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LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Sundays in the Summer

May 12: Mother's Day **May 27:** Memorial Day
June 19: Juneteenth **July 4:** Independence Day
Aug. 2: Open at noon for Staff Training

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Some library programs require registration. Register by phone, online or in person.

BY PHONE

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ONLINE

jolietpubliclibrary.libnet.info/events

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Star Wars™ Day

(All ages) **N**

The biggest Star Wars™ event of its kind is returning to downtown Joliet in June! Join us for a parade, costumed characters, food, authors, a vendor fair,

games and Star Wars™ fun. You don't want to miss it!

OSB Saturday, June 1
11 a.m.- 3 p.m.



LEGO™ Club

(Ages 5+ with adult) **N**

The library will supply Lego™ bricks for free play and the occasional challenge! Are you up for it? Seating is limited.

BRB Wednesday, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Monday, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 13, July 25, Aug. 8
2-3 p.m.

Mini-Me Tea

(Ages 3-8 with adult) **R**

Calling all caregivers! Dress your littles in their fanciest attire and join us for a special tea party where we will celebrate YOU!

OSB Friday, May 10
10:30-11:15 a.m.

Hatching Chicks

(Grades K-6) **R**

What could be more exciting than seeing a baby chick emerge from an egg in only three weeks? Join us, with the U of I Extension Office, to learn about hatching chicks and meet our incubating eggs.

OSB Monday, May 13
4-5 p.m.

BRB Tuesday, May 14
4:30-5:30 p.m.



Drop-In Storytimes

*Storytimes will not take place on May 27, June 19, or July 4.

Black Road Branch

Toddler Time

18 months-3 years
with adult
Mondays @ 9:30,
10:30, 11:30 a.m.

Black Road Branch

Family Storytime

Birth-6 years
with adult
Tuesdays @
6:30 p.m.

Black Road Branch

Bouncing Babies

Birth-24 months
with adult
Wednesdays @
9:30, 10:30,
11:30 a.m.

Black Road Branch

Preschool Storytime

3-5 years with adult
Thursdays @ 9:30,
10:30, 11:30 a.m.

Black Road Branch

Outdoor Storytime

Birth-6 years
with adult
Fridays @
9:30 a.m.

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Fridays, June 14-July 19

Ottawa Street Branch

Family Storytime

Birth-6 years
with adult
Wednesdays
@ 10:30 a.m.,
6 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch

Wiggle Worms

18 months-4 years
with adult
Tuesdays
@ 10:30 a.m.

Junior Book Club(Grades K-2) **R**

We will read a book together, discuss, do activities and a craft that go along with the title.

BRB Wednesday, May 15
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Preschool Game Day(Ages 3-5) **R**

Stop by the library to play indoor learning games with friends.

BRB Friday, May 17
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dog Adoption Day with**Hopeful Tails**(All ages) **N**

Hopeful Tails is bringing dogs looking for their forever homes to the library! In between meeting and petting dogs, make a dog toy that will be donated to the shelter, while supplies last.

OSB Saturday, May 18
1-4 p.m.

Robot Rally(Grades 1-3) **R**

Learn basic coding principles while working with adorable robots.

BRB Tuesday, May 21
4:30-6 p.m.

Pollinator Garden Planting Party(Children of all ages with adult) **R**

Join in the planting and fun at the relaunch of the Joliet Public Library Black Road Branch Garden. University of Illinois Will County Master Gardeners will help plant the redesigned garden and will also have an information table to help answer all of your gardening questions. Dress to garden, tools will be provided.

BRB Friday, May 31
10-11 a.m.
Rain date: June 3

Shrek Paint & Sip(Grades 1-4) **R**

Learn how to paint everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, while jamming out to the Shrek soundtrack and sipping Shrek approved drinks.

OSB Monday, June 3
4-5 p.m.

Bingo(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Join us for a fun hour of BINGO!

BRB Tuesday, June 4,
July 2, 16, 30
2-3 p.m.

Teddy Bear Picnic(Ages 2-8 with adult) **R**

Celebrate all things teddy bear with songs, stories, activities and snacks. Bring a blanket and your favorite stuffed friend! OSB event will be indoors and the BRB event will be outdoors, weather permitting.

