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June 19: Juneteenth **July 4-5:** Independence Day

Aug. 1: Open at noon for Staff Training

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JOLIET SLAMMERS
Saturday, June 7, 2025 11 am-3 pm
DULY HEALTH AND CARE FIELD HOME OF THE JOLIET SLAMMERS
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Some library programs require registration. Register by phone, online or in person.

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ONLINE

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A note about the Black Road Branch and Summer Programming...

We are excited to announce that renovations at the Black Road Branch are set to begin in July 2025. This project will bring much-needed updates, including enhanced youth and adult spaces, a dedicated children's play area, additional study rooms and improved customer services models for desks and furniture.

The library will remain open during construction as long as safety and accessibility allow. You can stay tuned for updates as we work to create a more modern and welcoming space for our community by following us on Facebook or checking out our blog page on jolietlibrary.org.

Questions? Contact mhewlett@jolietlibrary.org or 815-846-3124.

Since our building will be undergoing construction, we can expect our summer to look a little bit different, especially at the Black Road Branch. You will notice that we have planned several outdoor/off-site events, Family Field Trips and programs utilizing our outreach van at local parks. We hope to offer you the same great options as we have in previous years, even if our meeting rooms are unavailable due to construction. Let's make it a great summer! For questions or concerns about programs, please contact our adult or youth services departments.



Storytime

Toddler Time

(18 months-3 years with adult) **N**

Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a craft.

BRB Mondays, May 5-June 23
(excluding May 26)
9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wiggle Worms **N**

(18-months-4 years with adult)

Meet new friends in our music and play program! We will be shaking our wiggles out to songs and bubbles.

OSB Tuesdays, May 6-Aug. 26
10:30-11 a.m.

Family Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N**

Your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, songs, play and a craft.

BRB Tuesdays, May 6-June 17
6:30-7 p.m.

OSB Wednesdays, May 7-Aug. 27
10:30-11 a.m.

Bilingual Family Storytime en español y inglés/In Spanish and English

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N**

Children will enjoy storytime in English/Spanish.

OSB Wednesdays, May 7-Aug. 27
6-6:30 p.m.

Bouncing Babies

(Birth-24 months with adult) **N**

Enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles!

BRB Wednesdays, May 7-June 25
9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.



Preschool Storytime

(3-5 years with adult) **N**

Explore stories and songs with a craft.

BRB Thursdays, May 8-June 26
(excluding June 19)
9:30-10 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m.,
11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Outdoor Storytime

(Birth-6 years with adult) **N** ☀️

Experience storytime outside on the Library lawn. Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on.

BRB Friday, June 6-Aug. 29 (excluding
July 4 and Aug. 1)
9:30-10 a.m.



Lotería

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

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo by playing Lotería, the Mexican version of Bingo, and win prizes!

BRB Thursday, May 1
6-7 p.m.

OSB Monday, May 5
6-7 p.m.

Lego® Club

(Ages 5+) **N**

The library will supply Lego® bricks for free play and the occasional challenge!

BRB Wednesday, May 7
4:30-5:30 p.m.

OSB Thursday, June 12, July 3, Aug. 7
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Bingo

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

Drop by the library for a few games of Bingo. Lots of prizes will be won!

BRB Thursday, May 8
1-2 p.m.

OSB Tuesday, June 17, Aug. 5,
1-2 p.m.
Thursday, July 10
6-7 p.m.

Junior Prom

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

Prom isn't just for high school! Let's sing, play and dance the morning away in our fanciest outfits!

OSB Saturday, May 10
1-2 p.m.

Stay and Play

(Birth-3 years with adult) **N**

Join us monthly for a little library playdate. Pop in and let the kids play while adults catch up on conversations and make friends.

OSB Thursday, May 15, July 17,
Aug. 21
9:30-11 a.m.

Brick Fest

(All ages with adult) **N**

Join us for a spectacular LEGO® event featuring incredible displays, vendors and builders! LegoMaster, Tim Croll, will join us with a mosaic art board.

