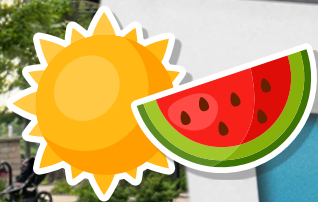


# summer 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST 2023



Friends of the Library Volunteer Victoria helps out at a Summer Reads night, a partnership with the Lemont Park District, using our book bike donated by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club.





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# ALL AGES

The programs marked with an **R** require registration. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 2 to cancel as space is limited.

## Summer Learning Kickoff Celebration Mini-Golf Outing **R** (All Ages)

Saturday, June 3 • 1 - 4 pm

Join our Summer Learning Program with a round of mini-golf, face painting, Italian Ice from The Creamery, vendors, and more! Please register for a time slot for golf. Up to 6 people per group.



## Camping Couture **R** (All Ages)

Monday, June 5 • 6:30 pm

Scout leader and outdoor enthusiast Keith Nowakowski will share cooking techniques and recipes, packing suggestions, and camp setup tricks.

## ATLAS Multiple Library Geocache

June 5 - August 5

Visit participating libraries using clues and coordinates to find hidden “geocaches.” For each listed geocache you discover, you earn a chance to win a \$25 gift card. You will need a QR code reader on your smartphone to complete the log and prize drawing form. Find all the official clues at [multibrarygeocache.weebly.com](http://multibrarygeocache.weebly.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching](http://www.facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching) for more information.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 9am–9pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am–5pm

Sunday: 1pm–5pm

## LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Monday, July 3

Independence Day  
Holiday

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day  
Holiday

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Meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting date on the library website and the library notices board. The public is welcome to attend Library Board meetings.

**Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library Learning Center, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont.**



# LIBRARY *on the* TOWN



**Celebrate Lemont!** (All Ages)  
2023 is the 150th Anniversary of Lemont. The celebration continues this Summer.

## Lemont 150 Anniversary Party

**Saturday, June 10 • 1 - 6 pm**

Join the library and other groups downtown at General Fry's Landing on Front Street for a festival celebrating the incorporation of Lemont.

## Summer Reads at the Park

(Family Friendly)

**Mondays • 6:30 pm**

**June 5: Kettering Park**

**June 12 & July 17: Virginia Reed Park**

**June 19 & July 31: Mayfair Park**

**August 14: Covington North Park**

Join your favorite librarians and the Lemont Park District Fun Squad for special outdoor storytimes at local parks.



## Stories by the Pool (All Ages)

**Thursdays • 1 - 3 pm**

**June 8, July 13, & August 10**

Get cool at the pool with the Youth Services librarians and the Reading Rover!

## Read, White, and Blue

**Monday, July 3 • 4 pm**

Join your friendly librarians for a Star Spangled celebration at the Park District Independence Day Extravaganza at Centennial Park.



## Car Show

(All Ages)

**Wednesdays • 5 - 9 pm**

**June 21: Farm and Tractor Night**

**July 26: Exotic Car Night**

**August 9: STEM Night**

Get your motor running...down to the Lemont Legends Car Show! The librarians will be out and about with activities and special guests. Be sure to swing by and say 'Hello!'

## Sunset Soiree

**Thursday, June 15 • 7 pm**

Join The Friends as they are the evening's featured philanthropy group at the Park District's Sunset Soiree with country music hits performed by Whiskey Road. Come and show your support to our volunteer organization.

## Summer Learning Wrap-Up and Donor Celebration

Sponsored by The Friends of the Lemont Library (All Ages)

**Saturday, August 5 • 6 - 9 pm**

You've spent time all Summer working on learning something new, and there are a lot of people out there that want to celebrate you! Come to the library for an after-hours party with live music from Friendly Fire, food, and a chance to thank all of the amazing people who donated to the library to make learning fun this Summer and all year long!



# KIDS

## Registered Programs



The programs below require registration and are marked with an **R**. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x 3 to cancel as space is limited.

