



# SPRING

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### Spring 2025

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Early March (TBD)**  
Temporary closure for renovations

**Monday, May 26**  
Memorial Day

#### LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday through Thursday**  
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM


**Friday and Saturday**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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**Plainfield Area  
Public Library**

 815.436.6639

 [papl.info](http://papl.info)

 15025 S. Illinois St.,  
Plainfield, IL 60544



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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## Reading Dragons Special Quest

Find the hidden *Where's Waldo* griffin in this Program Guide and earn a special limited edition card!



## Programs at

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

## Caterpillars at the Garden

**Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver**

**Thursday, March 20**

Registration begins Thursday, March 6

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

or

**Friday, March 21**

Registration begins Thursday, March 7

**10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Spring has sprung! Gather for this special storytime about crunching, munching caterpillars.

## In a Pickle Storytime

**Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver**

**Friday, April 4**

Registration begins Friday, March 21

**10:30 to 11:15 AM**

We love pickles and hope you do, too. Enjoy books, crafts, and maybe a pickle or two. It's gonna be a big dill!



## Programs at

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

## Pokémon Club

**Grades 1 to 5**

**Thursday, March 6**

Registration begins Thursday,  
February 20

**Thursday, April 3**

Registration begins Thursday,  
March 20

**6:30 to 7:30 PM**

Celebrate all things Pokémon together at this monthly club. Gotta catch 'em all!



## Flower Fairies Craft

**Ages 6 to 8**

**Tuesday, March 11**

Registration begins Tuesday, February 25

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Make fairies out of flowers and other materials.

## LEGO® Bingo

**Ages 5 to 11**

**Thursday, March 13**

Registration begins Thursday, February 27

**6:30 to 7:30 PM**

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



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## St. Patrick's Day Mystery

**Ages 7 to 11**

**Monday, March 17**

Registration begins Monday, March 3

**6:00 to 6:45 PM**

Join the quest to recover the Leprechaun's treasure and save the luck in Shamrock Valley.

## Snacks Around the World

**Grades 3 to 5**

**Tuesday, March 25**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 11

**Tuesday, April 22**

Registration begins Tuesday, April 8

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Taste and rate snacks from around the world and learn about a different country each month.



## Sweet Dreams Watercolor Painting

**Grades 1 to 5**

**Tuesday, April 8**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 25

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Dream a little dream of watercolor painting fun.

## Fingerprint Gardens

**Ages 3 to 6**

**Tuesday, April 15**

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1

**6:30 to 7:15 PM**

Create unique garden landscapes using your fingerprints.

## Programs at

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



## Music & Movement

**Ages 2 to 5 with caregiver**

**Wednesday, April 2**

Registration begins

Tuesday, March 19

**10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Get ready to clap, tap, dance, sing, and stomp in this high-energy program built to get the wiggles out. Dance, move, play instruments, and more!



## Reading Dragons & Friends Tournament

**Ages 5 to 12**

**Monday, April 7**

Registration begins Monday, March 24

**11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Kids participating in the Reading Dragons program can battle other players using their collected cards to win prizes. Bring at least 5 Reading Dragon cards to play with.



## ABC Games: Spring Edition

**Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver**

**Monday, April 28**

Registration begins

Monday, April 14

**10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Have a blooming good time as children and adults participate together at spring-themed stations that reinforce pre-reading skills.

## DIY Teething Jewelry

**Ages birth to 2 years with caregiver**

**Saturday, April 12**

Registration begins Saturday, March 29

**10:30 to 11:15 AM**

Meet up with other parents and caregivers while crafting your own DIY teething jewelry from silicone beads.



