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# SUMMER PROGRAMS

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST | 2024

# PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

## Endangered Animal Scavenger Hunt

May 28 - July 29 • Children's Department

Find 15 photos of endangered animals in our Children's Department to complete our Pete the Cat and Friends Endangered Animal Scavenger Hunt. When you're done, show your scavenger hunt sheet to a librarian at the Children's Desk to receive your animal ambassador certificate.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Lisa at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Zoovie at Miller Park Zoo

Saturday, June 1 • 7pm • Miller Park Zoo

Join us at Miller Park Zoo for a family night zoovie!

*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem* will be shown at 8pm. Arrive early to visit BPL's table and collect your Summer Reading log!

Beginning May 17, BPL's Children's Desk will give away 200 free zoovie tickets while supplies last. Zoo doors will open at 7pm; bring a lawn chair; tickets at the door will cost \$5.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Clare at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Kerfuffle's The Conductors

Tuesday, June 4 • 2pm • Community Rooms 1-3

Join us for Kerfuffle's *The Conductors*!

Description: Where should we go? Who shall we visit? The conductors are on a search for treasure in this play which will feature live music and audience participation as the conductors explore community and connection along the railroad lines.

Best enjoyed by children under 6 years old and their families, this performance will last approximately 45 minutes with pre-show art activities beginning 15 minutes before the performance.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alysha at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

For information about the 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten Program, talk to staff at our Children's Desk or visit [bit.ly/bpl1000bbk](http://bit.ly/bpl1000bbk).



## Summer Chess Club

Tuesdays • 5:30pm • June 4, July 2, August 6  
Children's Program Room 1

Calling all knights of the square table! Come to the Children's Department for an informal chess drop-in event. All levels of chess skills are welcome! Please feel free to bring your own chess board. The library will provide a limited number of chess boards for patron use. This program is perfect for kids age 5-12.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Clare at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



## Tales for Tails\*

Wednesdays • 6pm • June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24  
Thursdays • 1pm • June 6 & 20; July 11 & 25  
Children's Department

This program pairs trained and certified therapy dogs with children in Grades K-5 who want to practice reading aloud. During each session, there will be 4 time slots available for kids to meet and read to a pup in the Children's Department.

Ms. Alex will personally email those who register to assign them a time slot and introduce them to the dog they'll be meeting! Registration is required and opens two weeks before the date of each session at [bit.ly/summertails24](http://bit.ly/summertails24).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alex at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Pop-Up Story Time @ The Farmers' Market

Saturday, June 8 • 10am • Downtown Bloomington

Join us @ the Farmers' Market in Downtown Bloomington for an all-ages, 30-minute story time from 10-10:30am. We'll sing, dance, and be silly together outside in the sunshine! This story time is perfect for everyone in your family – right down to the wiggliest member!

You can also stop by our Farmers' Market table anytime from 7:30am-noon to pick up your Summer Reading Log. If the weather is inclement, this program will be cancelled.

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## Lego Construction

Saturdays • 9:30am • June 8 & July 6

Sundays • 1:30pm • June 9 & July 7

Children's Program Rooms 1 & 2

Join us for Lego Construction and have your picture taken with your creation. The challenge is to build whatever you want!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alysha at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Didgeridoo Down Under

Saturday, June 8 • 11am • Community Rooms 2-3

The Didgeridoo Down Under Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, art, science, comedy, character building, and audience participation. Join us for this interactive, educational, motivational, and super fun show for all ages!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alex at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Summer Reading Story Time

Tuesdays • 10am • June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23

Community Rooms 1 & 2

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for stories, songs, and fun this summer!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Jesse at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## D&D for Kids\*

Thursdays • 6 - 7:30pm • June 13 & July 11

Children's Program Room 2

This Dungeons and Dragons experience for kids in grades 3-5 will include a simplified, rules-light adventure. All are welcome!

Aside from registering for a seat, you don't need to do anything ahead of time. Pre-generated characters will be provided. The only thing you need to bring with you is a cooperative and respectful attitude!

Registration is required. Beginning May 30, register for the June 13 program at [bit.ly/dd0613](https://bit.ly/dd0613). Beginning June 27, register for the July 11 program at [bit.ly/dd0711](https://bit.ly/dd0711).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Jesse at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



## Juneteenth at BPL!

Wednesday, June 19 • 10am • Community Rooms 1-3

Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States, was officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, and is celebrated on June 19.

