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

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Parking

Free parking is available at both locations.

At the Ottawa Street location, parking is validated for 2 hours at the service desk when parking in the garage at 110 N. Ottawa Street.

From 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday–Friday, parking is free for two hours in downtown Zone A, B, and C street parking.

Storytime

Toddler Time
(18 months–3 years with adult) N
Your child will enjoy stories, songs and a craft.
BRB Mondays, May 4–Aug. 31 (excluding May 25)
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 5–Aug. 25
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.
OSB Wednesdays, May 6–27
10:30–11 a.m.

Bilingual Family Storytime en español y ingles/In Spanish and English
(Birth–6 years with adult) N
Children will enjoy storytime in English/Spanish.
OSB Wednesdays, May 6-Aug. 26
6–6:30 p.m.

Bouncing Babies
(Birth–24 months with adult) N
Enjoy singing, reading and chasing bubbles!
BRB Wednesdays, May 6-Aug. 26
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 7–Aug. 27
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! Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on.

City Square
105 N. Chicago St, Joliet
Wednesdays, June 3-Aug. 26
10:30–11 a.m.

BRB Fridays, June 5–July 31
(excluding June 19)
9:30–10 a.m.

FAMILY FIELD TRIPS

Family Field Trip: Joliet Police K-9 Unit
(Grades K+ with adult) R
Watch K-9 Police dogs in action and learn how they are trained to protect and serve the city of Joliet.
Joliet Police K-9 Training Facility
125 Houbolt Rd, Joliet
Wednesday, June 3
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Family Field Trip: Joliet Water Treatment Plant
(Grades K+ with adult) R
Follow the amazing path our water takes, and find out the who, where, what and how that makes it all happen!
Joliet Water Treatment Plant
1021 McKinley Ave, Joliet
Tuesday, June 9
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Chicagoland Speedway
(Grades K+ with adult) R
Buckle up and head out to take a tour of this amazing race track and see the awesome views from the grandstands and suites! Meet at Gate 1.
Chicagoland Speedway
500 Speedway Blvd, Joliet
Monday, June 15
1–2 p.m.

Family Field Trip: National Guard Armory
(Ages 5+ with adult) R
Come get behind-the-scenes access to Joliet's National Guard Armory.
National Guard Armory
2900 W. Jefferson St, Joliet
Wednesday, July 8
3:30–4:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Fusion Beauty Academy
(Ages 5+ with adult) R
Learn about the art of hair braiding from the experts with a tour of the academy!
Fusion Beauty Academy
18 Ohio St, Joliet
Monday, July 13
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Family Field Trip: Joliet Slammers Stadium
(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
Monday, July 20
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kid's Programs

Chess Club
(Grades 1–5) N
Whether you are a beginner or already know some chess, join us for a fun chess experience and the chance to make new friends with guidance from instructor Jenn Johnson.

OSB Monday, May 4, 11, 18
5–7 p.m.
Saturday, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8
1–3 p.m.

Lotería
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Bring your family and friends to play the Mexican version of Bingo.

BRB Monday, May 4
6:30–7:30 p.m.

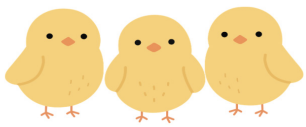
Potty Palooza
(Ages 2–4 with adult) R
Hop aboard the Potty Train! Little ones will get excited about ditching the diapers and seeing how much fun potty time can be through games, songs and more!

OSB Friday, May 8
10:30–11:30 a.m.

A Special Storytime with Chickens!
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
We are eggs-tra eggs-ited about welcoming our new chickens to the library. Join us for a chicken themed storytime and craft and meet the newly-hatched chickens!

BRB Tuesday, May 19
6:30–7:30 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, May 20
10:30–11:30 a.m.



Video Game Club
(Grades 1–8) R
Play fun new multi-player video games. Try out our Virtual Reality Headsets. Fans of Pokémon can bring their Pokémon cards.

OSB Tuesday, May 19, June 16, July 21
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Mexican Board Game Night
(Grades K+) N
Join us for a board game night featuring traditional and modern Mexican table games.

OSB Thursday, May 21
Tuesday, Aug. 11
5:30–7 p.m.