OSB Saturday, May 17
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, May 18
12-1 p.m. (Sensory Friendly)
1-4 p.m. (General Public)

Toddler Dance Party

(Ages 1-4 with adult) **R**

We'll dance, sing and play with the parachute!

BRB Tuesday, May 20
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Video Game Club(Grades 1-8) **R**

Join us for Video Game Club! Play fun new multi-player video games with old friends and new. Fans of Pokémon can bring their Pokémon cards.

OSB Tuesday, May 20, June 17,
July 15
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Animals Around the World - Incredible Bats(Kids of all ages with adult) **N**

Meet and greet with Incredible Bats and say hello to Rico the Sloth!

OSB Tuesday, June 10
1-2:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Buddies Club(Grades 1-3) **R**


Adopt your very own stuffie pet and join the club! We will meet with our pets four times to enjoy activities at the library in addition to reading to them at home. *Stuffies will be available on day one only and chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.*

OSB Wednesday, June 11, 25,
July 9, 30
2-2:45 p.m.

Kindness ROCKS!(Grades K-8) **N**


Stop by Black Road Branch and paint a rock or two!

BRB Thursday, June 12
2-3:30 p.m.

Not Quite a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk(Kids of all ages with adult) **R** 

Break out your running shoes for a fun run trailing through the Rock Run Nature Preserve. Each participant will receive a certificate and snack at the finish line!

BRB Monday, June 16
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Foam Party(Kids of all ages with adult) **N** 


Drop by and play in the foam! We'll have a foam cannon, music and other fun water and bubble activities.

BRB Friday, June 13
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Storm Science(Grades K+ with adult) **N**

Come explore the science of storms with experts from Illinois Storm Chasers!

OSB Monday, June 16
6-7 p.m.

Juneteenth Outdoor Storytime(Kids of all ages with adult) **N** 


Join us for a fun hour of learning about this holiday. Listen to stories, sing songs and create a craft with your friends and family in honor of Juneteenth!

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

Dino-Mite Dinosaurs(Grades PreK-2 with adult) **R**

Calling all dino-lovers! Explore the Jurassic world through interactive exploration stations.

OSB Friday, June 20
10:30-11:30 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 21
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Let's Go Fly A Kite!(Ages 3+ with adult) **R**


Decorate your own kite! Weather permitting, fly it on the library lawn!

BRB Monday, June 23
10-10:45 a.m.

Little Yogis Story Circle with Half Moon Yogi(Ages 4-8) **R**

Little Yogis Story Circle introduces young minds to yoga and fosters a love for reading.

OSB Monday, June 23
11 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-2 p.m.

Family Concert with John Condron(All ages) **N** 

Enjoy lawn games and dancing with live music from John Condron. Bring your own blanket or chair.

BRB Tuesday, June 24
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Scoops & Sonrisas Storytime(Ages 2-6 with adult) **R**

Enjoy bilingual stories, songs, a craft and a scoop of delicious ice cream.

OSB Wednesday, June 25
6-7 p.m.

Colorful Bike Parade(Kids of all ages with adult) **N** 

Bring your bike to decorate and ride along the trail with friends and family.

BRB Friday, June 27
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dan Gogh's Magic and Art Show(Ages 5+ with adult) **N**

Artist-Magician Dan Gogh combines comedy, magic and art to unlock creativity. Get ready to be amazed!

Troy Cronin School Cafeteria

210 E Black Rd, Shorewood, IL 60404
Monday, June 30
1-2 p.m.

Beach Party!

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

Leave your sunscreen at home and get ready for some indoor fun. Enjoy games, crafts, music and "shark"uterie!

OSB Thursday, July 10
1-2 p.m.

Wings and Talons

(All ages with adult) **N** ☀️

Our friends at Wings and Talons will be here to teach us all about birds of prey.

BRB Saturday, July 12
10-11 a.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 computer skills, and learn how technology can be used to help enhance a story, led by Compudopt trainers. FREE laptop given upon completion of camp. Snacks provided.

OSB Monday-Friday, July 14-18
12:30-4:30 p.m.

Parachute-Palooza

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

It's parachute time! Come along and play as we sing, dance and read.