### Music Makers

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver) **R**

Wednesdays • 10 am  
June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19,  
August 2, 16, & 30

Join local music school Edge Music Academy for this hands-on, early childhood music class. Let's make beautiful noises together!



### Crafty Family **R**

Tuesday, June 20 • 6 pm

The family that crafts together, laughs together! Come in as a group for a wonderful miniature garden craft designed by the fabulous Holly Dean. \*One kit will be provided per family\*

### Lego Mystery Afternoons **R**

(Ages 5 & up)  
Wednesdays • 4 pm  
June 28, July 19 & August 23  
Build your creation using only the bricks in your mystery bag. We'll set a new challenge each session.

### Bingo Buddies (Ages 5 & up) **R**

Thursday, June 22 • 1 pm

Sign your child up to play a few rounds of bingo with a senior buddy during this inter-generational program.

### 3-2-1 Blast Off! (Ages 5 & up) **R**

Saturday, July 15 • 2 pm

We'll explore the science behind rockets with a hands-on activity led by local pilot, author, and NASA Space Station Ambassador Ed Rafacz.

## DCM Wonder Clubs **R**

These amazing STEAM sessions are brought to you by DuPage Children's Museum and are designed to encourage your child's curiosity in the world around them. Using a superhero theme, we will explore super topics and encourage super choices. Please read the details below carefully and sign up for the appropriate session(s).



### Ages 3-Kindergarten with caregiver

Thursdays • 4 - 4:30 pm

June 29: You Are Super!

July 6: Superhero Self Portraits

July 20: SuperBug to the Rescue

August 3: Super Helpers

### Grades 1st - 3rd

Mondays • 4 - 4:45 pm

June 19: Super Me

July 10: Forces of Nature

July 24: Super Sidekicks

August 7: Flip O Rama

### Grades 4th & 5th

Wednesdays • 4 - 5 pm

June 7: Super Selves

June 21: Super Animals

July 5: Super Sidekicks

July 26: Comic Book Creation

August 2: Pick a Pathway

## Family Nerf Battle (Family Friendly)

Saturday, July 22 • 2 pm

Who says family feuds can't be fun? Play as a team or create your own Nerf family to play games like capture the flag, defend your fortress, and last relative standing.

## Drop in Programs

The programs below do not require advance sign up. Just come on down to the library & join us!

### Baby Play Time (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Thursdays • 10:45 am

June 1, July 6, & August 17

Toys, music, and bubbles, what could be better? Meeting other babies and parents, that's what!

### Not Quite Ready for Storytime

(Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

June 2, July 7, & August 18

Does your child crave stimulation? Do they struggle to sit still? Then this is the program for them! We'll have a lively mix of rhymes, fingerplays, songs, and movement activities.

### Read With Me (Grades K-3)

Tuesdays • 3:30 - 5 pm

June 6 through August 8 \*no session July 4

Keep up those reading skills during the summer! Drop in to be paired with a teen volunteer and read together for 15-20 minutes.

### Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Fridays • 10 am

June 9 - August 25 \*no class July 7 & Aug. 18

Kick off Fridays with music, movement, & more!

### Duplo Builders

(Ages 3 & up with caregiver)

Saturdays • 2 pm

June 10, July 8, & August 19

Not ready to build with the big kids? No worries! This Duplo day is geared towards your littlest architects so that they can build (and destroy) their own creations of big building blocks.

## Bite-sized Crafts with Kids Plus

Dental (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

June 14, July 12, & August 23

Brush up on your crafting skills with the friendly team from Kids Plus Dental!



## Evening Family Storytime (Ages 3-8 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 6 pm

June 14 & 28 (Glow Edition)

July 5 & 19

August 2, 16, & 30

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and more with your Youth Services staff. In June, stay after the stories for the opportunity to paint with light.

## Summer Social (For homeschool families)

Fridays • 1 pm

June 16, July 21, & August 18

Come for a craft or activity and meet old friends and new!

## Stuffie Sleepover! (Family Friendly)

Drop-off: Monday, June 26 • 4 - 6 pm

Pick-up: Tuesday, June 27 • 9:30 - 10 am

Let your stuffie spend a fun-filled night in the Youth Services department. What kinds of hi-jinks will they get into? Find out when you pick them up!