Bubble Play Day
(Ages 10 and under with adult) N
We'll have various bubble stations set up for you and the family to enjoy.

BRB Saturday, May 30
10-11:30 a.m.

Family Concert with John Condron
(All ages) N
Enjoy an evening of lawn games and dancing with live music featuring local musician, John Condron. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and join the family fun!

BRB Tuesday, June 2
6:30–8 p.m.

Lego™ Club
(Ages 5+ with adult) N
Come to the library and get creative building your own creations! The library will supply Lego™ bricks.

BRB Wednesday, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5
4:30–5:30 p.m.

OSB Thursday, June 11, July 9, Aug. 6
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Trash to Treasure – Bird Feeder
(Grades 1–5) R
Let's turn some trash into treasure and make a bird feeder out of recycled materials!

OSB Monday, June 8
2–3 p.m.

Bingo
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Bring the whole family to the library for a few games of Bingo.
Lots of prizes will be won!

BRB Tuesday, June 9, 23, July 7, Aug. 4
2–3 p.m.

OSB Wednesday, June 17, July 15, Aug. 12
1–2 p.m.

Playdough Program
(Ages 2–5 with adult) R
Children will have fun squishing and rolling playdough and using tools to make anything they want!

BRB Tuesday, June 9
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Summer Reading Buddies Club
(Grades PreK–3 with adult) R
Join the club and adopt your very own stuffie pet to take home and read to! We will meet 4 times bi-weekly for fun activities with our reading buddies. (Stuffies will be available on June 10 only and chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.)

OSB Wednesday, June 10, 24, July 8, 22
2–3 p.m.

R Registration required at jolietlibrary.org. Registration opens 4 weeks before the program. Outdoors, weather permitting. N No registration.

Murder Mystery: Whodunit
(Grades 2–6) R
Use your detective skills to help find the killer before they strike again in this interactive mystery program.
OSB Thursday, June 11
2–3:30 p.m.

Pet Rock Adoption Center
(Grades K–5) R
It's clean, low maintenance and a great listener--your very own pet rock! Stylize your pet rock and build its enclosure, then sign adoption papers for your new forever friend.
BRB Thursday, June 11
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Science Fair
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Experience a variety of fun science demos and interactive experiments. Indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.
BRB Friday, June 12
10:30 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 16, 30, July 14, 28
Aug. 11
2–3 p.m.

Garden Club
(Grades 2–5) R
Let's grow! Learn about plants from seed to veggie, and everything in between, with a master gardener. Attendance encouraged, but not required, for both sessions.
OSB Tuesday, June 16, July 14
2–3 p.m.

Definitely Not Science
(Grades 4–6) R
Can your palm, handwriting or birthday decide your fate or future? Probably not, but we can have some fun seeing what they predict.
BRB Tuesday, June 16
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Juneteenth Music Celebration
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
Come listen to a book about the holiday, then enjoy a celebration of Black music. Take home a craft in honor of Juneteenth!
BRB Wednesday, June 17
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Tall Tales and Silly Songs
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Get those muscles moving with Joliet musician Todd Downing in an exciting live performance that will have you moving, grooving and laughing all the way! Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Event will be moved inside if raining.
City Square
105 N. Chicago St, Joliet
Thursday, June 18
10:30–11:15 a.m.

Zoo to You Petting Zoo
(All ages with adult) N
Pet a mini donkey, a lamb and maybe even a llama. Rain or shine!
Feed is $2 a cup (optional).
BRB Saturday, June 20
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Juggling Family Stories
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Join entertainer Chris Fascione for a comedic, interactive performance that combines comedy, mime, juggling and storytelling.
OSB Tuesday, June 23
6:30–7:15 p.m.

Pokémon Mini Golf
(Grades K+) N
"Gotta Catch 'Em All, Pokémon!" Mini Golf! Get ready to have a blast playing mini golf with Pokemon theme golf holes. See if you can outsmart the Pokémon to get a hole in one! Drop in any time during the program to play.
OSB Thursday, June 25
12–6 p.m.

Library Field Day
(Grades K–5) N
Get ready to play! Join us for an unforgettable day of fun and games.
BRB Thursday, June 25
2–3 p.m.

