

SUMMER Program Guide

Plainfield Area Public Library



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Programsat

Plainfield Park District Recreation Administration Center 23729 W. Ottawa St. Plainfield, IL 60544

Kubb Tournament Ages 6 to 10

Monday, June 10

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Learn to play Kubb, a fun Swedish lawn game, then compete in a tournament.



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Plainfield Township Building 22525 W. Lockport St. Plainfield, IL 60544



Monday, June 24 10:00 to 10:45 AM Friday, July 26 10:00 to 10:45 AM Thursday, August 8 6:30 to 7:15 PM



Dress for mess and join us outside near the Community Garden for big bubbles, little bubbles, bubbles galore.

Teddy Bear Party

Ages 4 to 7 with caregiver

Friday, June 28

Registration begins Friday, June 14

1:00 to 1:45 PM

Bring your teddy bear to have a fun party together.



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Plainfield Township Community Center 15014 S. Des Plaines St. Plainfield, IL 60544



5:00 to 8:00 PM



Celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the moon landing by learning about space and our solar system in the StarLab® portable planetarium. After you visit the stars, enjoy space-themed activities and crafts.

LEGO® BINGO

Ages 5 to 11

Thursday, July 25

Registration begins Thursday, July 11

6:30 to 7:30 PM

In this special edition of BINGO, play to win LEGO® sets and other prizes.



Programsat

Village Green Park 24121 Chicago St. Plainfield, IL 60544

Drop-in Family Storytime All ages

Monday, June 10, 17, & 24 Tuesday, July 2, 16, & 23 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Meet us under the pavilion for our classic drop-in summer storytime.



BINGO!

All ages

Thursday, June 27

Registration begins Thursday, June 13

2:00 to 3:00 PM

Celebrate National BINGO Day with a game of BINGO. Fun for the whole family!

Baby Taste Testers

Birth to 23 months with caregiver

Monday, July 15

Registration begins Monday, July 1

10:00 to 11:00 AM

Dress for mess and join us in the park for make-ityourself individual taste-safe sensory bins. Safe, nontoxic items are provided.

Save the Ice Cream Truck Ages 7 to 10 Thursday, July 18 Registration begins Friday, July 5

11:00 to 11:45 AM

The freezer in the ice cream truck is locked and you have forgotten the passcode to open it! Solve the puzzles to reveal the passcode and save the ice cream. Can you do it before the ice cream melts?



Programsat

Settlers' Park 24401 W. Lockport St. Plainfield, IL 60544



Drop-in Family Summer Concert Series

> All ages Little Miss Ann

Friday, June 7

Registration begins Friday, May 24

10:30 to 11:15 AM

Cielito Lindo

Wednesday, June 26

Registration begins Wednesday, June 12

10:30 to 11:30 AM

Laura Doherty

Tuesday, July 9

Registration begins Tuesday, June 25

10:30 to 11:15 AM

Bring your blankets, chairs, and dancing shoes for some family fun with award-winning musicians this summer at Settlers' Park! Registration is recommended but not required.



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Space Challenge: Lunar Module Ages 9 to 11

Tuesday, July 9

Registration begins Tuesday, June 25

1:00 to 1:45 PM

Design and test your own lunar module. Can your astronauts survive a moon landing?

Tenzi: A Dice Game for Kids Ages 8 to 11

Tuesday, July 16

Registration begins Tuesday, July 2

2:00 to 3:00 PM

Who can roll all of the dice the quickest in this fastpaced game?





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Other community locations Addresses listed

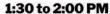
Storytime at Hazel Marie's

Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver Hazel Marie's

24030 Lockport St., Plainfield

Wednesday, June 5 & 19 Wednesday, July 10 & 24 Wednesday, August 7 & 21

Registration begins two weeks prior to each date. Please register each child attending.



Listen to stories and receive an ice cream treat at Hazel Marie's, located just around the corner from the Library.



The Night Sky

Ages 4 and up with caregiver
The Observatory at Plainfield Central
High School (inside the football field gate)
24120 Fort Beggs Dr., Plainfield

Monday, June 10

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28

9:00 to 10:00 PM

Join us at Plainfield Central High School to view the night sky using the telescope in the PCHS observatory. Please bring a blanket and a flashlight. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop-in Storytime at Bronkberry Farms

All ages Bronkberry Farms 18061 Bronk Rd., Plainfield

Wednesday, June 12 & 19 Wednesday, July 17 & 31 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Head on down to the farm for a classic drop-in summer storytime.

