

summer 2024 NEWSLETTER

THE LEMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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LIBRARY *around* TOWN



Summer Reads at the Park

(Family Friendly)

Mondays • 6:30 pm

June 3 & July 29: Mayfair Park

June 17 & Aug 19: Virginia Reed Park

July 15: Kettering Park

Join your favorite librarians and the Lemont Park District Fun Squad for special outdoor storytimes at local parks. On June 3, you'll also have a chance to meet the Joliet Slammers' mascot, Spike!



Stories by the Pool (All Ages)

Thursdays • 1 - 3 pm

June 6, July 11, & August 1

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



Kids' Night at the Car Show

(All Ages)

Wednesdays • 6 - 8 pm

June 19: Crosstown Exotics

July 24: Miss Jamie

August 7: STEM Night

Get your motor running...to Downtown Lemont Cruise Nights! The librarians will be out and about with activities and special guests so be sure to swing by and say 'Hello.'



Brewed Beginnings at Folklore Coffee®

Wednesdays • 9 am

June 5 & August 7

Begin a new day with a cup of coffee and chat about your favorite books with a variety of readers and different tastes. Bring a few suggestions and a notebook to keep track of all the new books you'll want to read next.



Trivia at Pollyanna Brewing

Wednesdays • 7 - 9 pm

June 12, July 10, & August 14

Trivia teams...Assemble! Round up your favorite group of trivia junkies and join us at Pollyanna for trivia nights sponsored by the Lemont Public Library District. There is no cost to participate, and teams can have up to 8 players. The library will receive a portion of the drink sales during the event, so come thirsty!



ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Summer Learning Kickoff Celebration (All Ages)

Saturday, June 1 • 11 am - 4 pm

We are kicking off our Summer Learning Challenge with a showcase of amazing creations by the Windy City LEGO Users Group at the Lemont Township Community Center, 16300 Alba Street.



Nerf Battle®

Friday, July 12 • 3 pm

Nerf fans of all ages: Who says feuding can't be fun? Play as a team or fend for yourself with games like capture the flag, defend your fortress, and last patron standing.

Summer Learning Wrap-Up and Donor Celebration

(All Ages)

Sponsored by
Lemont Bank and Trust



Saturday, August 3 • 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 food and local band Friendly Fire. You'll also have a chance to thank all of the amazing library donors that make learning fun this summer and all year long!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 9 pm

Friday and Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

- July 3 1 pm Early Close, Independence Day Holiday
- July 4 Independence Day Holiday



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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 Event Space, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont.

KIDS

Any program marked with an **R** requires advanced registration through our online event calendar, by clicking on the program below, or calling 630-257-6541 x 3.

 Watch out for our **NEW MOBILE APP** coming soon!

Bess the Book Bus: Pop-Up Book Fair

Tuesday, May 28 • 9 - 10:30 am

Bess the Book Bus is coming to town! Kids can line up on the library's lawn to take their turn picking out a free book to grow their own home libraries. We'll also have a table outside where you can pre-register for the 2024 Summer Learning Challenge.



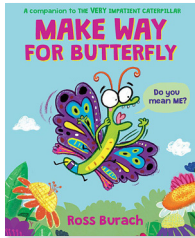
Summer StoryWalk®

Continues

June - August

Location: Mayfair Park

Flutter around lovely Mayfair Park while you read *Make Way for Butterfly* by Ross Burach.



*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.



Monday Morning Mommy Meet-Up **R**

(Moms with children ages 0 - 4)

Mondays • 11:15 am

June 10 & 24

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

Meet up with other moms to discuss books, movies, or current events while your little ones are busy doing activities and crafts.

Not Quite Ready for

Storytime (Ages 0 - 5 with caregiver)

Wednesdays • 10 am

June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21

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

New Kids' Book Club!

Elementary, My Dear Reader (Grades K - 5) **R**

Wednesday, June 5

3:30 pm

Welcome to our new kids' book club where we will read fun books and have discussions about awesome topics. This session will be all about cicadas. We will be reading *Night of the Living Zombie Bugs* by Dave Coverly. Read the ebook anytime through hoopla!



Dudes & Donuts **R**

Saturdays • 10:30 am

June 15, July 20, & August 17

Come for the donuts, stay for the conversation. Bring the kiddos for activities and coloring, have a donut, and chat with other dudes about whatever comes to mind. A perfect way to meet other dads with common interests.



WEEKLY STORYTIMES

June 4 - Aug 29

(No storytimes weeks of June 24, July 1, & Aug 12)

Lapsit Baby Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

Tuesday's lapsit program is geared for younger babies, with bounces, rhymes, and tickles.



Toddler Storytime

(Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

Thursday's program is aimed at babies who are walking, with lots of movement for young ones on the go!

Summer Social for Homeschool Families (All Ages)

Fridays • 1 pm

June 14, July 19, & August 16

Meet other homeschoolers and enjoy games, crafts, and activities in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Family Sing-Along

Thursday, June 20 • 2 pm

Warm up your voice and have fun singing along and making music together with Edge Music Academy! *Please note: a parent or caregiver must accompany children under 7 years of age.*



Parent & Child Yoga

(Ages 3 - 12 with parent/caregiver)

Friday, June 21 • 2 pm

Join certified yoga therapist and instructor Cynthia Morel-Pence for a reading of her new children's book *Calm* as well as breathing and stretching exercises and a brief meditation with sound bowls. Come relax and learn helpful tools for your child to self regulate their emotions and learn social and emotional learning in a fun atmosphere.