OSB Thursday, July 30
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Parachute-Palooza
(Ages 2–5 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 26
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Magician Trent James
(Ages 4+ with adult) N
Magician Trent James's high-energy magic show combines mind-boggling magic with humor! Seating may be limited.
BRB Tuesday, July 7
6:30–7:15 p.m.

Build It
(Grades 1–4) R
Can you build the tallest tower, fastest car, strongest bridge or best paper airplane? Find out, then test your creations!
BRB Thursday, July 9
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Kid's Programs

Plant a Seed, Read! Summer Reading Challenge

June 1–July 31
(All ages)
Get ready to plant a seed and read during our Summer Reading Challenge! You'll read and track your progress and unlock awesome prizes along the way. Log in online or pick up a paper log at either library location.
Prize pick-up June 1–Aug. 1.

Whether you're reading solo or as a family, each page you turn in brings you closer to growing strong!

Lucha Libre Night
(Families with kids and teens) R
The luchadores are back! Join us for a demonstration of the luchadores in action, crafts and games.
OSB Thursday, July 9
6:30–7:30 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 starting at the library and trailing through the
Rock Run Nature Preserve.
Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and a snack at the finish line!
BRB Saturday, July 11
10–11 a.m.

Storybook Art
(Grades K–3) R
Read a fun picture book and create your own art project from the story.
BRB Monday, July 13
2–3 p.m.

Rocket League IRL
(Grades 3–8) R
Come play everyone's favorite car soccer game in real life! Play Rocket League with RC cars! Get ready to score some goals and crash some cars!
OSB Monday, July 13
2–3 p.m.

Toddler Dance Party
(Ages 1–4 with adult) R
Shake your sillies out to fun interactive music at this program.
We'll dance, sing and even play with a parachute! Weather permitting.
BRB Tuesday, July 14
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Boredom Busters
(Grades 1–5) R
Feeling bored? Stop by the library to find out about new hobbies and try them out!
BRB Wednesday, July 15
2–3 p.m.

El Mago Magic Show
(All ages) N
El Mago will entertain and amaze you with his illusions at this fun family bilingual magic show! Bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. Moved to the library if raining.
City Square
105 N. Chicago St, Joliet
Thursday, July 16
10:30–11:15 a.m.

JPL Birthday Bash
(Kids of all ages with adult) R
You're invited to the Joliet Public Library's 150th Birthday Party! Join in on this special celebration with games, songs and crafts!
OSB Saturday, July 18
1–2 p.m.

Kid's Programs

Clay Mosaic
(Grades 1–5) R
Bring your imagination and create your own unique piece of mosaic art!
OSB Monday, July 20
2–3 p.m.

Water Play Day
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Cool off in our 'do it yourself' waterpark! We'll have a waterslide!
BRB Tuesday, July 21
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. or
2-3:30 p.m.

Play With Your Food–Maize to Meza: The Journey of the Tortilla
(Ages 2–6 with adult) R
Unwrap the "tortilla-ly" fun journey of this Mexican staple from farm to table. Explore the story behind the tortilla as we mix, make y mas!
OSB Thursday, July 23
10:30–11:30 a.m.

Perler Bead Creations
(Grades K–8) R
Show off your skills as you make Perler bead art. We'll bring the supplies, you bring the inspiration.
BRB Thursday, July 23
2–3 p.m.

Family Paint 'N Sip: Toy Story
(Grades K+ with adult) R
"You've got a friend in me!"
Have the family learn how to paint everyone's favorite Toy Story friend!
OSB Thursday, July 23
4:30–6 p.m.

Ready for Kindergarten
(Ages 4–5 with adult) R
Experience what you can expect when you go to school for the first time. We will have a pretend class and practice some skills needed for our first day of school.
BRB Thursday, July 30
2–3:15 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.
City Square
105 N Chicago St.
Saturday, Aug. 1
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 program is 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. 5
2–2:45 p.m.

Starry Night
(Grades K–5 with adult) R
Explore the summer night sky through stories, crafts and hands-on activities.
OSB Thursday, Aug. 13
6–7 p.m.