Visit our website to view our **inclusive program statement** and **photo policy**.

# Passive Programs

## Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays

June 7 - August 30

Stop by the Youth Services desk every Wednesday for our weekly craft kit while supplies last.



## Spring StoryWalk®

Continues June – July

Location: Mayfair Park

Wanna know a secret?

Raccoons love pizza!

Whet your appetite with

a stroll around lovely

Mayfair Park and read

*Secret Pizza Party* by Adam Rubin.



*\*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

# TWEEN & TEEN

Teen programs are intended for grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

## Adventurer's Unite ®

Thursdays • 6 - 8 pm

June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24

Sundays • 2 - 4 pm

July 16 and August 20

Join us as we play through

the Dungeons and

Dragons Dragon of Icespire Peak campaign.

Participants can choose a premade

character at their first session or contribute

their own character to join in the fun.



# Registered Programs



The programs below require registration and are marked with an ®. If you are unable to attend a registered program, please call 630-257-6541 x3 to cancel as space is limited.

## Teen Nerf Wars ®

Saturday, August 12

2 - 3 pm

Challenge your friends

to think outside the box

as you build forts and barricades to defeat

your opponents in a Nerf War! Rounds will

include dueling, zombie capture the flag, and

construct and defend a fortress.





### **Read with Me** <sup>®</sup> *(Volunteer Opportunity)*

Tuesdays • 3:15 - 5 pm

June 6 through August 8 \*No session July 4

Teens will be paired up with a child to read with for 15-20 minute increments. Please arrive at 3:15 pm to check in with library staff.

### **Tissue Paper Painting with Holly Dean** <sup>®</sup>

Saturday, August 26 • 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Tissue paper isn't just for presents! Learn all about this crafty technique and make your own painting to display at home. Please note that this program will be held in the Event Space.

### **Teen Yard Stone Painting** <sup>®</sup>

Friday, June 16 • 2:30 - 4 pm

Art rocks! Make rocks into works of art to display proudly in front of the library.

### **DCM Wonder Clubs**

*(Teen Volunteer Opportunity)* <sup>®</sup>

Mondays • 4 pm

June 19, July 10 & 24, August 7

Earn service hours while helping a child create and work through superhero-themed STEM activities.

### **The Choice & The Challenge** <sup>®</sup>

Monday, July 17 • 3 - 4 pm

Do you have what it takes to engineer a flotation device to get a superhero across different sized bodies of water?

### **Squirt Gun Painting** <sup>®</sup>

Friday, July 28 • 2:30 - 4 pm

Painting is a blast in this outdoor art extravaganza! Dress to get messed and let your inner abstract artist free!

## Passive Programs

### **Teen Treat Your Shelf Book Box** <sup>®</sup>

June 15, July 15 & August 15

If you are in grades 6-12, sign up each month to receive a Teen Book Box based on your input. Your box will be filled with a selection of snacks, surprises, and of course, new books to try.

### **Character Pen Pals Letter Writing** *(Volunteer Opportunity)*

Ongoing

Earn up to five service hours by using our supplies to write letters to children as their favorite character. Pick up a kit at the Youth Services desk to take home.

### **100 Books Before Graduation**

Ongoing

Reading books for school or for fun? Log with Beanstack and earn prizes on your way to 100 reads!



### **Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities**

ARC & Other Book Reviews

See the Teen page of the library's website for more details.

### **Teen Take n' Make**

June 1: Slime Kits

July 1: Tissue Paper Stained Glass

August 1: Recycled Magazine Coasters

Pick up a different craft kit each month in our teen room while supplies last.