OSB Friday, July 18
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sidewalk Chalk Art

(All ages) **N** ☀️

Add your chalk masterpiece to our community mural located on the back sidewalk. It will be available for everyone to enjoy!

BRB Friday, July 18
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Nature Storywalk

(Ages 2-8 with adult) **N** ☀️

Join us on the back patio for a short walk on Rock Run Trail. We will take a story break at the Paul V. Nichols access.

BRB Monday, July 21
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Monarch Mania

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

Join Erin Noon, Will County Environmental Educator, to learn about monarchs, land use impact and how you can help!

OSB Monday, July 21
2-3 p.m.

BRB Thursday, July 31 ☀️
2-3 p.m.

El Mago Magic Show

(All ages) **N**

Enjoy a family evening with a bilingual (Spanish/English) magic show.

OSB Tuesday, July 22
6-6:45 p.m.

Button Making

(All ages) **N**

Create a pinback button to take home! Design your own or use a pre-cut template.

BRB Thursday, July 24
6-8 p.m.

T-Rexplorers

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

Discover what it's like to go on a dinosaur dig, spend time with a Dinosaur Fossil Hunter and get to hold real dinosaur bones and fossils!

Troy Cronin School Cafeteria
210 E Black Rd, Shorewood, IL 60404
Monday, July 28
10-11 a.m.

Family Paint and Sip: Lilo and Stitch

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**

"Ohana means family and family means no one is left behind or forgotten." Have the whole family learn how to paint everyone's favorite alien friend, Stitch!

OSB Tuesday, July 29
Session One: 3-4:30 p.m.
Session Two: 5-6:30 p.m.

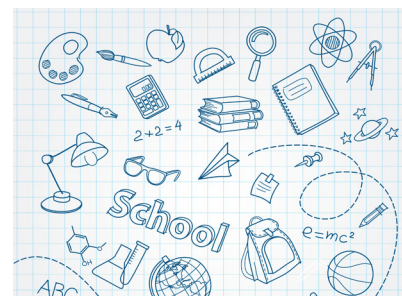
KidzFest

(Kids of all ages with adult) **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 Lot

302 N Chicago St.
Saturday, Aug. 2
10 a.m.-3 p.m.



All By Myself: School Preparedness

(Ages 4-6) **R**

Will your child be new to school this fall? This is a program designed for kids to work together on basic skills without their caregiver present. *Adults must remain in the library after drop-off.*

OSB Wednesday, Aug. 6
2-2:45 p.m.

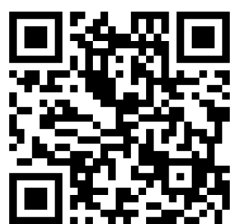


Level Up! Summer Reading Challenge

June 1-July 31
(All ages)

Get ready to power up your reading skills in our Summer Reading Challenge! Just like in your favorite video game, you'll read books to unlock awesome prizes along the way. Track your progress online or with a paper log and level up as you go! Prize pick-up June 2-Aug. 2.

Whether you're reading solo or teaming up as a family, each page you turn in brings you closer to victory. Join the adventure!



Family Field Trip:

Joliet Junior College Planetarium

(Ages 4+ with adult) **R**
Take a trip through space at the Joliet Junior College Planetarium. This will be a repeat of our January field trip. Please arrive five minutes early. Register each person attending.

JJC Planetarium, F Building

1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431
Thursday, June 12
7-8 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 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Gateway Center Train Platform. Register each person attending.

Gateway Center Train Platform

90 East Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60432
Wednesday, June 18
1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Family Field Trip:

Town & Country Lanes

(Grades K-8 with adult) **R**
Get a behind-the-scenes look at Joliet's Town & Country Lanes. Register each person attending.

Joliet Town & Country Lanes

2231 W. Jefferson St, Joliet, IL 60435
Thursday, June 26
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Family Field Trip: JJC Culinary Arts

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**
Can a kitchen be a classroom? You bet! 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 Center Campus

235 N. Chicago St, Joliet, IL 60432
Tuesday, July 8
2-3 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. Register for each person attending.