Sensory Playtime
(Ages 0–3 with adult) N
Bring your little ones to explore their senses by seeing, hearing and touching their way through music, art and mess-free play!
BRB Friday, Aug. 28
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

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Kid's Programs

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.*
Lakewood Falls Village Park
3100 Adesso Ln, Joliet
Wednesday, June 3
6–8 p.m.

Kendall Ridge Park
7251 Townsend Blvd, Plainfield
Wednesday, Aug. 5
6–8 p.m.

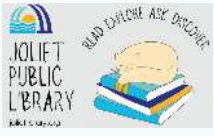
JPL On-the-Go:
Popsicles and Pup Cups
(All ages) N
We want to meet your furry friends! Bring your leashed dog(s), play games and enjoy a cold treat together!
Briese Park
Ingalls Ave. & 129 Infantry Dr, Joliet
Friday, June 5
10:30–11:30 a.m.

JPL On-the-Go: DIY Solar Oven
(Ages 5+ with adult) N
Heat up your creativity with this DIY solar oven! Learn about solar science and build your own solar oven. All materials will be provided by the library.
Preservation Park
710 Taylor St, Joliet
Friday, June 26
10:30–11:30 a.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Stuffie Tea Party
(Ages 3-8) N
Get dressed up and bring your favorite stuffie for a tea party! We will read some books, sing songs and have a snack.
Heggie Park Playground
Collins St & Williamson Ave, Joliet
Friday, July 10
10:30–11:30 a.m.

JPL On-the-Go: Monarch Mania
(Kids of all ages with adult) N
Erin Noon, Environmental Educator for 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 in this citizen science program.
Preservation Park
710 Taylor St, Joliet
Friday, July 24
10:30–11:30 a.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/

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Zine Creation
(Grades 6–12) R
Join us in learning all about zines and make your own!
OSB Tuesday, May 12
6–7 p.m.

Video Game Club
(Grades 1–8) R
Play fun new multi-player video games. Try out our Virtual Reality Headsets. Fans of Pokémon can bring their Pokémon cards.
OSB Tuesday, May 19, June 16, July 21
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Exam Cram
(Grades 9–12) N
You provide the study materials and we'll provide space to study and have snacks and de-stressing activities available to keep you going.
OSB Tuesday–Thursday, May 26–28
3–8:30 p.m.

Creative Corner: Cricut Custom Cup
(Grades 6–12) R
Get ready to get creative and customize your own cup with the Cricut, a smart cutting machine.
OSB Wednesday, June 3
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Album Club
(Grades 9–12) R
Register and pick up the album at Black Road Branch Youth Services. Listen to the selected album at home, then meet up and share reviews.
BRB Monday, June 15, July 13
5–6 p.m.

Trashy to Flashy
(Grades 7–12) R
Join us in upcycling used materials and transforming trash into fashion!
OSB Thursday, June 18
2–4 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 month.
BRB Monday, June 22, July 27
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Pride Month Sno-Cone Social
(Grades 6–12) R
Come celebrate Pride Month! Join us for crafts, games and rainbow Sno-Cones at this laid-back social program. All are welcome!
BRB Thursday, June 25
5–6:30 p.m.

Paint 'n' Sip
(Grades 6–12) R
Grab a juice box and follow easy step by step instructions.
BRB Monday, June 29 (Grades 6–8)
4:30–5:30 p.m.

BRB Monday, June 29 (Grades 9–12)
6–7 p.m.

STEAM Team: Art Heist Summer Camp
(Grades 5–8) 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 6–10
12:30–4:30 p.m.

Live Action Role Play
(Grades 8–12) R
Interested in D&D or RPG video games? Come adventure with us IRL! Create a character, eat a legendary feast and take part in an immersive quest! Be ready to act!
BRB Monday, July 6
5–7 p.m.

Rocket League IRL
(Grades 3–8) R
Come play everyone's favorite car soccer game in real life! Play Rocket League with RC cars!
OSB Monday, July 13
2–3 p.m.

Joliet Public Library Presents: The Honey Heist
(Grades 8–12) R
You are part of an elite group of bears trying to pull off the biggest heist the world has ever seen. Get up to nefarious bear-shaped hijinks in this Tabletop RPG.
BRB Thursday, July 16
6–8 p.m.