OSB Tuesday, June 4
6-7 p.m.

BRB Saturday, June 29
10-11 a.m.

Bingo & Trivia(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Join us for a fun hour of Stars Wars, Disney and Pokémon Bingo. Along with a few rounds of Bingo, we will test our wits with some trivia!

OSB Wednesday
June 5: Star Wars
July 17: Disney
August 7: Pokémon
2-3 p.m.

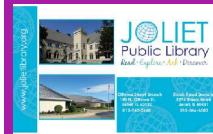
**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

(Ages 0-5, register on the Beanstack app)

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge is

a fun way to encourage you and your child to read books together beginning at birth. Register online through the Beanstack Tracker app to start earning prizes for you and your child.

Find out more at the Youth Services Desk or online at jolietlibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten

**The Most Important School Supply: A Library Card**

(Grades PreK-12)

Did you know that through partnerships with area school districts, the Joliet Public Library offers student library cards free of charge to residents of the City of Joliet and Joliet Township? Sign your child up today either at the library or from home! Check out all the information at: jolietlibrary.org/student-library-cards/

**Join the Summer Reading Challenge**

(All ages)

Travel through the pages and stay sharp this summer! Read, complete

activity challenges and win prizes. Log your pages online or in one of our paper logs. Read as a family or on your own and experience the magic of summer reading!

jolietlibrary.org/summer-reading/



Summer Reading Buddies

(Grades 1-3) **R**

Your very own stuffie pet is waiting to be adopted at the library! Each time we meet there will be different activities to do with your pet, including special time to read to them.

BRB Thursday, June 6, 20, July 11, 25
2-3 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, June 12, 26,
July 10, 24
2-3 p.m.

Science Fair

(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Experience a variety of fun science demos and interactive experiments. Indoors/outdoors, weather permitting.

BRB Friday, June 7
10 a.m.-12 p.m.



Family Craft

(Ages 3+ with adult) **N**

Craft together as a family! Drop in for a make and take craft.

BRB Tuesday, June 11, 25, July 9, 23,
Aug. 6
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Juggling and Stories with Chris Fascione

(All ages) **N**

Are you ready to laugh?

Join entertainer Chris Fascione for a comedic, interactive performance that combines comedy, mime, juggling and storytelling. Seating may be limited.

BRB Tuesday, June 11
3-3:45 p.m.

Flutter By, Butterfly!

(Grades K-6) **R**

Come learn all about our butterflies and their food, life cycle and needs. Everyone will plant and take home a butterfly friendly flower in this fun, learning hands-on class taught by the University of Illinois Will County Master Gardener Coordinator Nancy Kuhajda.

BRB Wednesday, June 12
2-3 p.m.

Family Doughnut Challenge

(Grades K-4 with adult) **R**

Does your family have what it takes to make the most outrageously decorated doughnut? Compete against other families to see who will be the Doughnut Champions.

OSB Thursday, June 13
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Parachute-palooza

(Ages 2-5 years with adult) **R**

Up, down and all around! It's parachute time! Come along and play as we sing, dance and read a story.

OSB Friday, June 14
10:30-11:15 a.m.



Zoo to You Petting Zoo

(All ages with adult) **N**

Zoo to You is bringing some animal friends to the library. Pet a mini donkey, a lamb and maybe even a llama. Rain or shine! Feed is \$2 a cup (optional).

BRB Saturday, June 15
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Black History Bingo

(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Join us to learn about Black History in honor of Juneteenth. Win some prizes with your friends and family!

OSB Monday, June 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Tuesday, June 18
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Pokémon Meetup

(Grades 3-8) **R**

Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms or just hang out and discuss your favorite characters. There will be Pokémon activities and a craft.

OSB Tuesday, June 18, July 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Thursday, Aug. 1
2-3 p.m.

Olympic Field Day

(Grades 1-5) **N**

Join us for outdoor (weather permitting) activities inspired by the Olympics.

BRB Friday, June 21
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monarch Mania

(Children of all ages) **R**

Erin Noon from Will County's Land Use Department will be educating us on everything monarch and how our land use affects them. Meet some caterpillars and find out what you can do to help.

OSB Monday, June 24
10:30-11:30 a.m.

BRB Thursday, June 27
2-3 p.m.