What Happens When I Dial 9-1-1?



Registration begins Thursday, May 30

10:00 to 11:00 AM

Meet the dispatchers of Western Will County Communications Center (WESCOM). They are the voices who answer 9-1-1 calls to help people in emergencies. Tour the facility and get answers to the question, "When should I dial 9-1-1?"

Storytime at Phillips Park Zoo

All ages Phillips Park Visitor's Center 1000 Ray Moses Dr., Aurora

Monday, June 17 Registration begins Monday, June 3

10:00 to 10:15 AM OR 11:15 to 11:30 AM Monday, July 8

Registration begins Monday, June 24

10:00 to 10:15 AM OR 11:15 to 11:30 AM

Join us for a brief storytime at Aurora's Phillips Park, then explore on your own. Enjoy the gardens, the playground, and the zoo!

Storytime with Horses

Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver **Normantown Trails Equestrian Center** 12151 Normantown Rd., Plainfield

Friday, June 21

Registration begins Friday, June 7

9:30 to 10:15 AM

Tour the Normantown Trails Equestrian Center (NTEC) stables after an outdoor storytime. An NTEC release form must be completed to participate.

VIP Birdwatching at Lake Renwick

Ages 4 to 7 with caregiver **Lake Renwick Heron Rookery** 23202 W Renwick Rd., Plainfield

Thursday, June 27

Registration begins Thursday, June 13

9:30 to 10:15 AM

Join us for a storytime and the opportunity to watch herons nesting at the Lake Renwick Heron Rookery. Enter at the southern entrance off Renwick Road.



All ages

Clow Stephens Park 16676 S. Lily Cache Rd., **Plainfield**

Thursday, July 11

Registration begins Thursday, June 27

10:00 to 10:30 AM

Celebrate with your furry doggo friends at a special storytime including stories, songs, and dogs! Wellbehaved, leashed dogs are welcome to attend and can pick up a special gift from the Library while supplies last.

Water Pressure

Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver **Village of Plainfield Water Pumping Station** 23201 W. 127th St., Plainfield

Thursday, July 18

Registration begins Friday, July 5

10:00 to 10:45 AM

Every time we turn on a faucet, water comes out. How does that work? Find out about the process of water pressure as we visit the Water Pumping Station. Our tour finishes with the uncapping of a fire hydrant. Be prepared to get wet!

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Spot the Difference

Can you find five differences between the two construction Reads?



TEEN PROGRAMS

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Crochet Camp

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, June 17 to Friday, June 21

Registration begins Monday, June 3

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Learn the foundation stitches of crochet, including single, double, and treble. Complete several projects while you practice your new skills during this week-long camp. All skill levels are welcome and all materials are provided.



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Plainfield Township Community Center 15014 S. Des Plaines St. Plainfield, IL 60544

Library Chopped: Tiny Food Edition Grades 6 to 12

Monday, June 10

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28

6:00 to 7:30 PM

Work with your team to recreate miniature versions of classic dishes using baskets of mystery ingredients.

Wrestling Club Grades 6 to 12

Monday, June 24

Registration begins Monday, June 10

Monday, July 22

Registration begins Monday, July 8

4:30 to 6:00 PM

A celebration of pro wrestling. Watch selections from various eras of wrestling and relate the themes to everyday life.



Anime Club Grades 6 to 12

Wednesday, June 26

Registration begins Wednesday, June 12

Wednesday, July 24

Registration begins Wednesday, July 10

4:30 to 6:00 PM

Calling all anime lovers! Watch a curated playlist of anime episodes spanning shows from Speed Racer to Dragon Ball Super.

Nailed It! Challenge

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, July 8

Registration begins Monday, June 24

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Recreate decorated cakes and snacks with very basic ingredients and supplies. Will you nail it or fail it?

Music Bingo

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, July 15

Registration begins Monday, July 1

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Play BINGO with a musical twist and win prizes. Instead of numbers, listen for five songs in a row to score a win!