Unique Glitter Bookmarks
(Grades 6–8) R
Create unique bookmarks with tape, glitter and glue. Make one for you and gift a friend with your creation.
BRB Wednesday, July 22
4:30–5:30 p.m.

Perler Bead Creations
(Grades K–8) R
Make Perler bead art.
BRB Thursday, July 23
2–3 p.m.

Let's Play! Jackbox Party Pack 3
(Grades 9–12) R
Come play some online games with us from Jackbox Party Pack 3! Smartphones required to play.
BRB Thursday, July 23
6–7 p.m.

Baby Yoda Escape Room
(Grades 6–12) R
Travel to a galaxy far, far away and work with the Mandalorian to try and rescue everyone's favorite little guy, Baby Yoda aka "Grogu" in this fun library escape room!
OSB Thursday, July 30
6–7 p.m.

ESL

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.

BRB Fridays, 2–3 p.m.
(No class May 1, June 5, June 19 and July 3–Aug. 7)
May–Aug.

OSB Saturdays, 9:30–10:30 a.m.
(No class June 6, July 4–Aug. 8)
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.

BRB Fridays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
(No class May 1, June 5, 19 and July 3–Aug. 7)
May–Aug.

OSB Saturdays, 11 a.m–12 p.m.
(No class June 6, July 4-Aug. 8)
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.
(No class May 1, June 19 and Aug. 7)
May–Aug.

Tech Learning Academy

Computer Essentials
(Adults) R
Learn the basics of computer hardware and software and build a foundation of knowledge for future reference, including identifying different computers, how computers work, basic terminology, and more. No previous experience required.

BRB Monday, June 8
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

File Management Essentials
(Adults) R
Learn how to organize your files and folders on your PC, troubleshoot storage issues, and backup your media safely. Attendance at the Computer Essentials class recommended beforehand.

BRB Monday, June 16
11 a.m.-12:30 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)
(No sessions May 25)
Tuesdays, 6–7 p.m.
(English & Spanish)
Wednesdays, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
(English & Spanish)
Thursdays, 10–11:30 a.m.
(English & Spanish)

BRB Tuesdays, 2–3:30 p.m. (English)
May-Aug.

Lawyers in the Library with Prairie State Legal Services

(Adults, third party registration) R
Meet with attorneys from Prairie State Legal Services for guidance on civil legal issues such as housing, family matters, benefits and consumer concerns. Registration through PSLS is required.

OSB Tuesday, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18
1–5 p.m.

Crafts with Anabel

(Adults) R
It's Friday! Come get crafty! Try a new craft and meet new people. Will we paint, mold, glue or glitter? Find out every first-ish Friday of the month with moi, your hostess with the mostest!

OSB Friday, May 8, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7
1–2:30 p.m.

Book Discussions

Morning Book Discussion Group
(Adults) N
Share your love of reading with this lively book group! Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk.

BRB **Tuesdays, 10–11 a.m.**
May 19: *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher
June 16: *Lady Bird Johnson* by Julia Sweig
July 21: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
Aug. 18: *A Full Life* by Jimmy Carter

NextGen Lit Book Club
(Adults) R
Critical Grind Board Game Cafe, 852 Sharp Dr #L, Shorewood, 60404
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.
Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
May 11: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
June 8: *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
July 13: *House of Bone and Rain* by Gabino Inglesias
Aug. 10: *King of Ashes* by S.A. Cosby

Full Throttle Fiction Book Club
(Adults) R
Maurie's Table, 2360 Glenwood Ave, Joliet, IL 60435
This isn't your grandmother's book club. This is ACTION. This is a white knuckle thrill ride. Join us once a month for the very best literature has to offer, available for pickup at your favorite JPL branch. Just make sure to leave your preconceived notions…and your barf bag…at home.
Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
May 27: *The Fall of Gondolin* by J.R.R. Tolkien
June 24: *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig
July 22: *Master and Commander* by Parick O'Brian
Aug. 26: *True Failure* by Alex Higley

ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

Babel-On with R.F. Kuang
Virtual
Tuesday, May 19
7–8 p.m.

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.
To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com.