Test Your Senses(Grades 2-5) **R**

Test your senses with various activities.

BRB Monday, June 24
2-3 p.m.**Family Field Trip: JJC Culinary Arts**(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

Tour the state of the art facilities of the Culinary Arts Department at JJC's City Center Campus. Meet in the lobby, tour will begin promptly.

JJC-City Center235 N. Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, June 25
4-5 p.m.**Family Concert with John Condron**(All ages) **N**

Enjoy an evening of lawn games, dancing and music featuring local musician, John Condron. Bring a blanket or folding chairs.

BRB Tuesday, June 25
6:30-8 p.m.**Whodunit Mystery Night**(Grades 3-6) **R**

Use your detective skills to help find the killer before they strike again.

OSB Thursday, June 27
6:30-7:30 p.m.**Early Adopters: Mission Innovation Summer Camp**(Grades 3-5) **R**

This week-long camp provides a structured, engaging environment to explore technology. Students become astronauts, practice coding and learn how technology can enhance a story, led by CompuDopt trainers. FREE laptop given upon completion of camp. Snacks provided.

OSB Monday-Friday, July 8-12
12:30-4:30 p.m.**Pollinator Party**(Grades K-6) **R**

Come learn all about the insects that help make our food by pollinating our flowers and vegetables. Join Will County Master Gardener Coordinator, Nancy Kuhajda, for this fun, interactive learning activity and make a pollinator/bug bath to take home.

BRB Monday, July 8
2-3 p.m.**Giant Bubbles!**(All ages) **N**

Join Mr. Scott from TwistiCity as he dazzles us with bubbles...giant bubbles! Bring a chair or blanket and your sense of wonder as we will be outside, weather permitting! If indoors, seating may be limited.

BRB Wednesday, July 10
4:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.**Minute To Win It**(Grades 2-4) **R**

Kids will compete in funny, minute-long contests.

OSB Thursday, July 11
5:30-6:30 p.m.**Family Field Trip: Train Ride**(Ages 2+ with adult) **R**

Our group will take a short train ride, explore the station, then travel back home. Don't be late! The train leaves the station promptly at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the Gateway Center Train Platform. Registration required for each person attending.

Gateway Center Train Platform90 East Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60432
Friday, July 12
10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.**Messy Outdoor Art**(Ages 3+ with adult) **R**

Spin, splat, bubble and roll your way to messy creations.

BRB Saturday, July 13
10-11 a.m.**Tiny Techs: Zoo Squad Summer Camp**(Grades 1-2) **R**

In this two week long camp, students will act as zookeepers and explore technology through hands-on projects and activities featuring their favorite animals, led by CompuDopt trainers. Snacks provided.

OSB Monday-Friday, July 15-26
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**Frustration Game Technology Workshop**(Grades 3-5) **R**

Students will practice coding basics and learn how hardware and software, work together to design, set up, wire and play their very own board game with Scratch, led by a professional CompuDopt trainer.

BRB Wednesday, July 17
2-5 p.m.**Croakin' Around**(Grades K-5) **R**

What's the difference between a frog and a toad? Learn about these amazing amphibians that live around us, and become an amphibian expert with the team from Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

OSB Thursday, July 18
2-3 p.m.

Prairie Roots

(Grades K-5) **R**

Learn about the underground system responsible for supporting plants, including our library garden and the forest preserve, with an expert from Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.

BRB Monday, July 22
2-2:45 p.m.

Anthony Stockton's Magical Spectacular!

(All ages) **N**

Born with a magic wand in his hand, Joliet magician Anthony Stockton returns to perform his amazing magic and illusions. Don't miss out!

OSB Monday, July 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Firefly Night

(Ages 3-8 with adult) **R**

Have you ever wondered how fireflies flash? Or why? Come read stories about fireflies, learn some firefly facts and make a craft. If we're lucky, we might even see some real ones!

OSB Tuesday, July 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Slammers Stadium Tour

(Ages 4+ with adult) **R**

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Joliet Slammers stadium! Park in the lot east of the stadium and meet at the box office window. Registration required for each person attending.

Duly Health & Care Field

1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr., Joliet, IL 60432
Wednesday, July 24
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Birds of a Feather

(Grades K-5) **R**

An expert from Wild Birds Unlimited will join us to teach students some basics of feeding and identifying backyard birds. We will also make a bird feeder to take home!