Join us at Bloomington Public Library as we celebrate Juneteenth with a presentation by poet and children's author Janice Harrington, crafts, games, and information to help us learn more about this important holiday!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alysha at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

*This event is made possible by a general grant funded by the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation. Illinois Prairie Community Foundation is a grant-making public charity dedicated to improving the lives of people in its four-county service area (McLean, DeWitt, Livingston, and Logan counties). We bring together the financial resources of individuals, families and businesses to support effective nonprofits in the community.*

## END OF SUMMER & GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 10AM - NOON

ENJOY ACTIVITIES AROUND THE  
LIBRARY, FOOD  
TRUCKS, TOURS,  
& THE CHANCE TO  
MEET ANIMALS  
FROM AROUND  
THE WORLD!



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## Pride in the Park

Saturday, June 29 • 3 - 7pm • Miller Park Bandstand

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- Members from the local PFLAG chapter and the Prairie Pride Coalition will be on hand to provide information.
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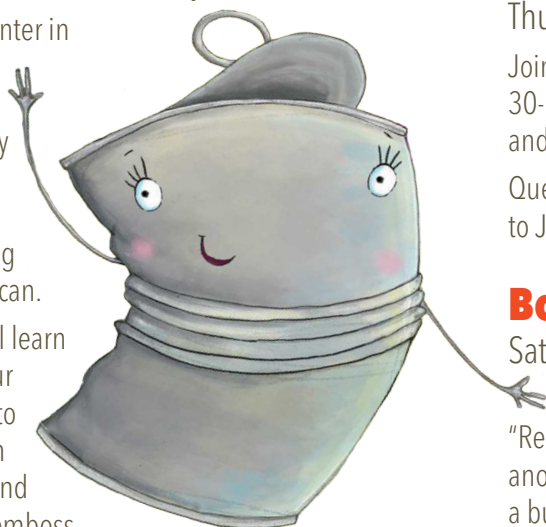
## Adventures of an Aluminum Can

Thursday, July 11 • 10am • Community Room 2

Join the Ecology Action Center in reading *Adventures of an Aluminum Can* by Alison Inches, with illustrations by Mark Chambers. This picture book tells the story of aluminum recycling from the diary entries of a can.

After reading, students will learn more about recycling in our own community and how to properly recycle aluminum cans. Following the story and discussions, children will emboss designs on sheets of aluminum made from old aluminum cans!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alysha at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



## StoryWalk® at the Glorious Garden Festival

July 12 & 13 • David Davis Mansion

Read *My Garden* by Kevin Henkes as you walk through Sarah's Garden at the David Davis Mansion (1000 Monroe Dr). This StoryWalk® is one of several free events included in the 2024 Glorious Garden Festival and will be available from 1-5pm on Friday, July 12, and 9am-noon on Saturday, July 13. Additional information about the Glorious Garden Festival can be found at [bit.ly/gloriousgarden](http://bit.ly/gloriousgarden).

The hours of the festival are different than the hours of the free events being offered in tandem with the festival. The festival will run from 1-7pm on Friday and from 9am-3pm on Saturday.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alex at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Recycled Crafts

Monday, July 15 • 2:30 - 8pm

Children's Program Room 1

Use recycled items such as toilet paper rolls and plastic water bottles to create your own craft project.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Lisa at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Sign & Sing Story Time

Thursday, July 25 • 6pm • Children's Program Rooms 1-2

Join Communication Junction at Bloomington Public Library for a 30-minute Sign + Sing Story Time. We will be signing, singing, and reading books! This story time is geared for children ages 0-5.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Jesse at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Boxes & Bubble Wrap Bash

Saturday, July 27 • 10am - Noon • Community Room 2

What could be better for the Summer Reading theme of "Read, Renew, Repeat" than a repeat of a favorite program – another Boxes and Bubble Wrap Bash! Join us for free play with a bunch of boxes and bubble wrap! Make new friends or pop on over with old friends, and we'll have a blast. For kids 0-11 years.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Ms. Alex at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## FREE LUNCH!



District 87 sponsors a Summer Food Service Program which offers free lunch to ANYONE age 18 years and under.

**When:** 11:30am-12:30pm on weekdays, from June 3 - August 9, 2024

**Where:** Bloomington Public Library

**Cost:** FREE for anyone ages 0 - 18; \$3.50 per lunch for those older than 18

There will be **NO LUNCH SERVICE** on Juneteenth (June 19) & Independence Day (July 4).