Can I Pet that Dog?!
(Adults) N
Do you just want to drop in, relax and pet some dogs? Stop by between 4:30- 6 p.m.! The Alliance of Therapy Dogs Team will be here with some of their specially trained furry friends for you to meet and pet!
OSB Thursday, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20
4:30–6 p.m.

Decluttering Your Family History
(Adults) R
OSB Saturday, May 16
1–2 p.m.

Illinois in Story and Song
(Adults) R
OSB Saturday, June 13
3–4:30 p.m.

Less Piles Better Files - Organizing Genealogy
(Adults) R
OSB Saturday, July 11
1–2 p.m.

Burnham Live
(Adults) R
OSB Monday, Aug. 3
7–8 p.m.

Joliet History Discussion Group
(Adults) R
Third Saturday of each month May-Aug.
We will meet in the Local History Room.
OSB May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

***Stayed tuned for the monthly podcast "History Today" available on YouTube.**
****Watch for the "Genealogy Tip" of the Month on Facebook.**
*****Make a one-hour appointment to talk to a genealogist:** Call 815-846-3130 or email adrilling@jolietlibrary.org

Adults

Seniorcare Q&A with Healthcare Plus
(Adults) R
Join Trisha Alvis from Healthcare Plus for an informative session and questionnaire about Healthcare Plus and their services available to senior citizens. Then join us for an exciting game of Bingo after the session!
OSB Monday, May 4
11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Fraud Prevention
(Adults) R
Protect yourself from scammers! Learn about the different types of scams and what to do if you get scammed in this presentation from Heartland Bank of Plainfield.
OSB Wednesday, May 6
6:30–7:30 p.m.

A Novel Creation with Ceramic Creations
(Adults) R
Get ready for Summer Reading by painting a ceramic book that opens for hidden storage inside—perfect for your favorite little treasures!
OSB Wednesday, May 13
5:30–7:30 p.m.

So Tough: Pet Sounds at 60
(Adults) R
The Beach Boys seminal 1966 masterpiece *Pet Sounds* is turning 60! Join presenter Sean Courtney for an in depth dive and a behind the scenes look at an album that defined a generation.
OSB Saturday, May 16
2–3:30 p.m.

Plant Swap
(Adults) N
Join us for our 4th 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
25448 W. Seil Rd,
Shorewood, 60404
Sunday, May 17
12–2 p.m.

FamilySearch Basics
(Adults) R
**Rescheduled from March 18*
Learn how to create a FamilySearch account, recover a username or password, start building a Family Tree and understand privacy rules.
BRB Wednesday, May 20
6–7:30 p.m.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls
(Adults) R
Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. "A Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Registration for this program is required and closes for the series on June 9. To register, call Amber 815-221-6013. *Sponsored by Catholic Charities.*
BRB Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28
10–11:30 a.m.

Creativity Connections
(Adults 60+) R
Learn new skills and make friends through the joy of creating! *Sponsored by Catholic Charities.*
OSB Friday, June 12, Aug. 14
1–3 p.m.

Comic Book Creation Club
(Adults) R
All hands on deck! The Joliet Public Library Comic Book Creation Club is looking for talented illustrators to help us put the finishing touches on a long awaited project. We've been meeting every other month to create a comic book from scratch, which will eventually be distributed right here at the Joliet Public Library. The best part is, it isn't too late to join! Pull from the designated script and bring the characters to life using your own personal style, color in some already finished pages using our state of the art Digital Media Studio.
Sign up today and mark your place in comic book history!
OSB Wednesday, June 17, Aug. 19
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Diamond Paint A Corner Bookmark
(Adults) R
Using basic diamond painting techniques, create a beautiful mosaic corner bookmark to keep or give as a gift! All supplies are included.
BRB Wednesday, June 24
6–7:30 p.m.

Gardening for Wildlife with Native Plants
(Adults) R
Discover how native gardening provides birds and other wildlife with year-round resources. An Interpretive Naturalist from the Forest Preserve District of Will County will teach simple, practical strategies for getting started with native plants in your yard.
BRB Wednesday, July 1
7–8 p.m.

Route 66 From Chicago to St. Louis
(Adults) R
You don't have to drive all the way to California to enjoy Route 66 during its 100th anniversary year! Take a long weekend to explore the cool towns, great food, interesting history and quirky roadside attractions that line the Mother Road from here to The Lou.