DJL Health & Care Field

1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr, Joliet, IL 60432
Thursday, July 17
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Family Field Trip: Joliet Township High School Transportation Center

(Grades PreK+ with adult) **R**
Discover where school buses sleep! Meet the team, tour the facility and hop on a bus to gear up for school.

JTHS Transportation Center

3901 Olympic Blvd, Joliet, IL 60431
Wednesday, July 23
1:30-3 p.m.

Family Field Trip:

Joliet Fire Station Visit

(Grades PreK+ with adult) **R**
Would you like to touch a truck and meet a firefighter? Come take a tour of a local fire station and see what it looks like inside!

Joliet Fire Station #6

2049 Oneida St, Joliet, IL 60435
Monday, July 28
2-3 p.m.

Family Field Trip:

Joliet Police Department

(Grades K+ with adult) **R**
Get a behind-the-scenes look at a police officer's day! Park in the lot north of the station or along the river wall to the west of the station and meet in the lobby.

Joliet Police Department

150 W. Washington St, Joliet, IL 60432
Monday, August 4
1-2:30 p.m.



JPL On-The-Go: Storywalks

(All ages) **N** ☀️

Join us for this summer's Traveling StoryWalks, where you can enjoy a walk in the park, read an engaging story, make a fun craft and cool off with a frozen treat! *In collaboration with Plainfield Park District.*

Cambridge Run Park

Frontier Ln. and Mustang Rd., Joliet, IL
Wednesday, June 4
6-8 p.m.

Caton Ridge Park

Meadowridge Dr. and Park Ridge Dr.
Joliet, IL
Wednesday, Aug. 20
6-8 p.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Giant Games

(Ages 3+) **N** ☀️

Play giant games with us at the park! We'll have a variety of games to play.

Pershing Elementary School

251 N Midland Ave., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, June 10
3-4:30 p.m.

Legion Park

North Hickory St. and Granite St.
Joliet, IL
Tuesday, July 8
1-2:30 p.m.

M. J. Cunningham Elementary School

500 Moran St., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, July 29
3-4:30 p.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Teddy Bear Tea Party

(Ages 3-8) **N** ☀️

Bring your teddy bear or your favorite stuffie for a tea party. We will read some books, sing songs and have a snack.

Preservation Park

710 Taylor St., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, June 17
10:30-11:30 a.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Parachute Palooza

(Grades PreK-5 with adult) **N** ☀️

Up, down and all around! It's parachute time! Come along and play some parachute games!

Thomas Jefferson School

2651 Glenwood Ave., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, June 24
3-4 p.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Popsicles and

Pup Cups

(All ages) **N** ☀️

We want to meet your furry friends! Bring your leashed dog(s) and enjoy a cold treat together!

Edna Keith Elementary School

400 4th Ave., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, July 1
1-2:30 p.m.



JPL On-the-Go: Pinch Pots

(Kids of all ages) **N** ☀️

Come and make a clay pinch pot with fun nature finds.

Paul E. Briese Park

Ingalls Ave. and Infantry Dr., Joliet, IL
Tuesday, July 15
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Bug Hotel

(Kids of all ages) **N** ☀️

Create your very own bug hotel for your backyard friends and take a walk through our bug storywalk.

Heggie Park Playground

Collins St. and Williamson Ave.
Joliet, IL
Tuesday, July 22
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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 is now able to offer 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:

<https://jolietlibrary.org/student-library-cards/>



Scrapbooking 101 for Teens(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn basic skills to start scrapbooking your favorite memories! A book will be given to each attendee and you can print out your favorite memories of the year. A variety of other scrapbooking tools will be available for you to use to personalize your own scrapbook.

OSB Thursday, May 8
1-2 p.m.

Dragon Eggs(Grades 6-12) **R**

Fantasy fans, come craft a unique, light-up dragon egg!

BRB Wednesday, June 11
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Hunger Games: Training Trials(Grades 7-12) **R**

Ever wonder if you would survive the Hunger Games? Enter the Training Trials to learn skills that will help you survive the Hunger Games. Learn to tie knots, shoot Nerf Guns, shoot bows and arrows, toss weights and master more survival skills.