BRB Wednesday, July 24
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Messy Masterpiece

(Ages 2-6 with adult) **R**

Let's get messy at the library! Toddlers and preschoolers can get their hands messy in this sensory program as they make art using household items lying around the house. We will get messy!

OSB Thursday, July 25
4:30-6 p.m.



Water Play Day

(Children of all ages with adult) **N**

Cool off in our 'do it yourself' waterpark!

BRB Friday, July 26
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or
2-3:30 p.m.

Colorful Clay Creatures

(Grades K-5) **R**

Come make any type of clay sculpture you'd like! (Creatures not required).

BRB Monday, July 29
2-3 p.m.

Family Karaoke Night

(Children of all ages with adult) **R**

Come show off your singing skills at the library!

BRB Monday, July 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.

KidzFest

(Children of all ages) **N**

Join us for a day of fun with other organizations in Downtown Joliet! Stop by our booth and say hi to learn more about the library.

Will County Building

302 N. Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60432
Saturday, Aug. 3
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

(Ages 3-8) **R**

Join us for transportation themed stories, songs, games and crafts.

BRB Thursday, Aug. 8
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sensory Playtime

(Ages 0-3 with adult) **N**

Bring your little ones to explore their senses by feeling, hearing and touching their way through music, art and mess-free play!

BRB Friday, Aug. 23
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



Robot Adventures(Grades 4-7) **R**

Code our robots for special missions and games.

BRB Tuesday, May 7
4:30-6 p.m.**Lost Sock Memorial Day**(Grades 5-7) **R**

Ever wonder where those missing socks go? Come pay homage to your missing socks on National Lost Sock Memorial Day.

OSB Thursday, May 9
4-5 p.m.**Lego™ Robotics**(Grades 5-7) **R**

Use Lego™ Spike Prime sets to build and code real robots.

BRB Monday, May 13
4:30-6 p.m.**Kool-Aid Lip Gloss For Teens**(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn to make your own Kool-Aid Flavor Lip Gloss!

OSB Wednesday, May 15
7-8 p.m.**Maker Monday**(Grades 5-12) **N**

Hang out with friends or make some new ones while you try out a different project each week. We will have materials available for you to explore, with larger equipment rotating weekly.

BRB Monday, May 20, June 3, 17,
July 1, 15, Aug. 5, 19
4:30-5:30 p.m.**Shrek Paint & Sip**(Grades 5-12) **R**

Learn how to paint everyone's favorite ogre while jamming out to the Shrek soundtrack and sipping Shrek approved drinks.

OSB Monday, June 3
(Grades 5-7) 5:30-6:30 p.m.
(Grades 7-12) 7-8 p.m.**Are You "Thready" for It?**(Grades 5-7) **R**

"Knot" gonna lie - this ain't your grandma's embroidery. We will teach you some beginner embroidery knots that you can use to creatively embellish your belongings.

OSB Tuesday, June 4
4-5 p.m.**Teen Tie-Dye**(Grades 7-12) **R**

Explore how to set personal boundaries while tie-dyeing with Guardian Angel Community Services.

OSB Thursday, June 6
6-7 p.m.**Upcycling Trees**(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn how to identify trees in our area, how trees get from the forest to our homes and all the ways we use wood in our daily lives. Make a fun bowl from recycled paper to take home.

BRB Wednesday, June 12
3:30-4:30 p.m.**Popology: For Fans of K-Pop!**(Grades 8-12) **R**

Come celebrate K-Pop! We'll have music and dancing, we'll make bias buttons and taste some Korean snacks.

BRB Thursday, June 13
6-7 p.m.**Pokémon Meetup**(Grades 3-8) **R**

Calling all Pokémon fans! Bring your cards to play, battle in our Pokémon Go gyms, or just hang out and discuss your favorite characters. We will have Pokémon activities and a craft.

OSB Tuesday, June 18, July 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.**BRB** Thursday, Aug. 1
2-3 p.m.**Stop the Bleed**(Grades 7-12) **R**

A bleeding injury can happen anywhere. Learn how to recognize life-threatening bleeding and become an immediate responder instead of a witness. Presented by the Joliet Fire Department.