OSB Wednesday, July 15
7–8 p.m.

Create A Miniature Wine Case
(Adults 18+) R
Build your own Wine Case from the beginning! Students will measure and install brackets and shelves (pre cut) and select wine bottles and glasses which can be mounted on a mirrored tray. Includes a charcuterie tray complete with bread sticks, cheese and fruit slices.

BRB Wednesday, July 15
6–8 p.m.

Purr & Pose: Kitten Yoga
(Adults 18+) 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 23
6:30–7:30 p.m.

BRB Thursday, Aug. 6
6:30–7:30 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!

BRB Thursday, July 23
6–8 p.m.

Field Trip to the JJC Trackman Planetarium
(Adults 18+) R
Phantom of the Universe: The Hunt for Dark Matter explores one of science's greatest mysteries from the Big Bang to galaxy formation to the Large Hadron Collider. Journey inside CERN, the world's largest particle accelerator, to uncover the hidden fabric of the universe.
**Meet at the Planetarium 10 minutes before showtime.*
Joliet Junior College, Building A
1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet
Tuesday, Aug. 11
7–8 p.m.

Bingo!
(Adults 18+) R
Wait for your numbers to be called and try to win prizes!

OSB Wednesday, Aug. 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 Ottawa Street Branch or virtually.
For more information, visit writeonjoliet.com.

12 Digital Media Studio

Photography Club
(Ages 14+) R
This group meets every month to share, learn and network with other creatives. This group will do outings, meetups, shoot in the greenscreen room and share techniques.

OSB Monday, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3
6–8 p.m.

Bob Ross Paint-A-Long
(Ages 14+) R
Follow Bob using acrylics on canvas! Please arrive at least 5 minutes early. Due to the popularity of the event, please cancel your registration if you can no longer attend.

OSB Tuesday, May 5, Aug. 4
6–8 p.m.

DMS Open House
(All ages) N
Everyone is welcome to see the creative services offered at JPL's Digital Media Studio! Creative services include a green screen, 3d printers, audio recording, poster printing, button making, video recording, photography, graphic design, t-shirt printing and more!

OSB Monday, May 11,
Thursday, June 11,
Wednesday, July 15,
Thursday, Aug. 13
5:30–6:30 p.m.

Movie Club
(Adults) R
Every month we will choose movies to watch and discuss at the next meeting. Think of it like a book club but with movies. We will discuss what we liked or didn't like about each film.

OSB Tuesday, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11
5:30–7 p.m.

Intro to 3D Printing
(Ages 16+) R
Learn the basics of 3D printing with DMS staff.

OSB Wednesday, May 13
4–5 p.m.

OSB Thursday, June 11
6:30–7:30 p.m.

OSB Friday, July 24
12–1 p.m.

OSB Tuesday, Aug. 11
7–8 p.m.

Felt Corner Bookmarks
(Ages 14+) R
Create your own personalized bookmark out of felt!

OSB Monday, May 18
6–8 p.m.

Junk Journaling Workshop & Stationery Swap
(Adults) R
Share in the joys of journaling, memory keeping, and stationery with other creatives, no experience necessary! Just bring your own journal. Participants are encouraged to bring stationery items they wish to swap or share with others during this program.

OSB Thursday, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27
6–7:30p.m.

Bookmaking 101: Open Edge Journals
(Adults) R
Make your very own journal!

OSB Monday, June 15
6–8 p.m.

The Talent Showcase
(Ages 12+) N
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 16
6–8 p.m.

Feather Fans
(Ages 14+) R
Make your very own fabulous feathered fan!

OSB Monday, July 20
6–8 p.m.

Miniature Decorative Bookshelf
(Ages 14+) R
Make a mini bookshelf complete with miniature books!

OSB Monday, Aug. 17
6–8 p.m.

Maker's Guild
(Ages 16+) R
Open-format club for crafters and entrepreneurs to bring projects, share ideas and get feedback.

OSB Thursday, Aug. 20
6–7 p.m.

R *Registration required at jolietlibrary.org.* *Outdoors, weather permitting.* N *No registration.*