OSB Wednesday, June 11
7-8 p.m.

Middle School Book Club(Grades 5-8) **R**


Attention Book Lovers! Join our middle grade book club. Register, pick up the Caudill-nominated novel at Youth Services and read it before we meet.

BRB Tuesday, June 17
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Yarnspirations(Grades 7-12) **R**

Join our weekly teen club learn to knit and crochet! Start projects, build skills and have fun. Supplies provided or bring your own.

OSB Wednesday, June 18, June 25,
July 2
4-5 p.m.

Friendship Bracelets(Grades 6-12) **R** 

The Eras Tour may be over, but friendship bracelets live on! Stop by and make some to share.

BRB Thursday, June 26
4-5 p.m.

Yarn Wrapped Letters(Grades 6-8 or 9-12) **R**


Customize initials to make some yarn art for yourself or a friend.

OSB Thursday, June 26
(Grades 6-8) 2-3 p.m.
(Grades 9-12) 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Summer Scores:**Killer Clown Escape Room**(Grades 7-12) **R**

The carnival has come to town and it brought a killer clown. Figure out who it is and escape before it is too late!

OSB Wednesday, July 9
7-8 p.m.

Nature Trail Clean Up(Grades 8-12) **R** 


Sign up for a volunteer hour as we clean the trail behind the library! Help keep the animals' home clean and free of garbage. Bring your friends!

BRB Thursday, July 10
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

**STEAM Team: Art Heist Summer Camp**(Grades 6-8) **R**

In this week-long camp led by Compudopt trainers, 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. FREE laptop given upon completion of camp. Snacks provided.

OSB Monday-Friday, July 14-18
12:30-4:30 p.m.

Fabulous Fairy Houses(Grades 7-12) **R** 

Build your own fairy house from provided materials!

BRB Monday, July 14
6-7 p.m.

Creative Corner: Cricut Tote Bag(Grades 7-12) **R**

Learn to use the Cricut to personalize your very own tote bag. Bag and supplies will be provided.

OSB Wednesday, July 23
3-4 p.m.



ESL

No classes June 7, July 4 or July 26

English for Beginners-High Beginners

(Adults) **R**

English class that will focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing practice.

All participants are required to take a placement exam. A one week rest period every six weeks will be in place.

OSB Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
May-Aug.

English for Intermediate-Advanced

(Adults) **R**

English class that will focus on listening, speaking, reading and writing practice.

All participants are required to take a placement exam. A one week rest period every six weeks will be in place.

OSB Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
May-Aug.

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.

OSB Beginner-High Beginner
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
May-Aug.

Loop Lounge

The Loop Lounge-NEW TIME!

(Adults) **N**

Calling all needle-workers 18 and up. Bring a work in progress or start a new one in the company of other stitchers. Ideas, encouragement, support and general conversation will be shared in a safe and welcoming space.

Note: This is not a class format.

OSB Tuesday, May 13, June 10, July 8,
Aug. 12
6-7:30 p.m.

Tech Learning Academy

Microsoft Excel, Part One

(Adults) **R**

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

OSB Wednesday, June 18
3-4:30 p.m. (English)

Microsoft Excel, Part Two

(Adults) **R**

Learn more techniques such as sort and filter, using formulas, adding and formatting graphs, tables and more.

OSB Wednesday, June 25
3-4:30 p.m. (English)

One on One Tech Help

(Adults) **R**

Learn more about your computer, smartphone or tablet with our 30 minute personal tech help sessions. Sessions run May-Aug., excluding May 26 & June 19.

OSB Mondays: 12-1 p.m.
Tuesdays: 6-7 p.m.
Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 10-11 a.m.
(English & Spanish)

BRB Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
(English)

Book Discussions

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.