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ALL AGES SUMMER READING PROGRAM MONDAY, JUNE 3 TO SATURDAY, JULY 27

The Library is renewing itself this year, and you can too! The Read, Renew, Repeat Summer Reading Program has something for everyone and focuses on conservation and self-care. Register and log your reading to earn badges and prizes, while supplies last. All reading must be logged online or turned in by 5:00 PM on Saturday, July 27.

Register at plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org



WEE Readers

Birth to Age 2. Read 100 books over the summer to earn a prize.



KIDS

Age 3 to Grade 5. Earn a prize for reading 12 and 24 days.



TEENS

Grade 6 to 12. Read for 30 days to receive a prize.



ADULTS

Ages 18+. Read 400 pages to receive a 40-ounce reusable tumbler. Finish the program by reading 800 pages to receive a free (Advanced Reader Copy) book of your choosing and a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Art by Zoe Persico for iREAD®

SPECIAL EVENTS

Traveling StoryWalk®

Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

StoryWalk® is hitting the road this summer! Stop by for a story, crafts, ice cream, and more. This program is a community partnership with the Plainfield Park District and the Plainfield Police Department.



June 19 Village Green Park 24121 Chicago St., Plainfield The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mac Barnett



DAN BROWN VILD SYMPHON

July 17
Bott Park
24550 W. Renwick Rd., Plainfield
Wild Symphony by
Dan Brown

August 7
Tamarack Settlement Park
West 127th St., Plainfield
Wake Up, Trucks! by
Jodie Parachini





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Virtual Programs

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Cooking

Virtual Cooking Series with Chef Kristyn Slick

Tropical Treats

Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 PM

Bring the flavors of the tropics into the kitchen! Make desserts with pineapple, coconut, mango, and banana to share (or not!).

Mastering Grilling Basics

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 PM

This introduction to classic American grilling explores basic techniques with vegetarian and omnivore options.

Focaccia Art

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30 PM

Discover how to turn your dough into delicious bread art, from vegetable bouquets to herb-infused designs.

Finance & Legal

Managing Credit Card Debt

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 PM

Understand how to tackle credit card debt when it feels insurmountable. Hear from Jennifer Walter of MetLife about the tips and strategies to make your credit card debt a thing of the past.



Erin's Law for Caregivers

Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 PM OR Saturday, June 29, 12:00 PM

Learn more about the issue of child sexual abuse, how Erin's Law is striving to prevent it, and how you can support youth in your life. Brought to you by Guardian Angel Community Services.

Health & Wellness

Breathe and Relax with Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Monday, July 1, 11:30 AM OR Monday, August 5, 11:30 AM

With guidance from Erica Bough, Breathe Life Tai Chi, use the ancient arts of Tai Chi and Qi Gong to optimize your breathing to enhance your ability to stretch, balance, and decrease anxiety to lead a more relaxing life.

Make The Most of 2024

Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 PM

Whether it's business, career, or life goals, don't close the book on 2024 just yet. Dr. Peter A. James discusses proven strategies to help shift your mindset and take action.

Make Health Your Habit: Foundations of Nutrition

Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 PM

Lay the groundwork for a healthy lifestyle with Nutrition Coach Renee Cain. Discuss the fundamental principles, macronutrients, and the importance of balanced nutrition.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Schedule your placement test to enroll for our ELL classes today! Call/text ELL Coordinator Asifa

Munawar at 815.790.7876 or scan the QR code below. All classes are held Monday-Thursday mornings. One-on-one, GED, and Citizenship tutoring are also available as needed.

Virtual English Club

Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Learn and practice English in an informal setting. Participants read and discuss books, news, and a variety of other current topics. Open to all. To register and receive the Zoom link, please visit papl.info/services/englishlanguage-learners or scan the QR code.





Wirtual Programs

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GENEALOGY

Family Tree Dx: Adding Health Information to Your Family Tree

Monday, June 24, 7:00 PM

Laura Kovarik asks, "Do you include health information in your research?" Let's look at how to collect and add health histories to your family tree to share them with your family and healthcare providers. No DNA needed!

Pins & Needles: Adding Social Media to Your Genealogy Repertoire

Monday, July 22, 7:00 PM

Many have used Facebook to find distant cousins and former high school friends. Join us for a fun session on using sites like Pinterest, Flickr, Instagram, and more to locate, identify, and share ancestors.