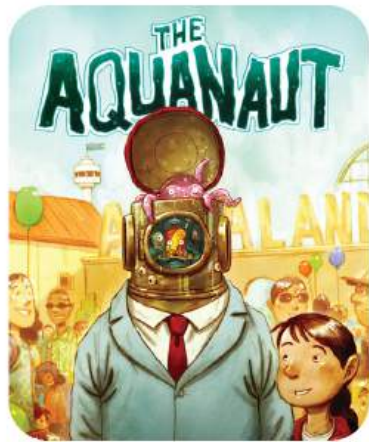
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## Drop-in Storytimes at PUMC

Storytimes will run from March 11 to May 1. There are no storytimes during Spring Break from March 31 to April 4. They will be held at Plainfield United Methodist Church, 15114 Illinois St. in Plainfield. Storytime helps nurture a lifelong love of reading and prepares children for school while developing language and motor skills. All storytimes feature developmentally appropriate stories, music, and movement.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>9:30 to 10:00 AM</b>	Baby Storytime Ages 0 to 23 months	Family Storytime All ages	Family Storytime All ages
<b>10:30 to 11:00 AM</b>	Toddler Storytime Ages 2 to 3 years	Preschool Storytime Ages 3 to 5 without caregiver	



**Virtual! Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat**  
Saturday, May 3  
2:00 PM

Dan Santat is the author and illustrator of many New York Times bestsellers. His latest works include the graphic novels *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*. See page 8 for more information.

### 3rd Grade Writes

Saturday, March 1 through  
Monday, March 31

Attention future authors currently in third grade! Practice your storytelling with this annual writing event. Visit the Library's website for complete details and guidelines.



### Bookmark Design Contest

All ages

Monday, March 10 through  
Monday, March 24

Stop by the Library and pick up an entry form (or download and print the form from the Library's website) to design a bookmark celebrating National Library Week. Winners will receive a prize and have their designs printed on bookmarks that will be available during National Library Week, April 7 to 12. See the entry form for more details.

Bookmark by Zoe, 2024 contest winner

### Rubber Ducky Bingo Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Monday, March 24 to Monday, April 7

Grab a Bingo card and search around the Library for the hidden rubber ducks! Get four in a row to win a prize. Limited to one prize per participant per day.



# TEEN PROGRAMS

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### Teen Cooking Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 4**

Registration begins Tuesday, February 18

**Tuesday, April 1**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 18

**5:00 to 5:45 PM**

Test different, simple recipes and learn new cooking techniques that elevate your snack game.

### Teen Manga & Anime Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Thursday, March 6**

Registration begins Thursday, February 20

**6:30 to 7:30 PM**

**Thursday, April 17**

Registration begins Thursday, April 13

**6:45 to 7:30 PM**

Calling all anime lovers! Watch a curated playlist of anime episodes spanning shows from *Speed Racer* to *Demon Slayer*.

### Plainfield C.A.T.S. (Council of Advisory Teens)

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Monday, March 10**

Registration begins Monday, February 24

**Monday, April 14**

Registration begins Monday, March 31

**6:00 to 6:45 PM**

Meow is the time to have your voice heard at the Library! We meet once a month to discuss your ideas for programs, books, and service projects. Earn volunteer hours while expressing your opinions about the Library's teen services.

### Teen Crochet Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 11**

Registration begins Tuesday, February 25

**Tuesday, April 8**

Registration begins Thursday, March 25

**5:00 to 5:45 PM**

Bring your crochet projects to this monthly club to work alongside and chat with other fans of this very trendy craft. Some supplies are available for use during the program.

### Teen Robotics and Coding Club

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 18**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 4

**Tuesday, April 15**

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1

**5:00 to 5:45 PM**

Get hands-on experience coding different types of robots, creating and printing 3D models, and taking part in technology challenges. Suitable for all experience levels.

### Wizards Murder Mystery Party

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Monday, March 24**

Registration begins Monday, March 10

**6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Put on your robe and raise your wands; you are invited to a wizarding party! Be forewarned because one of the wizards ends up dead and another is revealed to be the murderer. Follow the clues to try and unravel the mystery. You may even be the killer in disguise.