Morning: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

OFFSITE: Crossroads Christian Church, 2312 Essington Rd, Joliet, 60435

May 20: *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci

June 17: *One Puzzling Afternoon* by Emily Critchley

July 15: *Conversations with Myself* by Nelson Mandela

Aug. 19: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Evening: Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

OFFSITE: TBD

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NextGen Lit Book Club

(Adults) **R**

OFFSITE: Critical Grind Board Game Cafe, 852 Sharp Dr #L, Shorewood, 60404

Join fellow 20s/30s book lovers to discuss YA and adult books across genres. Books can be picked up at BRB. Meeting offsite during renovation.

May 12: *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malina Lo

June 9: *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell

July 14: *A Thousand Steps into Night* by Traci Chee

Aug. 11: *Sounds Like Titanic* by Jessica Chiccehitto Hindman
6:30-7:30 p.m.



Illinois Libraries Present

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Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator

Dan Santat

(All ages) **R**

Dan Santat is the author and illustrator of over a hundred books for young people. Many of his books are New York Times-bestsellers, including *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*, *Are We There Yet?*, and *After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)*. His latest works include the best-selling graphic novels, *The Aquanaut* and *A First Time for Everything*.

Virtual

Saturday, May 3

2-3 p.m.

Poverty: A Discussion with

Matthew Desmond

(Adults) **R**

Join us to close out our fourth season with bestselling author Matthew Desmond in conversation with award-winning journalist, Natalie Moore.

Virtual

Tuesday, May 13

7-8 p.m.



Genealogy 101 (with a twist)

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics for doing your genealogy, with a few extras!

OSB Saturday, May 31
2-3 p.m.

The Databases that are Here to Help You with Genealogy

(Adults) **R**

Learn about databases that will help your genealogy search.

OSB Saturday, June 28
2-3 p.m.

Where to Go to Find What you Need

(Adults) **R**

Find out what offices hold the information you are looking for.

OSB Saturday, July 26
2-3 p.m.

History in the Names of Joliet Streets

(Adults) **R**

How did that street get its name? Find out!

OSB Saturday, Aug. 23
2-3 p.m.

Local History News!

* Join Local History Librarian Annetta Drilling as she brings the past to life in the **Joliet Public Library's** podcast, "History Today". Each month, a new episode will explore fascinating stories, notable figures and hidden gems from our community's past. Tune in for a journey through time, and uncover the history that shaped Joliet! Stay updated and listen to the Library Youtube channel!

*Keep an eye out for our "Genealogy Tip of the Month" on Facebook! These tips will help you uncover new connections and discoveries. Happy researching!

*Are you looking for someone to discuss your genealogy strategy with? Make a **one-hour appointment to talk to a genealogist** about your plan.
Call 815-846-3130 or email adrilling@jolietlibrary.org.



Money Matters

(Adults) **R**

Learn about budgeting, fraud prevention and credit in this class by Heartland Bank of Plainfield.

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

Make a Fridge Magnet

(Adults 18+) **R**

Make a beach themed magnet using 'diamond' painting.

OSB Wednesday, May 7
3-4:30 p.m.

Art Uncorked: Paint Night with the Library

(Adults) **R**

Enjoy a drink while creating art with guidance from talented staff, Kora and Anabel. Participants (21+) receive one glass of wine while painting in a relaxed, friendly setting. *IDs required for beverages.*

Bishops Hill Winery

310 Bridge St. Joliet, IL 60435
Thursday, May 15
6-8 p.m.

Paper Flower Workshop

(Adults) **R** 

Learn how to create beautiful and realistic paper flowers in this workshop! You can gift them or use them to decorate your own spaces! All supplies will be provided.

OSB Friday, May 16
2-4 p.m.

Plant Swap

(Adults) **N** 

Join us for our 3rd annual plant swap! Bring your plants, cuttings, seeds or plant accessories to share with others and make new plant friends! See Joliet Public Library website for rules and restrictions.

Troy Township Office Parking Lot

Sunday, May 18
12-2 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

Come and meet with fellow creatives every other month at the JPL Comic Book Creation Club! We're looking for both writers and illustrators to work together to build a comic book from the ground up, and when it's all said and done, you'll have your own physical comic book in your hands, with copies distributed throughout the library. All skill levels welcome, and now open to ages 16 and up.

OSB Wednesday, June 18, Aug. 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.