Baby Play Time

(Ages 0 - 3 with caregiver)

Tuesdays • 11 am

June 25 & August 13

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

LEGO Mystery Afternoons

(Ages 5+) ^R

Tuesdays • 4 pm

June 25 & August 13

Build your creation using only the bricks in your mystery bag. We'll set a new challenge each session.

DCM Wonder Clubs

These amazing STEAM sessions (courtesy of the DuPage Children's Museum) are designed to encourage your child's curiosity in the world around them. Using an amusement park theme, we will be exploring the wonderful world of STEAM.

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

Mondays • 4 pm

June 24 Amusing Maps

July 8 Colliding Colors

July 22 Ring Toss / Juggling

August 5 Fantastic Foods

Grades 1-3

Tuesdays • 4 pm

June 18 Make a Map / Mascot Making

July 9 Parade on the Go

July 23 Roller Coasters / Ball Toss

August 6 Interesting Illusions /
Magical Scientists

Grades 4-5

Thursdays • 4 pm

June 13 Mini-Park Model Building /
Mirror Maze

June 27 I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
(Sculptures)/Vintage Vignettes

July 18 Fabulous Ferris Wheel

August 8 Illuminated Parade



DUPLO Builders (3+ with caregiver)

Thursdays • 11 am

June 27 & August 15

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

Blue Punch Buggy

(Ages 5+) ^R

Wednesday, June 26

6 pm

Experiment 626 gets unleashed at the library in this fun program all about that adorable monstrosity, Stitch.



Artful Messes

(Ages 0 - 4 with caregiver) ^R

Mondays • 10 am & 11 am

Please only sign up for one time slot.

July 1 & August 5

This class is for our littlest artists to explore the wonderful world of color creativity.

Please dress to get messy.

Homeschool Ukulele Jam

Tuesday, July 16 • 1 pm

Make friends and learn the basics of music in this special Homeschool Hangout class presented by Edge Music Academy. Discover a taste of the ukulele and forge valuable social, motor, and creative skills in this small-group class designed specifically for homeschool families. *Please note: a parent or caregiver must accompany children under 7 years of age.*



Go for the Gold!

(Family Friendly) ^R

Friday, July 26 • 2 pm

Feel like a winner during this Olympic-sized program.



All Ages
JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Challenge yourself to read or learn every day! Earn prizes at 5, 10, 15, and 20 days logged. Every 5 days logged also earns you a ticket to enter your choice of our grand prize raffles. Sign up **HERE**, with the Beanstack app, or in-person at the library. Be sure to enter your tickets into the drawings by July 31.

Stuffie Sleep-Over

Drop Off: Monday, July 29 • 9 am - 6 pm
Pick Up: Tuesday, July 30 • 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!



Picnic with the Pups

(Family Friendly) Ⓡ
Friday, August 2 • 2 pm

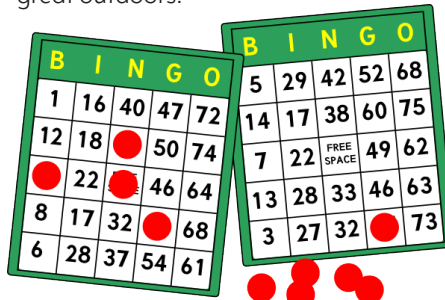
Bring your blanket, books, and snacks to hang out on the East Lawn with some PAWSitive(ly) precious pups! The picnic is a drop-in event, but if you'd like a chance to read to one of the therapy dogs, please register for a time slot.



Outdoor Family Bingo Nights

(Ages 5+) Ⓡ
Mondays • 6 pm
June 24, July 22, & August 12

Join Ms. Joan on the East Lawn for fun themed Bingo games and prizes in the great outdoors.



Passive Programs

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Sign up through Beanstack or at the Youth Services desk and keep track of how many books you read together. For every 100 books read, kids will add a new petal to their flower and help us grow a garden of readers. They'll also receive a few other special prizes on their way to 1000!



1000 BOOKS
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Sick at home? Don't have time to browse for books, movies, and more?

Fill out the library's **Materials Pickup Request form**, then wait for a call or email letting you know to pick up your checked out items from the library's vestibule.