### How to Adult for Teens

**Grades 6 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 25**

Registration begins Tuesday, March 11

**Tuesday, April 22**

Registration begins Tuesday, April 8

**5:00 to 5:45 PM**

Learn a new skill that prepares you for life as an adult. From sewing buttons to basic repairs to managing money, these skills get you ready for adulthood.

## Dungeons & Dragons®

Grades 6 to 12

Thursday, March 27

Registration begins Thursday, March 13

Thursday, April 10

Registration begins Thursday, March 27

Thursday, April 24

Registration begins Thursday, April 10

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Roll the dice and join a campaign with other adventurers in a game of Dungeons & Dragons®. Open to all experience levels.



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## The Virtual Cup: An EA FC 25™ Tournament

Grades 6 to 12

Saturday, April 5

Registration begins Saturday, March 22

11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Welcome to the Club. Suit up for an EA FC 25™ tournament to find out the best baller in Plainfield. EA FC 25™ is a soccer-themed simulation video game for the PlayStation® 5.

**100** BOOKS  
BEFORE  
GRADUATION

We're encouraging teens in grades 6 to 12 to read 100 books before they graduate high school. Reading will give you hours of entertainment while improving your test scores and preparing you for your future. Studies have shown that regular readers are more empathetic, have better critical thinking skills, and higher levels of emotional intelligence. Register at:  
[plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](http://plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/reader365)

## Read's Construction Corner

We are thrilled to share that Phase 1 of our construction project is nearing completion! This phase includes a newly expanded lobby, a convenient drive-up window, and a reimagined Youth and Teen Services area. To smoothly transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2, we will be closing for a few days in mid-March. Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to enhance our space!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

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## Virtual Programs

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## Health & Home

### Breathe and Relax with Tai Chi and Qi Gong

**First Mondays, 11:30 AM**

With guidance from Erica Bough of 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.

### What Stays & What Goes? An Organizer's Guide to Making Decisions

**Wednesday, March 26, 6:00 PM**

Confidently organize your space using techniques to thoughtfully decide what to keep and what to let go. Learn solutions to common organizing challenges and discuss strategies for decluttering.

## Geography & History

### Hidden Natural Treasures of Illinois

**Thursday, March 27, 6:30 PM**

Join botanist Chris Benda for a tour of Illinois' diverse natural areas and the rare plants found across its 14 distinct natural divisions.

### Presidential Marriages

**Thursday, April 3, 7:00 PM**

Explore the marriages, romances, and love lives of U.S. Presidents.

### Shipwrecks: Treasures of the Great Lakes

**Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 PM**

Take a deep dive into ten historic Great Lakes shipwrecks through live narration and stunning visuals by internationally acclaimed underwater photographer Cal Kothrade.



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



All Women's History Month programs are sponsored by the Dr. Patricia Lynn Miller Endowment for Advancing Women's Rights and Celebrating Women's History.

### The Real Nurses of the Civil War

**Thursday, March 6, 6:30 PM**

Hear the inspiring story of how thousands of women with no nursing experience volunteered during the Civil War and transformed the field of nursing.

### Notable Women of Illinois History

**Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 PM**

Discover the fascinating lives of influential women who shaped Illinois politics, social movements, and literature, including Jane Addams, Mother Bickerdyke, Mary Todd Lincoln, Frances Willard, and Gwendolyn Brooks.

### Women in Astronomy

**Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 PM**

Women have played a part in astronomical discoveries for centuries, but many of their stories are overlooked or untold. Explore advancements made by several ladies of science and the hardships they overcame to explore the universe.

### Beauty Bites Beast Film Screening

**Monday, March 31, 5:30 PM**

*Beauty Bites Beast* flips ideas of female helplessness, as women transform while learning verbal, emotional, and physical empowerment-based self-defense.

## MONEY SMART WEEK

### Home Energy Savings

**Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 PM**

The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) shares information about energy choices, efficiency programs, and how to save money on your utility bills.

