs is coming to the library to present bilingual storytimes.
Creeping and Crawling
Monday, July 1, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Ages 6 – 24 months. Let’s creep and crawl together with rhymes and activities fit for babies!

Salt Painting
Tuesday, July 2, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. See how different kinds of salt and paint can create a beautiful artwork. Dress for messy fun!

Mini Mad Scientists
Ages 3 – 5. It’s time to test some hypotheses and unleash our inner scientists.

Weights & Measures
Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 — 11 a.m. & 2 – 2:30 p.m.

Deep Sea Dive
Thursday, August 1, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Friday, August 9, 1 — 1:30 p.m.

Banana! A Minion Party
Monday, July 15 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Minions are coming back? Whaaaaaat? Join us for some silly dances, crafts, and games celebrating the despicable movie we’ve grown to love.

I Love Worms!
Wednesday, July 17, 10:30 — 11 a.m.
Ages 18 – 36 months. Wonderful, wiggly worms! Slippery, slimy worms! I love worms, do you? Learn, craft, and have some sloppy sensory play, all about worms! Dress for mess.

Mini Mindfulness
Monday, July 22, 9:30 — 10 A.M.
Ages 3 – 5. Learn techniques for mindfulness and craft a mindfulness bottle to take home.

Summer Baby Prints
Tuesday, July 23, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
Up to 24 months. Capture your little one’s super sweet feet in this fun program. Join us and create a few pieces of summer themed artwork. Dress for mess.

Toddler Play
Wednesday, July 24, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
Wednesday, August 14 9:30 — 10 a.m.
Tuesday, August 27, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
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 while you can connect with each other!

Harold’s Purple Crayon Activities
Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 — 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5. Celebrate the new movie with art activities inspired by the classic book Harold and the Purple Crayon.

Infant Play
Wednesday, August 7, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
Tuesday, August 20, 9:30 — 10 a.m.
Bring your infant and socialize with other parents. We’ll supply the room and the toys for your little ones while you can connect with each other!

Toddler Olympics: Ages 12 – 24 Months
Thursday, August 8, 9:30 — 10:15 a.m.
Ages 12 – 24 months. Young competitors go for the gold as they compete in challenges.

Toddler Olympics: Ages 25 – 36 Months
Thursday, August 8, 10:30 — 11:15 a.m.
Ages 25 – 36 months. Young competitors go for the gold as they compete in challenges.

Dotter Art
Friday, August 16, 10 — 11:30 a.m.
Drop in to play with our dotters and make some art at this open art time.

Playdough Fun
Friday, August 23, 10 — 11:30 a.m.
We will bring out our collection of playdough and tools, so you can drop in and have some fun.

Istvan and His Imaginary Band:
Concert in the Park
Monday, July 29, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.
Join Istvan and His Imaginary Band for musical fun at Fishel Park.

Bean Bag Dance Party
Wednesday, July 31, 10 — 10:30 a.m.
Dance, toss, and boogie with bean bags in the park. Geared towards preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

Park Programs
Join us at Fishel Park for these outdoor activities.

Painting with Sprayers
Thursday, July 11, 10 — 10:30 a.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Spray paint to create a masterpiece. Dress for mess!

Bubbles in the Park
Thursday, July 18, 10 — 10:30 a.m.
We’re blowing in some giant bubble fun. Geared towards preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

Family Dance Party
Friday, July 26, 10 — 10:30 a.m.
We’re playing our favorite storytime dance tunes in the park. Geared towards preschoolers, but the whole family is welcome.

Istvan and His Imaginary Band:
Concert in the Park
Monday, July 29, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.
Join Istvan and His Imaginary Band for musical fun at Fishel Park.
Make & Create
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!

- July 1: Drawing Games
- July 8: Fireworks Drawings
- July 15: Make Your Own Beads
- July 22: Paper Fortune Tellers
- July 29: Easel Art
- August 5: Oil Pastels
- August 12: Beaded Backpack Pulls
- August 19: Puzzle Craft
- August 26: Thumbprint Art

Pokémon Fun
Saturdays: July 27, & August 24, 3 — 4 p.m.
Trade cards, learn the card game, and talk about Pokémon with fellow fans.

Read to the Dogs
Thursdays: July 11 & August 8, 7 — 8 p.m.
Grades 1 – 8. Schedule a 15-minute time slot by calling the Kids Room Desk. No online registration.

Sew What: Basic Skills
Tuesday, July 9 & Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m. — noon
Grades 5 – 8. Participants will leave with a small project.

Light-Up Jars
Tuesday, July 2, 2 — 2:30 p.m.
Grades K – 2. Decorate a jar, then light it up by learning about electrical circuits!

Flower Power
Wednesday, July 3, 3 — 3:30 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Flowers you never have to water. Let’s make pipe cleaner flowers that will last forever.

Boba Slime
Friday, July 12, 3 — 3:30 p.m.
Grades 2 – 4. It’s time for slime! Boba slime, that is. Make your very own bubble tea-inspired slime while we decide if it’s a solid, a liquid, or a gas.

The Great Egg Drop
Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Using a variety of materials you’ll create an egg holder and then we’ll test how well it works!

TAP: the art project: Gee’s Bend Quilters
Tuesday, July 16, 3 — 4 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Learn about their work and use recycled fabric to create your own modern masterpiece.

Animal Explorations: Grades 1 – 3
Grades 1 – 3. Join us for facts and fun as we learn about these animals.

- Platypuses
  Wednesday, July 17, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

- Sloths
  Wednesday, August 14, 4 — 4:30 p.m.

- Bungee Jumping Barbie (or maybe Ken)
  Thursday, July 18, 3 — 3:45 p.m.
Grades 4 – 6. Join Barbie or Ken for an adventure as you take them bungee jumping.

- Candy World!
  Tuesday, July 23, 3 — 3:30 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Try different flavored candy. We will rank our favorites from best to worst.

- STEM Buddies
  Wednesday, July 24 & Tuesday, July 30, 3 — 4 p.m.
Grades 1 – 3. Get matched with a volunteer in 7th - 12th grade to explore STEM projects.

- Paper Engineering
  Thursday, July 25, 4 — 4:30 p.m.
Grades 5 – 8. Using only newspaper, tape, and brainpower, do you think you can build the strongest structure?

- Snowman in Summer!
  Friday, July 26, 1:30 — 2 p.m.
Grades K – 2. Cool off and make a frozen friend.

- Vision Boards
  Friday, July 26, 3:30 — 4 p.m.
Grades 6 – 8. Set goals, imagine, manifest your future.

- Stuffed Animal Sleepover
  Saturday, July 27
Grades K – 2. Drop off your stuffie for an adventure.

- Can You See Me?
  Tuesday, July 30, 10 — 10:30 a.m.
Grades 3 – 5. Learn about how animals hide in plain sight. Create art inspired by animal camouflage.

- Pizza Clay Necklace
  Wednesday, July 31, 11 — 11:30 a.m.
Grades 6 – 8. Let your creativity flow when you create a pizza necklace out of clay.

- Massive LEGO Play
  Thursday, August 8, 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Grades 1 – 6. We are pouring out our boxes of LEGO bricks; come play with our massive collection.

- Robolympics
  Monday, August 5, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.
Grades 4 – 6. Design and code a robot competitor to compete in the Robolympic Games.

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