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- 2 Recording Studios
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- Sensory Friendly Room
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Questions about this program can be emailed to [marketingstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:marketingstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## End of Summer & Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Saturday, August 3 • 10am - Noon

Throughout the Library

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading and explore our newly renovated building with a variety of activities for all ages!

- Animals Around the World, presented by Incredible Bats, will offer two sessions of the same program. (10-11am & 11:30am-12:30pm).
- Tours of our newly expanded and renovated building will be offered at 10am, 10:30am, 11am & 11:30am. Tours will leave from the Check Out Desk on the first floor.
- Demos in the new Innovation Lab & Recording Studios
- Lego Challenge & Crafts in the Children's Department
- Magic School Bus Bounce House in Community Room 1
- Bay Area Mexicana & Olde Tyme Ice Cream Food Truck
- "Ribbon cutting" photo opportunity in the first floor lobby
- Robotics demonstration from Metal Cow Robotics

Questions about this program can be emailed to [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Animals Around the World

Saturday, August 3 • 10 - 11am & 11:30am - 12:30pm  
Community Rooms 2 & 3

The Animals Around the World show, by Incredible Bats, Inc., will take you on a journey by continent across the globe. You'll meet native animals from North America and then the exotic mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and invertebrates found in South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

This will be an up close, and (with some of the animals), hands on, experience! Check out the Incredible Bats website at [incrediblebats.com](http://incrediblebats.com) to view some of the animals you will get to meet (including a sloth)!

Questions about this program can be emailed to Melissa at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Saturday, August 10 • 2pm • Community Room 1

Are you interested in some new-to-you jigsaw puzzles? Trade in your gently-used puzzles for "new" puzzles at this swap. For each puzzle that you donate, you'll be able to take one home.

- From August 3 through noon on Friday, August 9, you can drop off up to 5 puzzles at the Help Desk on the library's second floor. You'll receive 1 ticket for each puzzle.
- Puzzles should be in good condition, with no missing pieces, and in the original box.
- Adult & teen puzzles should have 300+ pieces.
- Kids' puzzles are also welcome.

At the swap from 2-3pm on August 10, you'll be able to trade in your tickets for puzzles! Between 3 and 3:30, anyone may take any remaining puzzles; no tickets needed.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## It Looked Like Spilt Milk Activities

Monday, August 12 • 3-7pm • Children's Program Room 1

Activities based on the book *It Looked Like Spilt Milk* by Charles Shaw will be offered Children's Program Room 1.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Lisa at [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

**SUMMER  
READING**



**READ, RENEW, REPEAT | MAY 28 - JULY 29**

Beginning May 28, reading logs will be available at the library, and on the bookmobile. Printable reading logs and more information about the program are available at [bit.ly/bplsrp2024](http://bit.ly/bplsrp2024).

# PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

## Teen Craft: Upcycled Fabric Pendants\*

May 28 - June 11

Teens who register for this program will follow instructions to create a fabric pendant necklace or keychain using 3D-printed frames and upcycled fabric. Supply kits will be reserved for the first 10 teens to register.

An email with details about picking up the kit – including a pickup deadline – will follow registration. Beginning May 28, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/upcycledpendant](http://bit.ly/upcycledpendant).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Olivia at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Lighted-LED Festival Lanterns\*

Tuesday, June 11 • 6pm • Innovation Lab

Teens will create festival lanterns from recycled materials. A 3D-printed coin cell battery holder, a battery, and an LED light will be provided which each teen will insert into the bottom of their lantern. Other supplies will also be provided, such as markers, wire for the handle, glue, and scissors.

Beginning Monday, May 27, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/lantern0611](http://bit.ly/lantern0611).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Kerrie at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## 3D-Printed Windspinners\*

Thursday, June 20 • 6pm • Computer Lab

Teens who register for this program will create 3D-Printable Wind Spinner designs using Tinkercad. After the program ends, Library staff will print the designs. When teens pick up their printed pieces at the library, they will receive the materials needed to assemble their wind spinner.

Participants will need to create a Tinkercad account before the program. To create your account, visit [tinkercad.com](http://tinkercad.com). Beginning Wednesday, June 5, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/windspinner0620](http://bit.ly/windspinner0620).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Olivia at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



## D&D Programs for Teens\*

Fridays • 12:45-4:45pm • June 21, July 12, August 9  
Conference Room

Have you never played D&D before? No problem! These adventures have been designed to help you learn how to play!