### Cable Options and Reducing Robocalls

**Monday, April 21, 7:00 PM**

Discover your cable options, including streaming services, and how to cut cable costs. Learn about call-blocking tools and new federal legislation aimed at tackling robocalls.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Schedule your placement test to enroll in our ELL classes today! Call/text ELL Coordinator Asifa Munawar at 815.790.7876 or scan the QR code.



## JOB SEEKERS

**Third Wednesdays, 12:00 PM**

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

### **March 19: Job Searching the SMART Way**

*Nikki Ryberg, Career Coach and Global Career Development Facilitator*

Learn how to focus all phases of your job search using SMART goals. Attendees are eligible to receive a personalized SMART tracking sheet.

### **April 23: Seven Ways to Improve Your Resumé**

*Marty Gilbert, Founder/CEO of NorthShore Executive Networking Group*

The average resumé only gets 6-10 seconds of review, so yours needs to stand out! Find out how to craft your resumé to get past that initial look and get more interviews.

### **May 21: All About Salary Negotiations**

*Lauren Milligan, ResuMayDay Founder and Career Advancement Coach*

Learn comprehensive strategies for every phase of salary negotiation, including finding realistic income data and tactics to use when employers discourage negotiation.

## FOR READERS

**Spring Reading Roundup**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 PM**

Get ready to add to your reading list! Join Adult Services staff as they provide a lively overview of the hot new fiction and nonfiction books coming out this spring.



## ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

### **Exploring Space with Coralie Adam**

**Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 PM**

Coralie Adam leads KinetX Aerospace's Optical Navigation team, the first private company to offer deep space navigation to NASA. Her work enabled the Pluto exploration and the historic asteroid Bennu sample collection.



### **9to5: The Story of a Movement**

**Friday, March 21 to  
Sunday, March 23**

This documentary highlights the creation of the 9to5 movement, established to fight for workplace equity and against wage discrepancy.

### **The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson**

**Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM**

Alexis Nikole Nelson is a forager and educator, celebrating edible plants and uncovering African American and Indigenous food traditions. She empowers those in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency.

### **Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat**

**Saturday, May 3, 2:00 PM**

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### **Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond**

**Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 PM**

Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University and author of the award-winning book *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. Desmond's research focuses on poverty in the United States, city life, public policy, and racial inequality.



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## GENEALOGY

### Irish Genealogy Workshop

March 17 & 18, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

This two-day workshop provides practical and detailed information on how to trace your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors in the U.S. and abroad. Please visit [fountaindale.org](http://fountaindale.org) for more details and to register to attend in person at Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook or virtually from your home.



### What Are You Looking For?

Monday, March 24, 7:00 PM

Laura Kovarik teaches how to establish guideposts and refine searches to keep your research on track and optimize your time. Designed for beginner to intermediate genealogists.

### Why is My Ethnicity Estimate Wrong and Does it Matter?

Monday, April 28, 7:00 PM

Genealogist Dana Kelly discusses how ethnicity estimates are determined, what they mean, and how they can (and cannot) be used for genealogy.

### Brick by Brick: Tracing Your House History

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 PM

Librarian Tina Beard provides strategies for researching the history of your home using government records, newspapers, phone directories, and other resources. Every home tells a story... what does yours say?

New Online Resource!  
Gale Presents: Udemy



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SOMETHING NEW

Get 24/7 access to free online courses to enrich your mind.

START TODAY



## Now Offering Text Notifications



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## TECHNOLOGY TEACHING

### 3D Printed Coasters

Monday, March 3, 7:00 PM

Design a coaster using Tinkercad, a free online program. Participants get one free coaster printed to be picked up at a later date.

### Password Management

Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Discover effective strategies and best practices to ensure your passwords remain safe and secure.

### Facebook 101

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 PM

Explore key privacy and security settings on Facebook, including two-factor authentication, controlling post visibility to friends only, and managing block options.

### Technology Survey

We'd love to know what types of technology classes you want to see. What topics or skills would you like to learn more about?

To take the survey, visit [bit.ly/40mcrMc](http://bit.ly/40mcrMc) or scan the QR code below.