OSB Thursday, June 20
1-2 p.m.**DIY Bird Feeder**(Grades 5-12) **R**

Come assemble a bird feeder out of household materials for our winged friends that is easy and fun!

BRB Monday, June 24
(Grades 5-7) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
(Grades 7-12) 6-7 p.m.**Pet Pop Art**(Grades 5-7) **R**

Bring a picture of your pet that we will paint over to make a POP art masterpiece. We will supply extra pet pictures, if needed.

OSB Wednesday, June 26
6-7 p.m.

*All programs are for grades 5-7 (ages 10-13) or grades 7-12 (ages 13-18) unless otherwise specified.

Chocolate Olympics

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Tweens will compete in games like Chocolate Toss, Stack The Oreos and Cookie Face.

OSB Friday, June 28
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Melted Crayon Art for Teens

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Melt some crayons to create an impressive work of art.

OSB Friday, June 28
1:30-2:30 p.m.

STEAM Team: Art Heist Summer Camp

(Grades 6-8) **R**

In this week long camp, middle school students will explore how STEAM components are used to solve real world problems by becoming deTECHtives and solving the mystery of an art heist, led by Compudopt trainers. FREE laptop given upon completion of camp. Snacks provided.

OSB Monday-Friday, July 8-12
12:30-4:30 p.m.



Nature's Helpers

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Do you care about the environment? Join University of Illinois Will County

Master Gardener Coordinator Nancy Kuhajda to learn about the insects and animals around us. Each participant will make an insect hotel and toad home to take home with them.

BRB Monday, July 8
3:30-4:30 p.m.



Decorate Your Room

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Come make some snazzy new decorations to spruce up your room.

BRB Tuesday, July 9
4:30-5:30 p.m.

T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group)

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Teens, let your voices be heard! Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.) gives teens an opportunity to advise library staff on future teen programming and other things they wish to see in Joliet Library's teen department. One hour of community service will be provided for teen participants.

OSB Wednesday, July 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BRB Tuesday, July 16
4-5 p.m.

Video Game Play

(Grades 5-12) **R**

Come and join us to play Smash Bros, Mario Kart and more.

BRB Thursday, July 11
4:30-6 p.m.

Food Ranking: Ice Cream

(Grades 5-12) **R**

Your opinion matters! Try and taste some yummy ice cream and help rank the best flavor.

OSB Monday, July 15
(Grades 5-7) 4:30-5:30 p.m.
(Grades 7-12) 6-7 p.m.

Rock, Paper, Scissors Technology Workshop

(Grades 6-8) **R**

Students will practice coding basics and learn how hardware and software work together to design, set up, wire and play their very own board game with Arduino, led by a professional Compudopt trainer.

BRB Thursday, July 18
2-5 p.m.

Simon Says Technology Workshop

(Grades 9-12) **R**

Students will practice coding basics and learn how hardware and software work together to design, set up, wire and play their very own board game with Arduino, led by a professional Compudopt trainer.

BRB Tuesday, July 23
2-5 p.m.

TikTok Games

(Grades 5-7) **R**

Can you level up, bottle flip, or ping pong roll? Play the games seen on TikTok in person.

BRB Thursday, July 25
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Teen Sewing Club

(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn how to use a sewing machine from local business, The Sewing Cafe, here at the library. Learn to make your own drawstring Bandana Tote Bag.

OSB Wednesday, July 31
5-7 p.m.

ELL, Language Learning & Bilingual Events

Virtual Citizenship Class

(Adults) **R**

Prepare for the U.S. citizenship test with virtual citizenship classes in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Illinois. After completing the Intake Form participants will be given a class date and time. Class is available every day of the week. May-Aug a.m./pm everyday.

Virtual ESL Classes

(Adults) **R**

Learn and improve your English by enrolling in multilevel ESL classes offered in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Illinois. Participants will be placed in the appropriate class level after completing the Intake Form. All class levels will be completed online and are scheduled throughout the week.

CLASS LEVELS:

Beginner, High-Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

ESL Program

(Adults) **R**

To begin, or continue your English learning journey, register today! Experience English learning in person.

BRB Saturdays, (no class May 25, Aug. 31)
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Virtual English Conversation Group

(Adults) **R**

Practice your English in a small group setting. Build your vocabulary, learn common phrases and build your confidence in expressing yourself by talking to others.