In each program, teens will play through an introductory D&D adventure. Players will need to create level two characters at [dndbeyond.com](http://dndbeyond.com) or use a provided pre-made character.

Writing utensils, pre-made characters, and paper will be provided.

- Beginning June 1, register for the June 21 session – *The Collector* – at [bit.ly/dd0621](http://bit.ly/dd0621).
- Beginning June 28, register for the July 12 session – *The Tomb of the Veil Walkers* – at [bit.ly/ddveil0712](http://bit.ly/ddveil0712).
- Beginning July 17, register for the August 9 session – *The Fortress of Fangclaw* – at [bit.ly/ddfortress0809](http://bit.ly/ddfortress0809).

Questions about these programs can be emailed to DJ at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



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Questions about this program can be emailed to Molly at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Intro to Fresco\*

Monday, July 8 • 6pm • Computer Lab

Teens will explore graphic art and illustration using the free Adobe software Fresco, a program based off of Adobe's original Illustrator software. Laptops and drawing pads will be provided for teens to use to create their designs. Beginning Monday, June 24, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/fresco0708](http://bit.ly/fresco0708).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Kerrie at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

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## Suntracking FlowerBot\*

Thursday, July 18 • 5:30pm • Innovation Lab

Teens will learn about circuitry and electronics as they create a robotic flower – a Suntracking FlowerBot – that moves with the sun. They'll assemble components such as micro servos, breadboards, light dependent resistors, and jumper cables and add code to the Arduino board. Supplies will be provided.

The FlowerBots will remain at the library and will not go home with the teens. The projects will be on display in the Innovation Lab during the August 3 Grand Re-Opening!

Beginning Monday, July 1, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/flowerbot0718](http://bit.ly/flowerbot0718).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Olivia at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Succulent Pot Painting\*

Thursday, July 25 • 2pm • Community Room 3

Teens will paint a small terracotta pot, complete with a succulent plant, to take home! Create a unique summer memory. Seats will be reserved for the first 40 teens who register. Please wear old clothes in case you get paint on them.

Our thanks go out to AB Hatchery & Garden Center and Casey's Garden Center for their donations to this program. Beginning Tuesday, June 25, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/paint0718](http://bit.ly/paint0718).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Cora at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

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## Soda Bottle Flying Airplane\*

Thursday, August 1 • 6pm • Computer Lab

Teens will use recycled soda bottles and cardboard to construct a flying airplane that they will power with a DC motor and battery. Once assembled, they will have the choice to leave their planes as they are or to decorate further with markers, decoupage, or paint.

Beginning Monday, July 15, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/sodaplane](http://bit.ly/sodaplane). This program is limited to the first 10 teens to register.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Kerrie at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## End of Summer Party for Teens

Friday, August 2 • 5:30pm • Community Rooms 1 - 3

If teens, as a group, read for 5,000+ hours this summer, they will earn a teen-only, after-hours party with pizza, snacks, and prizes.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Tiffany at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

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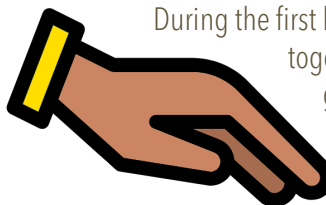
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Questions about this program can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Bits & Bites\*

Thursday, August 22 • 5:30pm • Community Room 2



During the first half of this program, teens will work together to assemble and program four game show buzzers while learning about circuitry. Supplies will be provided.

Once assembly is complete, teens will put the buzzers to the test by participating in a trivia night pizza party! Pizza and soda will be provided.

Beginning Monday, July 22, registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/bits0822](https://bit.ly/bits0822). This program is limited to the first 8 teens to register.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Olivia at [techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:techprogramming@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers\*

Tuesday, June 4 • 7pm • Online via Zoom

Join this presentation from Temple Grandin, PhD., one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. For decades, Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity.

Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986. Her most recent book is *Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions*.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## The Woman Who Would Not Be Silenced\*

Wednesday, June 12 • 7pm • Online via Zoom

Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard was committed to a mental asylum in 1860, all the while protesting her sanity. Over her husband’s objections, Elizabeth was able to obtain her release. Aware that law allowed married women to be placed in asylums by

their husbands without a trial or medical examination, Elizabeth then campaigned to change that unjust law. Actress Laura Keyes will portray Elizabeth Packard.

Registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/silenced0612](https://bit.ly/silenced0612).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Sara at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## English Language Conversation Group

Mondays • 5:30pm • June 17, July 15, August 19  
Community Room 2

This program is designed for adults for whom English is a second language. Native English speakers are welcome as conversation partners to help others in the community. We work on conversation skills with guided topics. This program is being held in partnership with STAR Adult Literacy. New participants are welcome at any time.

Registration can be completed online at [bit.ly/bplenglish](https://bit.ly/bplenglish).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Nazma at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



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## Exploring Historic Traditions at ISU

Thursday, June 27 • 7pm • Community Room 2 & Online

Did you know that Illinois State University's teams weren't originally The Redbirds? How old is the ISU Fight Song? Has ISU's Homecoming always featured a parade? Was graduation ever held on the Quad?

Join April Anderson-Zorn, University Archivist for Illinois State University, as she explores the history behind popular traditions at ISU. Registration is only required for those who wish to attend virtually and can be completed online at [bit.ly/traditions0627](https://bit.ly/traditions0627).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Sara at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

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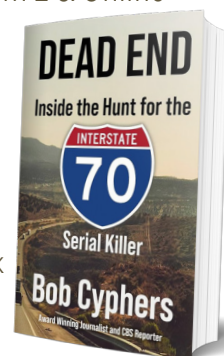
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Questions about this program can be emailed to Molly at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Hunting the I-70 Serial Killer

Saturday, July 6 • 2pm • Community Room 2 & Online

In 1992, the "I-70 Serial Killer" murdered six people along Interstate 70. In 2021, a task force formed to take one final crack at solving the crimes. Law enforcement chose Bob Cyphers of KMOV-TV to follow in the hunt for the killer. Join Bob live at the library as he shares his experiences detailed in his new book *Dead End: Inside the Hunt for the I-70 Serial Killer*.



Registration is only required for those who wish to attend virtually and can be completed online at [bit.ly/serial0706](https://bit.ly/serial0706).

Questions about this program can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Meditation for a More Balanced Life

Monday, July 22 • 7pm • Conference Room & Online

People all over the world are embracing meditation to help them lead a more peaceful and healthy life.

During this program, attendees will learn a simple and natural method of meditation that will help enhance their lives. Please join Arlene Samsel, long time meditator, for this powerful program which includes an opportunity to try out the method being taught.

Registration is only required for those who wish to attend virtually and can be completed online at [bit.ly/meditation0722](https://bit.ly/meditation0722). Those who attend the program at the library will also be viewing the program virtually; the presenter will not be present at the library.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Secretary of State's Mobile DMV

Wednesday, July 24 • 10am - 2pm • Community Room 1

The Secretary of State's Office will set up a mobile Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) station offering these services:

- new or renewing state ID cards
- new or renewing driver licenses
- purchasing vehicle registration stickers
- Real ID

Visit the Secretary of State website at [ilsos.gov](https://ilsos.gov) for information about the credentials needed to apply for and receive any of the items listed above; bring these documents with you.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## Ribbon Cutting: Celebrate the Expanded Library

Thursday, August 1 • 11:30am

After two long years of construction, Bloomington Public Library is ready to introduce the public to its expanded and renovated building! All are welcome! This Ribbon Cutting with the McLean County Chamber of Commerce will take place between the Circulation and Children's Departments on the library's first floor. The ribbon cutting will be followed by staff-led tours which will include these new library features:

- Drive-Up Window
- 3 Large Community Rooms
- 2 Large Children's Programming Rooms
- 8 Group Study Rooms
- 12-Person Conference Room
- Computer Lab
- Innovation Lab
- 2 Recording Studios
- Discovery Zone
- Sensory Friendly Room
- Nursing Nook

Questions about this program can be emailed to [marketingstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:marketingstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## End of Summer & Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Saturday, August 3 • 10am - Noon

Throughout the Library

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading and explore our newly renovated building with a variety of activities for all ages!

- Animals Around the World, presented by Incredible Bats, will offer two sessions of the same program. (10-11am & 11:30am-12:30pm).