## Astrophotography <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, June 15 • 6:30 pm

See the sky like never before! Jasonn Pellegrini will share his knowledge and photographic images in the field of Astrophotography, which is the photographing of the night sky. This includes astronomical objects, outer space phenomena, and events which can include images of the moon, sun, planets, asteroids, stars, and galaxies. Jasonn will bring outer space and the stars inside so we can see them for ourselves projected on the big screen!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## PARENTS OF TEENS

### Teen Banking Event with Lemont Bank & Trust | A WinTrust Bank <sup>®</sup>

Monday, June 26 • 6:30 pm

Don't let your kiddo fall into the credit debt cycle!

Join a representative from our local Lemont Bank & Trust to start your teen off on the right financial foot. Bring your teen along to learn about getting their first checking account, credit building, and credit safety & management.



### College Fit: It is a Process <sup>®</sup>

Monday, August 7 • 6:30 pm

MK College Consulting and Solutions will help you and your teen look at various factors when selecting a school including cost, academic fit/program, region, size, and extra curricular involvement.

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### Tenacious Tour du Mont Blanc <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, June 8 • 7 pm

Trek 105 miles through the Alps as Brian Michalski guides us along Europe's world-famous Tour du Mont Blanc. As we journey through France, Italy, and Switzerland, gain insight into practical planning tips, cultural tidbits, challenges along the trail, accommodation logistics, and more, all seen through the lens of Michalski's gorgeous original photography and entertainingly adventurous retellings.



## Friends of the Library Corner

The Friends of the Lemont Library is a volunteer organization and 501(c)(3) supporting our Library as a vital, valued, and welcoming community resource. Proceeds from our semi-annual book sales provide sponsorship and funding for education, fun, and interesting programs and enjoyable activities for all age groups in our community. Come join us!



## Chez Madelaine's Library Kitchen Thursdays

### An Eggscellent Dish

June 22 • 6:30pm

Madelaine will do a quick review of egg-centric dishes for easy and nutritious summer dinners featuring scrambled eggs with tomatoes and basil, omelets, and a soufflé.



### There's a Fungus Among Us

July 27 • 6:30pm

Exploring the magical mushroom taste of umami in shiitake, portobellos, and oyster mushrooms on the grill, in a salad, and stir fry. Oyster mushrooms with shaved Parmesan, shiitake stir fry with green beans, marinated portobello salad.

## Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution

Monday, July 24 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Naloxone (Narcan) is an easy-to-use, lifesaving antidote to overdose from opioids including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription pain medication. Used in hospitals for decades, a lifesaving dose can be administered with basic training. From this training you will learn about Naloxone and you will be able to take home Naloxone to keep in your personal first aid kit for free. Join a harm reduction coordinator from the Live 4 Lali organization for this important training.



## Happy Bookers: Picnic on the Patio

Monday, June 12 • 6:30 pm

It's about sharing - books, authors, genres...and food. Sample new titles, discover your next read, relax in a welcoming environment. The main course is summer adventures and travel. Read. Share. Relax.



## Illinois Storm Chasers

Thursday, July 20 • 7 pm

You'll be yelling for your "Auntie Em" once you're done hearing stories from past chases that include stormchaser Nick Bartholomew's close calls, exhilarating moments, and the ugly side of severe weather. He also explains the "why" behind severe weather and tornadoes, and what our local climatology favors.

## Sagawau Environmental Learning Center Nature Talks

Join naturalists from the Cook County Forest Preserve Center located right here in Lemont.

### Bring Back the Pollinators!

Friday, June 23 • 10 am

Native plants support pollinators! Join us to find out which plants attract butterflies and bees and why they are so important.

### Hummingbirds: Fact or Myth

Monday, July 10 • 6:30 pm

Is there only one type of hummingbird found in our area? Do hummingbirds have feet? Will hummingbirds only visit red flowers? Find out the facts about hummingbirds.



## Military Healthcare & Medicare 101

Thursday, June 29 • 11 am

Did you know that you can combine military benefits (VA, CHAMPVA and TRICARE For Life) with Medicare? Veterans and family members of Veterans, join Advocate for Veterans non-profit group and learn why it is important to apply for VA medical benefits and how Medicare works with the benefits you earned.

# READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books, films, and other media in various settings.  
Pick up materials at the Patron Services Desk for these clubs.