Virtual

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Intermediate-Advanced

English Conversation Group

(Adults) **R**

Practice your English in a small group setting. Build your vocabulary, learn common phrases and build your confidence by talking to others.

OSB **Beginner-High Beginner**
Fridays, 10 a.m.

Tech Learning Academy

In the Tech Learning Academy program, you learn the basics of computers and software.

Intro to Computers

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of computers.

BRB Wednesday, June 26, Aug. 28
6:30-8 p.m.

Tech 101: Microsoft Excel, Part One

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of Excel: the ribbon, moving between cells, copy/paste.

BRB Wednesday, July 24
6:30-8 p.m.

Tech 101: Microsoft Excel, Part Two

(Adults) **R**

Learn more techniques such as sort and filter, using formulas and more.

BRB Wednesday, July 31
6:30-8 p.m.

One on One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

Learn more about your computer, smartphone or tablet with our 30 minute personal tech help sessions.

OSB Mondays, 12-1 p.m.
(English & Spanish)
Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.
(English & Spanish)

OSB Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
(English & Spanish)
BRB Wednesday, July 10, Aug. 21
6:30-8 p.m.
(English)



Morning/ Evening Book Discussion Groups

(Adults) **N**

Share your love of reading with this lively book group! There is a morning and evening session each month. Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk.

BRB **May 21, 15:** *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan

BRB **June 18, 12:** *My Remarkable Journey* by Katherine Johnson

BRB **July 16, 17:** *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

BRB **Aug. 20, 21:** *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo

Morning: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Evening: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

NextGen Lit Book Club

(Ages 20s-30s) **R**

Join other adults in their 20s/30s to talk about books each month! We will read books from YA and adult collections covering a variety of genres. Pick up a copy of this month's book at BRB!

BRB **May 13:** *Yolk* by Mary H.K. Choi

BRB **June 10:** *Our Wives Under the Sea* by Julia Armfield

BRB **July 8:** *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

BRB **Aug. 12:** *The House Across the Lake: A Novel* by Riley Sager

6:30-8 p.m.

Louis Jolliet: A Solid Path Through Water

(Adults) **R**

James Healy will present his one-man, one-act semi-biographical play of the life and travels of Louis Jolliet.

BRB Wednesday, May 1
7-8 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

You love reading comics, but have you ever considered MAKING one? Meet with fellow creatives every other month at the JPL Comic Book Creation Club! We're looking for both writers and illustrators to build a comic book from the ground up. You'll take home your own comic book, with copies distributed throughout the library. All skill levels welcome.

OSB Wednesday, May 8, July 10
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Medicare 101: Your Guide to Understanding Medicare

(Adults) **R**

Don't continue to be confused, overwhelmed, or stressed about Medicare! Join our presenter April Braggs to have all your questions answered!

BRB Tuesday, May 21
6-7:30 p.m.

Biomimicry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today's Problems

(Adults) **R**

How did a Kingfisher improve a high speed train? How has a gecko helped astronauts? Hedgehogs are helping reduce the chances of concussions. These examples and more will be discussed during this presentation.

OSB Wednesday, May 22
7-8 p.m.

Puppy Yoga (18+)

(Adults) **R**

Learn gentle yoga poses focused on staying on the floor to optimize roaming puppy cuddle sessions. You will reduce stress, increase happiness and help a furry friend in need!

BRB Thursday, May 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, May 29
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Adopt a Cat

(Adults) **R**

Celebrate National Pet Month with our adorable feline guests! Representatives from Joliet Township Animal Control will host this "meet and greet" event with kitties available for adoption. The adoption fee can be paid to JTAC on-site with cash. Checks and credit cards can only be processed in the JTAC office.

BRB Thursday, May 30
4-7 p.m.



The Beatles, Chicago and the 1960s

(Adults) **R**

Author John F. Lyons reveals untold stories of the Beatles' visits to Chicago, and highlights the unique connections between the Fab 4 and the Windy City - and Joliet.

BRB Wednesday, June 5
7-8 p.m.

What Should We Do This Weekend?

(Adults) **R**

Chicago has a lot to offer, how do you narrow down your options? We'll learn tips for planning your next staycation, ideas for a fun night out and hidden gems to explore with the whole family.