BIG Game Night

(Adults) **R**

If you never thought it could get any better than a good old fashioned game night at the library...THINK AGAIN. Because not only do we have a variety of fun games for you and all of your closest friends to come enjoy, every single one of these games are comically large. Twice the size, twice the fun at the Joliet Public Library. Stop on in and bring your friends, and get ready for some BIG fun!

OSB Tuesday, May 20
6-8 p.m.

A Killer Among Us: Killers, Fiends & Weirdos of Chicago's Gilded Age

(Adults) **R**

Come and listen to historian and entertainer Clarence Goodman share strange stories of Chicago's Gilded Age, including the advent of America's first serial killer, H.H. Holmes, and the Sausage Vat Murderer.

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

Paint a Coaster

(Adults 18+) **R**

Paint a ceramic coaster with a Mandala pattern.

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

Reading Deeply: BYOB Yin Yoga

(Adults) **R**

In this class, you'll hold gentle, long-held poses while enjoying a good book, creating a peaceful balance of movement and mindfulness. Modifications are available to ensure comfort for all participants.

OSB Thursday, June 12
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Summer Concert: Katie Kostner

(Adults) **R**

Singer Katie Kostner joins us live to perform a blend of pop/rock/country/folk/standards including The Beatles, Elvis, P!NK, John Denver, Fleetwood Mac, Ed Sheeran, Dolly Parton and more!

OSB Thursday, June 26
7-8 p.m.

Creativity Connections

(Adults 60+) **R**

Learn new skills and make friends through the joy of creating! *Sponsored by Catholic Charities.*

OSB Friday, June 27, Aug. 1
1-3 p.m.

Puzzle Pandemonium: Who Can Piece It Together The Fastest?

(Adults) **R**

Get ready to join the pandemonium and race against the clock for a chance to win a prize! Teams of four will compete to complete a 500 piece puzzle as quickly as possible. Gather your team in advance or come solo, and we'll match you up with others. The first team to finish wins!

OSB Wednesday, July 16
6-8 p.m.

Stencil Paint a Fabric Tote Bag

(Adults 18+) **R**

Create your own personalized tote bag using paints and stencils.

OSB Wednesday, July 9
3-4:30 p.m.

10 Adults

OSB Ottawa Street Branch BRB Black Road Branch

Purr & Pose: Kitten Yoga (18+)

(Adults) **R**

Learn gentle yoga poses focused on staying on the floor to optimize roaming kitten cuddle sessions. A great way to reduce stress, increase happiness and help a furry friend in need! Please bring a yoga mat or towel to the session.

OSB Thursday, July 17, Aug. 7
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Beatrix Potter

(Adults) **R**

Join us for an evening with the beloved author and illustrator Beatrix Potter, portrayed by Chicago theater actress Debra Miller. Potter delves into her personal life, as well as her business ventures, such as producing stuffed toys and board games.

OSB Thursday, July 31
7-8 p.m.

Bingo!

(Adults 18+) **R**

Wait for your numbers to be called and try to win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, Aug. 20
7-8 p.m.

Amusement Parks of Chicagoland Remembered

(Adults) **R**

Take a trip down memory lane with historian Cheryl Brown. Discover the history of some of the most famous endearing amusement parks of Chicagoland - including Old Chicago, Santa's Village, Riverview and Kiddieland.

OSB Thursday, Aug. 28
7-8 p.m.

Button Tealight

(Adults 18+) **R**

Create a cute tealight with a variety of colorful buttons.

OSB Wednesday, Aug. 27
3-4:30 p.m.



BRICK FEST
with LegoMaster Tim Croll

All ages

Joliet Public Library Ottawa Street Branch
Saturday, May 17: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 18: 12-1 p.m. (Sensory Friendly Hour)
1-4 p.m. (General Public)

Join Us for a Spectacular LEGO® event!

- Incredible LEGO® Displays – Featuring creations from NILTC & UniLUG
- Vendors & Builders – Shop unique LEGO® sets and accessories from Bricks & Minifigs
- Sensory Friendly Hour – A sensory-friendly experience on Sunday from Noon-1 p.m. before opening to the general public.