Genealogical Research Using Railroad Records

Monday, August 26, 7:00 PM

Genealogist Kim Harrison provides an overview of the different types of records or sources created by the railroad and the people who worked on them. Learn about the value of these records and what they tell us about our railroad ancestors.

WRITERS

Writers Group

First Mondays, 6:30 PM

Discuss writing prompts, craft, style, and current works in progress with fellow authors and writers. Led by Adult Services Librarian Jessica Banko.

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM

A conversation with the best-selling author, animal scientist, and autism advocate Dr. Temple Grandin. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



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JOB SEEKERS

Job Club

Third Wednesdays, 12:00 PM

Share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. There is also time for networking.

June 19: Use Your Library... Land the Job!

Lisa Koeller, Adult Services Specialist, Plainfield Area Public Library

Join us for an overview of free online resources to help you research prospective employers and potential salaries, format your resume, and more.

July 17: Use The HeART of Interview Storytelling

Donna Hook, Confident Communicator Coach, Public Speaking Coach, Author

Learn to craft stories during interviews that make you stand out, demonstrate your skills, and leave a memorable impression with your interviewer.

August 21: Age Discrimination and Job Searching

Bruce Bennett, Executive Vice President of BAB Consulting

Job hunting can be challenging, especially if you're a mature worker. Learn to identify your skills and overcome objections when networking and interviewing. "Mature worker-friendly" companies will be identified. Valuable tips for job seekers of any age will also be discussed.



Follow the Library on LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a great tool to build your network, and now you can find the Library there too! Join our Career and Business Group on LinkedIn to connect with local job seekers and discover helpful career resources: bitly/linkedinpapl.

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TECHNOLOGY TEACHING

3D Printing Classes

3D Printed Monogrammed Gift Boxes

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM

Design your own monogrammed gift box in Tinkercad® - a free, easy-to-learn 3D modeling tool. Participants get one free print from our 3D printer.



Software Classes

Intro to Publisher®

Saturday, June 8, 10:00 AM

Microsoft Publisher® is an under-utilized graphic design tool. Learn how to navigate it by mocking up a flyer.

Intro to Excel®

Thursday, July 11, 7:00 PM

Excel® helps you organize numbers and information. Find the important parts of the software, make simple formulas, and discover how it can help you in your life and work.



Book-A-Librarian

Book a one-hour session with a librarian during regular Library hours and get your tech questions answered. To schedule, call 815.327.2515 or email info@papl.info.

Intermediate Excel®

Thursday, July 18, 7:00 PM

This class is for experienced Excel® users with a firm grasp of the basics. It covers intermediate-level functions: importing data, pivot tables, VLOOKUP, and an introduction to macros.

Intro to Python

Thursday, August 8, 7:00 PM

Learn the fundamentals of coding and the Python programming language using free Python and Visual Studio Code software.

Getting Started with Advanced Photo Editing

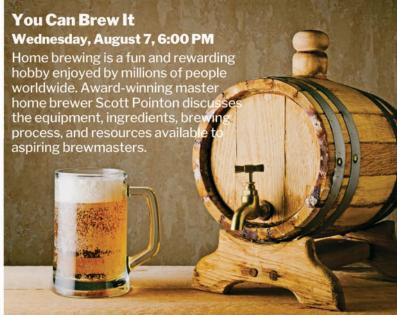
Thursday, August 15, 7:00 PM

Want to start restoring old photos, making composite images, or designing your own flyers? Learn how to use GIMP - a free and powerful alternative to Photoshop®.



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Thrill Seekers Book Club

Second Mondays, 7:00 PM

A book club for fans of mysteries, thrillers and adventures— both fiction and non-fiction. Copies are available at the Adult Services Desk or to download.

June 10

What Lies in the Woods by Kate Alice Marshall





July 8

Deliberate Cruelty by Roseanne Montillo

August 12

The Blonde Identity by Ally Carter



Family Measuring Board

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 PM

Create a family heirloom to record the growth of your family over the years. All supplies are provided to create a customized 7-foot measuring board. A PAPL library card is required.



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Dance Fitness

Thursday, August 8, 6:30 PM

Enjoy a rhythmic fitness class led by 16-year veteran dance coach and instructor Jenn Cryder. This class focuses on beginner-level, rhythmic movements to upbeat music.