OSB Wednesday, June 5
7-8 p.m.

Make a Beaded Charm Bracelet

(Adults) **R**

Make a cute beaded charm bracelet. Supplies are included.

BRB Wednesday, June 12
6-8 p.m.

Samurai: An Introduction to Japanese Swordsmanship

(Adults) **R**

Rob Dillon and members of Flowering Dogwood Martial Arts Way invite you to join them in an introductory exploration of Japanese swordsmanship. You'll be invited to join Flowering Dogwood in some basic practices, learn some historical background and witness a demonstration of this authentic art of Japanese swordsmanship.

OSB Saturday, June 22
1-3 p.m.

An Evening of Blues Music: Fruteland Jackson and Matthew Skoller

(Adults) **R**

Enjoy the soulful sounds of Chicagoland blues musicians Fruteland Jackson and Matthew Skoller.

BRB Wednesday, June 26
7-8 p.m.

WriteOn Joliet

Joliet Public Library is thrilled to partner with WriteOn Joliet, a welcoming, diverse group of writers of varied skills, interests and experience. The group includes professional journalists, fiction novelists, bloggers, screenwriters, musicians and poets. WriteOn meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays at the Black Road Branch. For more information, visit writeonjoliet.com.

Returning to School as a Busy Adult(Adults) **R**

Learn more about the admissions process, financial aid, credit for life experience and more from the adult student perspective.

BRB Thursday, June 27
7-8 p.m.

Stephen Mather: Travel to the National Parks(Adults) **R**

National Parks Director, Stephen Mather portrayed by RJ Lindsey, takes you on a Keynote slide tour to the national parks.

Virtual

Tuesday, July 9
7-8 p.m.

Paint a Wooden Picture Frame(Adults) **R**

Paint a picture frame to display your favorite photo. Supplies are included.

BRB Wednesday, July 17
6-8 pm

Reading Deeply: BYOB Yin Yoga(Adults) **R**

Students will hold carefully sequenced poses for several minutes while being able to read.

OSB Monday, July 22
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Murder, Mayhem, & The Mob, Part 2: After Al - The Mob Moves Into the Modern Era(Adults) **R**

The end of Prohibition and the beginning of The Great Depression signal a new era in America. How will Chicago's mafia evolve after Al Capone? Learn about the mob's move into the modern era with historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman.

BRB Thursday, July 25
7-8 p.m.

Handpan Sound Meditation**& Workshop**(All ages) **R**

Find the music inside yourself. Through the handpan, a steel drum-like instrument, anyone can step up and create raw melodic percussion music. Join in this drum circle style workshop with these rare and unique instruments led by Maxwell Edison, percussionist with 20 years of experience who has been a part of the handpan community for the past decade, as a player, teacher, workshop presenter and builder.

OSB Saturday, Aug. 10
1-3 p.m.

Create a Miniature Room(Adults) **R**

All participants will learn to make and cover miniature books and will arrange different elements in their library room - including artwork, carpeting and lighting.

BRB Wednesday, Aug. 14
6-8 p.m.

Paint a Ceramic Planter(Adults) **R**

Paint a cute planter for a real or faux plant. Supplies are included.

BRB Wednesday, Aug. 7
6-8 pm

Bingo!(Adults 18+) **R**

Wait for your numbers to be called and join in the fun to try to win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, Aug. 21
7-8 p.m.

**Illinois Libraries****Present:****The Many Lives of Kal Penn (Adults) **R****

Kal Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White

House Office of Public Engagement. He is known for his starring roles in Designated Survivor, House, Mira Nair's The Namesake, the Harold & Kumar franchise, and the Christmas comedy The Santa Clauses for Disney+. He will be joined in conversation with Bridget Petrites, Evanston Public Library.

Virtual

Tuesday, May 7
7 p.m.

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Craft Library(Adults) **N**

Come by the Black Road Branch with craft supplies you no longer need, and swap them out for something new!

Local History

All Politics is Local

(Adults) **R**
Genealogist Tina Beird will explain how to find ancestors who may have been politicians.

OSB Saturday, May 11
2-3 p.m.

Cyber Sleuthing your Family Tree

(Adults) **R**
Genealogist Tina Beird will explain how to solve the mysteries of your family history.