## Movie Club® • Third Thursday of the month • 1 pm

Watch the movies as a group on our 10-foot screen in our cooled down Event Space, then stay for a lively discussion.



**JUNE 15**  
Moneyball



**JULY 20**  
The Pursuit of  
Happyness



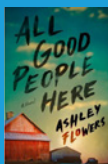
**AUGUST 17**  
Ford v Ferrari

## Brewed Alternatives® • First Thursday of the month • 7 pm

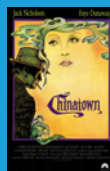
hosted at Pollyanna Brewing Company



**JULY 6**  
South to America  
by Imani Perry



**AUGUST 3**  
All Good People  
Here by Ashley  
Flowers



**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Chinatown  
(movie)

## Mid-Morning Mysteries • First Friday of the month • 10:30 am



**JULY 7**  
Death by Beach  
Read by Eva  
Gates



**AUGUST 4**  
A Flicker in the  
Dark by Stacy  
Willingham



**SEPTEMBER 1**  
The Word is Murder  
by Anthony Horowitz

## TECH TUESDAYS®

Join Gil, our tech wiz librarian, as he provides in-person classes about our most requested help topics!

**Senior Sessions • 2 pm**  
June 13, July 11, & August 8

Come with any questions about technology where you need the most help. Bring your own computer, tablet, or phone.

**Top Tech Topics • 2 pm**  
June 27 • Microsoft Word/Google Docs  
July 25 • Microsoft Excel/Google Sheets  
August 22 • Streaming 101

## Women's Small Business Monday Monthly Meet-Up®

**Mondays • 6:30 - 8 pm**  
June 19 & August 21 (no meeting in July)

Join Liz Rose and other local women business owners on the third Monday of the month. This program is perfect for business owners just starting out and veteran business owners on the lookout for how to keep things progressing. The first half hour of each meeting will be for socializing. Liz will then lead the group focusing on that month's topic.

# WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

## VERSITI Blood Drive

June 7 - 12 - 6 pm

Give the gift of life to your community. Sign up for the Versiti Blood Drive. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/libraryblooddrivejune> (Held in Event Space).

## What's Your Beat with Northwestern Medicine <sup>®</sup>

June 21 • 10 am

Explore the effect music has on our health and how different tempos and types of music might make us feel. A Northwestern Medicine exercise physiologist, who is also a classically trained piano teacher, discusses the strategic use of different types of music to provide daily benefits from heart health to exercise performance to decreasing depression symptoms. Breathing exercises are taught to diverse musical pieces to help participants along on their wellness journey.

## Sleep Apnea? Don't like the C-Pap machine? Discover the Latest Options <sup>®</sup>

June 14 • 6:30 pm

Join Dr. Thakkar from Advocate Health Care for an overview on how to get and maintain the best sleep health you can. Learn about what causes apnea, how you can treat it, sleep therapy and more to get your Zzzzzs!



## Hatha Yoga <sup>®</sup>

1st Wednesday of the month • 7 pm  
June 7, July 5, & August 2

## Restorative Yoga <sup>®</sup>

3rd Wednesday of the month • 7 pm  
June 21, July 19, & August 16  
Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT



**Ageless Grace (z)** Led by Colette Gallian  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays • 10:30 am  
June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and  
August 9 & 23

New: please register for the new session starting May 24 if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link; otherwise registration is not required.

## CRAFTS & HOBBIES

### I've Always Wanted to Learn... to Play an Instrument <sup>®</sup>

Thursday, June 29 • 7 pm

A musician from Edge Music Academy will be available with several percussion and string instruments for you to try your hand at. It's never too late to learn something new!



*\*Look for more programs in this series in the Fall. Have you ever wanted to Learn something new? Let Shannon know: [skazmierczak@lemonlibrary.org](mailto:skazmierczak@lemonlibrary.org).*

## Mosaics and Mixed Drinks <sup>®</sup>

Friday, July 14 • 6 pm

Join Holly Dean for a patio paver craft using recycled glass and material to create a mosaic masterpiece for your garden. 21 and over please.



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