- Tours of our newly expanded and renovated building will be offered at 10am, 10:30am, 11am & 11:30am. Tours will leave from the Check Out Desk on the first floor.
- Demos in the new Innovation Lab & Recording Studios
- Lego Challenge & Crafts in the Children's Department
- Magic School Bus Bounce House in Community Room 1
- Bay Area Mexicana & Olde Tyme Ice Cream Food Truck
- "Ribbon cutting" photo opportunity in the first floor lobby
- Robotics demonstration from Metal Cow Robotics

Questions about this program can be emailed to [childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:childrensstaff@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Saturday, August 10 • 2pm • Community Room 1

Are you interested in some new-to-you jigsaw puzzles? Trade in your gently-used puzzles for "new" puzzles at this swap. For each puzzle that you donate, you'll be able to take one home.

- From August 3 through noon on Friday, August 9, you can drop off up to 5 puzzles at the Help Desk on the library's second floor. You'll receive 1 ticket for each puzzle.
- Puzzles should be in good condition, with no missing pieces, and in the original box.
- Adult & teen puzzles should have 300+ pieces.
- Kids' puzzles are also welcome.

At the swap from 2-3pm on August 10, you'll be able to trade in your tickets for puzzles! Between 3 and 3:30, anyone may take any remaining puzzles; no tickets needed.

Questions about this program can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

# BOOK CLUBS

## Books On Tap Book Club\*

Mondays • 7pm • Lil Beaver Brewery

- **June 3** - *Life as a Unicorn: A Journey from Shame to Pride and Everything in Between* by Amrou Al-Kadhi
- **July 1** - *Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism* by Amanda Montell
- **August 5** - *True Biz* by Sara Novic

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](http://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Molly at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## True Colors Book Club\*

Thursday, June 6 • 6:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Church & Online

The True Colors Book Club – hosted by Bloomington Library, PFLAG Bloomington-Normal, and Prairie Pride Coalition – meets quarterly to discuss books with themes relevant to the LGBTQ+ community.

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Meetings are held both in person at the Unitarian Church (1613 E. Emerson Street) and online via Zoom

The June 6 meeting will discuss *The Pink Line: Journeys Across the World's Queer Frontiers* by Mark Gevisser.

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Let's Dish! A Cookbook Club\*

Mondays • 6:30pm • Community Room 3

- **June 10** - *The Wok: Recipes and Techniques* by J. Kenji Lopez-Alt
- **August 12** - *Fresh Midwest: Modern Recipes from the Heartland* by Maren Ellingboe King

Participants are asked to prepare and share a dish from the month's chosen cookbook. Those who bring a dish can sample dishes brought by others as food and cooking are discussed.

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Nazma at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Mystery Book Club

Tuesdays • 7pm • Conference Room & Online

- **June 11** - *The Girl Beneath the Sea* by Andrew Mayne
- **July 9** - *The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell
- **August 13** - *A Disappearance in Fiji* by Nilima Rao

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Marcie at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## The library's Local Author Fair will return on November 9.

In July, a call for authors will be announced via the library's website and social media. Authors from McLean County can participate in this free event.

*Details will be forthcoming as the call for authors nears.*

Questions about the upcoming Local Author Fair can be emailed to Carol at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).



## Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays • 7pm • Conference Room & Online

- **June 18** - *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune
- **July 16** - *The House of Lincoln* by Nancy Horan
- **August 20** - *Sunshine Nails* by Mai Nguyen

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Lock Your Doors: A True Crime Book Club

Monday, June 24 • 7pm • Community Room 2 & Online

Lock Your Doors: A True Crime Book Club meets quarterly and is for all fans of true crime – whether you're a devotee or you just discovered the genre.

The June 24 meeting will discuss *Party Monster: A Fabulous But True Tale of Murder in Clubland* by James St. James.

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## History Reads Book Club

Tuesday, August 6 • 7pm • Conference Room & Online

In partnership with the McLean County Museum of History, the History Reads Book Club meets quarterly and focuses on books about Illinois history.

The August 6 meeting will discuss *Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi* by Timothy Pauketat.

Learn more or register online at [bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024](https://bit.ly/bplbookclubs2024).

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Sara at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

## Silent Book Club

Thursday, August 8 • 6pm • Quiet Reading Room

Are you looking for a book club without assigned reading? Do you just need to spend a peaceful hour with a book? The Silent Book Club offers this! Bring a book with you or find a new favorite in the stacks to enjoy reading in our Quiet Reading Room from 6-7pm. After 7pm, you have the option to socialize with other readers in our Conference Room until 7:30pm.

Questions about this book club can be emailed to Mimi at [reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org](mailto:reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org).

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