OSB Saturday, June 22
2-3 p.m.

Billy Yank: Union Soldier Records from the Civil War

(Adults) **R**
Genealogist Tina Beird will explain how to find ancestors who served in the military during the Civil War.

OSB Saturday, July 29
2-3 p.m.

Back to School

(Adults) **R**
Genealogist Tina Beird will explain how to find information about ancestors using school records.

OSB Saturday, Aug. 24
2-3 p.m.

Can You Answer these Questions about Joliet?

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Be on the lookout for fun information sheets at the Ottawa Street Branch that will provide the opportunity for thought and research about the history of Joliet. Answers will be posted at the end of each month.

Genealogy

Are you looking for someone to discuss your genealogy search strategy with? Make a one hour appointment to talk to a genealogist about your plan. Appointment times vary. Call 815-846-3130.



Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

June 1-July 31

All ages!

Read, complete activity challenges and win prizes. Log your pages online or in one of our paper logs.

Read as a family or on your own and experience the magic of the summer reading!

200/400/800/1000 pages =

pick a small prize

600 pages = pick a free book



Star Wars™ Day

Saturday, June 1

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

All ages!

Returning to downtown Joliet the first weekend in June!

Join us for a parade, costumed

characters, food, authors, a vendor fair, games

and Star Wars™

fun! No tickets or

registration

is required.



12 Digital Media Studio

located at the Ottawa Street Branch!



Photo Club **R**

(Ages 16+) Photographers of all levels, check out our Photo Club! This group meets every month to share, learn and network with other creatives. The group will do outings, meetups, shoot in the green screen room and share their techniques.

OSB Monday, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5
6-8 p.m.

Flower Painting Class **R**

(All ages, intermediate painters) Create a masterpiece of your favorite flower! We will paint on canvas using acrylic paint. Bring your own art supplies or use the supplies provided by the DMS.

OSB Tuesday, May 7
6-8 p.m.

BRB Friday, May 24
2-4 p.m.

Musician's Club **N**

(Ages 16+) Local musicians of all levels are welcomed to join in, share and create. Musician's Club is a place for anyone who writes or plays music of any kind. You will have opportunities to collaborate with other musicians, get feedback on your works in progress and get to know like minded people.

OSB Wednesday, May 8, June 12,
July 10, Aug. 14
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Star Wars™ Perler Bead Class **R**

(All ages) Perler Beads have been around for a long time and are a classic craft. Fun for kids and adults, join us for a lesson in art and color theory!

OSB Monday, May 13, Aug. 22
6-8 p.m.

Instagram Class **R**

(All ages) Confused with social media? Come to the DMS to learn the ins and outs of Instagram.

OSB Wednesday, May 22
6-8 p.m.

Musical Bingo **R**

(Ages 16+) Jam out to snippets of your favorite songs while playing competitively against other music lovers! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

OSB Tuesday, May 28, July 9, Aug. 6
6-8 p.m.

Cosplay Photoshoot **R**

(All ages) Come dressed in your cosplay and get some professional headshots and photos taken for free in our Digital Media Studio green screen room.

OSB Wednesday, June 12
3-4:30 p.m.



Learn How To Use Your Camera **R**

(Ages 16+) Do you want to take photos like a pro? We will teach you how the manual mode on your camera as well as how to photograph in different lighting situations. This class is for photographers who have a good understanding of photography just want to level up their skills.

OSB Wednesday, June 26
6-8 p.m.



Independence Day T-Shirt **R**

(Ages 16+) Feeling Patriotic? Come in and design and print a shirt to celebrate the birth of our nation.

(Patrons must bring in a 100% cotton white t-shirt, adult sizes only.)

OSB Wednesday, July 3
6-8 p.m.

Learn to Edit Photos Using AI **R**

(All ages) Generate skin retouching, change backgrounds and more using AI technology.

OSB Wednesday, July 17
6-8 p.m.

Facebook Help Class **R**

(Ages 16+) Using Facebook for you or your small business may seem challenging because the rules and algorithms change frequently. But with the right strategies, Facebook is one of the best ways to use social media for personal or business. Join us to learn how!

OSB Thursday, Aug. 8
6-8 p.m.