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**plainfield  
seed library**

## Opening April 2

Select from a wide range of seeds to plant and enjoy in your home gardens. Seeds are first-come, first-served.

## Garden Plot Registration Opens April 2

We're excited to partner with the Plainfield Township Community Garden to offer small plots to rent for the season. The Library has plots available for a non-refundable fee. Look for details at [papl.info/seed-library](http://papl.info/seed-library).

## Programs at

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### Focus Magic: The Key to Great Photos

**Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 PM**

Explore the fundamentals and techniques of focus in photography.

### Budgeting and Fraud

**Thursday, March 13, 5:30 PM**

Strengthen your financial security with budgeting and fraud detection lessons from Heartland Bank.

### Weather and Storm Chasing 101

**Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 PM**

Discover the world of storm chasing and gain knowledge of severe weather safety and preparedness.

### Social Security and Medicare

**Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 PM**

Puzzled about Social Security or Medicare? Join Remlinger Financial Group to learn important information you need to know about time frames, penalties, benefits, and much more.

## Programs at



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

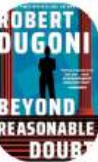
### Thrill Seekers Book Club

**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.

**March 10**

*Beyond Reasonable Doubt* by Robert Dugoni



**April 14**

*This Girl's a Killer* by Emma C. Wells



**May 12**

*Broadway Butterfly: Vivian Gordon, the Gangster of Jazz Age New York*  
by Anthony DeStefano



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### The History of Fleetwood Mac

**Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 PM**

Through interviews and performance footage, explore the band's journey, highlighting their iconic album *Rumours* and the classic lineup of Stevie Nicks, Lindsey Buckingham, Christine McVie, John McVie, and Mick Fleetwood.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Home Buying 101

**Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 PM**

Join local realtor Denise Manning of Keller Williams Infinity to get your questions answered and learn about the home buying process, current market trends, and lending options.

## DIY Candle Making with It's L.I.T Candles

**Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 PM**

Learn the basics of candle making with It's L.I.T Candles by Tanesha.



## Retro Game Night

**Thursday, April 3, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Hang out and play your favorite retro games on the Nintendo® Super NES™ Classic Mini, Meta Quest™ VR, and various board games.

## Can You Afford to Retire?

**Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 PM**

Learn about Social Security and the Ten Critical Questions that every retiree must answer before embarking on a successful retirement.

## Build and Repair Credit

**Thursday, April 17, 5:30 PM**

Join Heartland Bank in celebrating Money Smart Week. Learn how to build and repair credit and the key factors that help maintain good credit.

## Home Selling 101

**Wednesday, April 23, 6:30 PM**

Get prepared for success when selling your home! Join local realtor Denise Manning of Keller Williams Infinity to learn about the current market, the selling process, and tips to get your home ready.

## Learn to Dance Salsa

**Thursday, April 24, 6:00 PM**

Let's get moving with Desueño Dance. Follow along with the instructor as you learn to dance salsa, one of the most popular dances in the world.

## Getting Crafty with Cricut®: Canvas Bags

**Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Create your own canvas bag using heat transfer vinyl and a heat press. Designs to be predetermined. One bag per participant.

## The Bigfoot Experience with Mike Familant

**Monday, May 19, 7:00 PM**

Join producer and lead investigator Mike Familant as he shares his experiences with tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot.

## Daisy's Gatsby

**Thursday, May 29, 7:00 PM**



Curious about Daisy Buchanan's perspective? Megan Wells, a national award-winning actress, playwright, and storyteller, brings her story to life.

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## Parenting Workshop: Know Your Own Strengths

**Wednesday, March 12, 12:00 to 2:00 PM**

Bilingual, Spanish & English. Presenters from the Spanish Community Center share tools and techniques for fostering a better parent-child relationship.

## Stitching in the Stacks

**Second Thursdays, 1:00 PM**

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.



**March 19**

*All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

**April 16**

*The Impossible Life* by Matt Haig



**May 21**

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald





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