About Sensory Friendly Hour: We welcome patrons of all ages with disabilities, on the autism spectrum, and/or sensory processing disorders along with their families to our Sensory Friendly Hour before the library opens. *Registration is required for the Sensory Friendly Hour Only.*

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STAR WARS™ DAY

Saturday, June 7
11 am-3 pm @ the park!

Get ready for Star Wars Day at a brand new location! Our epic celebration is moving to Duly Health and Care Field, home of the Joliet Slammers! This exciting venue, just east of the event's traditional downtown location, offers an expanded space to host the galaxy's largest Star Wars™ festival in the region.

Look for all your favorites including merchandise vendors, artists, authors, games, parade and food at this new location.

Fans who can't get enough Star Wars will want to stick around after the event as the Joliet Slammers will host Star Wars Night during their 6:05 p.m. game against the Gateway Grizzlies. Fans can enjoy the festivities before catching the Slammers in action.

DULY HEALTH AND CARE FIELD
HOME OF THE JOLIET SLAMMERS
1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr, Joliet, IL 60432



Photography Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

Meets every month to share, learn and network with other creatives.

OSB Monday, May 5, June 2, July 7,
Aug. 4
6-8 p.m.

Bob Ross Half Speed Painting

(Adults) **R**

Follow Bob at half speed using acrylics on canvas! Please be on time for setup, we start 15 minutes past the hour!

OSB Tuesday, May 6, Aug. 5
6-7 p.m.

Musician's Club

(Ages 16+) **R**

This group meets every month to share, learn and network with other musicians. If you are looking to jam and try different techniques and avenues in music this club is for you!

OSB Wednesday, May 14, June 11,
July 9, Aug. 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Design Your Own Vinyl Stickers

(Adults) **R**

Transform your original drawings into waterproof vinyl stickers! Participants will create an original design on paper then learn how they're digitized, printed, and cut with DMS staff!

OSB Thursday, May 15
6-8 p.m.

Intro to 3D Printing

(Adults) **R**

Learn about the basics of 3D printing and entry points into the craft. We will discuss basic maintenance and troubleshooting.

OSB Tuesday, May 20
7-8 p.m.



Tissue Paper Bouquet

(Adults) **R**

Make your own stunning spring bouquet out of tissue paper!

OSB Friday, May 23
2-4 p.m.

Voice Over: Learn and Practice!

(Adults) **R**

Learn the basics of recording voice over projects in a group setting! Participants will learn basic microphone techniques for mock radio dramas, advertisements and podcasts.

OSB Tuesday, May 27, June 24,
July 29
6-8 p.m.

Networking Night

(Adults) **R**

Show off what you're working on, see what others in the area are creating, and hopefully find people to collaborate with! We are welcoming artists, musicians, writers, graphic designers, photographers, 3D modelers, videographers, entrepreneurs, etc.

OSB Wednesday, May 28, June 25,
July 30, Aug. 22
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Glowing Tealight Flowers

(Adults) **R**

Make beautiful flower decorations that light up.

OSB Monday, June 16
6-8 p.m.

The Talent Showcase

(Adults) **R**

Choose to perform or watch at this multi-talent event, open to all sorts of performing arts! We welcome musicians, dancing, freestyle lyricists, acting, poetry reading, realtime drawing and painting.

Performances must be family friendly and comply with library rules.

If interested in performing, please call the DMS.

OSB Tuesday, June 17, Aug. 19
6-8 p.m.

Bookmaking 101: Folded Book Forms

(Adults) **R**

Learn how to make a variety of simple folded books.

OSB Monday, July 21
6-8 p.m.

Decorative Shadow Boxes

(Adults) **R**

Make shadow boxes to take home!

OSB Monday, Aug. 18
6-8 p.m.

NEW! Cricut Maker

The DMS now has a Cricut machine available for use! Whether you're into crafting, customizing or creating something unique, our Cricut is here to help bring your ideas to life. Perfect for making stickers, vinyl designs, personalized gifts and more! Stop by the DMS to check it out and start creating today!