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Plainfield United Methodist Church 15114 Illinois St. Plainfield, IL 60544

Stitching in the Stacks

Second Thursdays, 1:00 PM

Meet with fellow crochet and knitting enthusiasts and create beautiful items for charity. This group is open to the public and all ability levels. Participants should bring their own materials (suitable yarn and hooks or needles) to each meeting. Easy patterns for the current charity project are provided.



A Novel Idea Book Club

Third Wednesdays, 2:00 PM

Copies are available at the Adult Services Desk or to download.



June 19

What You Are Looking For Is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama

July 17

The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner





August 21

The Dish: The Lives and Labor Behind One Plate of Food by Andrew Friedman

Pardon Our Progress: We're Renovating!

We are dedicated to embracing change without missing a beat during renovations. Stay up to date by following us on social media, subscribing to our weekly e-newsletter, or visiting papl.info/pardon-our-progress. Here are some ways you can keep enjoying your library while the building is under construction:



Let staff bring your holds right to your car with Curbside Pickup, or use our Grab & Go Lockers to pick up your items at any time. We have lockers outside the Library building and outside Entrance P at Plainfield East High School. Learn more about our contactless pickup options at papl.info/about/contactless-pickup.



Download books, audiobooks, movies, TV, magazines, and more right to your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Get the apps, visit the websites, and get extra help with our step-by-step Device Guides at papl.info/books-downloads-more/ebooks-downloads.



We have online resources available 24/7, ranging from language learning to homework help, to crafting tutorials to genealogy tools— there's so much that we couldn't possibly list them all here! Find what you're looking for at papl.info/resourcesonline.



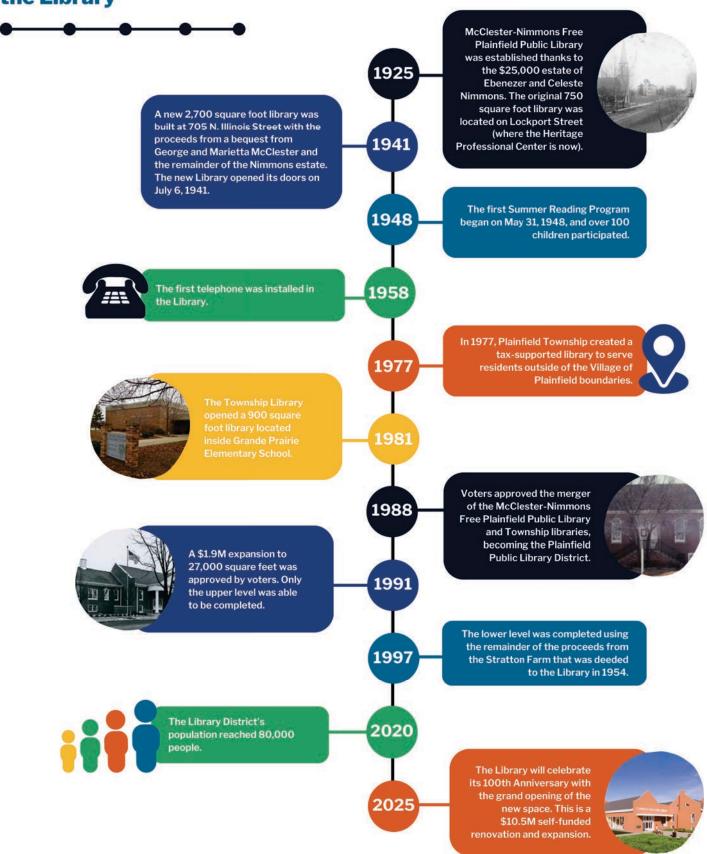
We are partnering with nearby venues to ensure uninterrupted access to your favorite programs. Thank you to our generous partners: Plainfield Park District, Plainfield Township, and Plainfield United Methodist Church.



L-R: Erika Grotto (Board Treasurer), Carl F. Gilmore (Board President), Lisa Pappas (Library Director), Vicki M. Knight (Board Secretary), Lauren Las (Board Trustee), Lisa Schmidt (Board Vice President), & Alicia Malec (Board Trustee) at our ceremonial groundbreaking. April 17, 2024.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

A Brief History of the Library





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