Crafternoon Kits

Wednesdays
June 5 - August 28 (no crafts July 3)

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

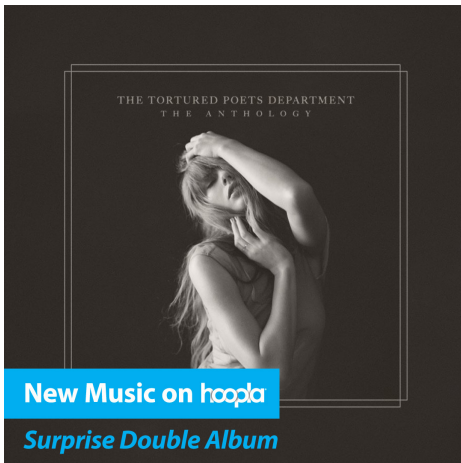
Sudoku

July
Stop by to play a giant game of sudoku.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7			6		1
8	4	9		2	
3	5	1	8		
9	2				8
8	4	6	7	1	9

Where Did You Read? August

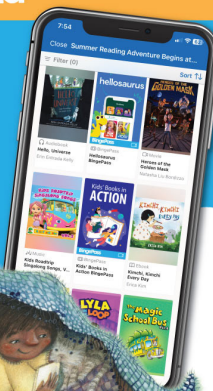
Did you read somewhere fun and exciting this summer? Do you have a cozy spot at home or in the yard you love to read? Bring a picture of your literary lair into the library or send it to youthinfo@lemonlibrary.org and we will display it for all to see!



New Music on hoopla
Surprise Double Album

Summer Reading for Kids on hoopla

ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY



TWEEN & TEEN



TEENS! Sign up for our Summer Learning Program - June 1 - July 31!

Passive Programs

Character Pen Pals Letter Writing (Volunteer Opportunity)

Ongoing

Earn up to five service hours by using our supplies to write letters to children as a popular character. Please fill out the form on the teen page of the library website before you pick up a kit at the Youth Services desk to take home.

Teen Treat Your Shelf Book Bag ®

June 15, July 15, & August 14

Sign up on the teen page of our website each month to receive a book bag created just for you! Your amazing bag will be filled with a selection of snacks, surprises, and books to check out based on your input.

Teen Take n' Make

June 1: Bead Lizard Keychains

July 1: Bristlebot

August 1: Water Slime

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

100 Books Before Graduation (Grades 6 - 12) Ongoing

Reading books for school or for fun? Log your books 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.

Adventurers Unite ®

Thursdays • 6 - 8 pm

June 13 & 27, July 25, & August 8 & 22

Sundays • 2 - 4 pm

June 23, July 21, & August 18

Join us as we play through the Dungeons and Dragons *Ghost of Saltmarsh* campaign. Participants will be able to choose a pre-made character at their first session, or contribute their own character to join the fun.

Summer Scares & Snacks

(Ages 10+, Parental Discretion Advised)

Monday, June 17 • 3:45 pm

Love a horrifically good read? Come chat about your favorite horror novel, video game, or film. We will be playing a bit of the *Five Nights at Freddy's* video game and making a spooky craft. Need a new read before the program? Try a Summer Scares title like *All These Bodies* by Kendare Blake, *Dead Flip* by Sara Farizan, and *#Murder Trending* by Gretchen McNeil.

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Beguiling Brews ®

(Ages 10+)

Wednesday, July 31 • 3:45 pm

Come celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with edible potion making!



Art Reimagined ®

Friday, August 2 • 3:45 pm

Grab an old art piece and add to the scene to create a new masterpiece.

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS ®

We need teen volunteers to help with prepping and hosting programs for kids this summer. Please register for each date you plan to volunteer.

Summer Learning Kickoff

Saturday, June 1

Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes before their shift.

DCM Wonder Clubs

Tuesdays, June 18, July 9 & 23, August 6

Volunteers should arrive at 3:45 pm.

Go for the Gold

Friday, July 26

Volunteers should arrive at 1:45 pm.



Stuffie Sleepover

Monday, July 29

Volunteers should arrive at 6:30 pm.

Summer Learning Wrap-Up Party

Saturday, August 3

Volunteers should arrive at 5:45 pm.



ADULT PROGRAMS

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Watch out for our **NEW MOBILE APP** coming soon!

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS



Lemont Library and Lemont Township have partnered to offer recurring events that support older adults.

Wits Workout! **R**

Tuesdays • 1 pm

June 4, July 2, & August 6

Brought to you by the U of I Extension Project, Wits Workout has two main goals—to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually through exercises involving language, word play, puzzles, and memory, and to increase connection through ongoing group participation.



Illinois Extension
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Memory Cafe **R**

Wednesdays • 1:30 pm

June 12, July 10, & August 14

Join us for a comfortable social gathering that allows people experiencing memory loss and their loved ones to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. Each session includes an activity with light refreshments provided by Franciscan Village.



Lemont Walking Club hosts The Library Monday Morning Mosey **R**

Mondays • 9:30 - 11 am

June 17 • Food as Medicine: How to Supplement Your Diet Naturally

July 15 • Physical Activity: Starting Small

August 19 • Age with Confidence: Managing Peri/Menopause

Join Danyelle Andrews from Bee Well Collective and leader of the weekly Lemont Walking Club for a wonderful walk around the neighborhood, followed by a brief discussion about wellness and staying active. Remember: there is no bad weather, only bad clothing!



Bee Well Collective

Reducing Stress Through Meditation **R**

Monday, July 22 • 6:30 pm

The scientific community has been exploring the use of meditation as a healing method. Join meditation expert Umesh Bhatia as he discusses the extraordinary effects of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium.

Ageless Grace (z) **R**

Led by Holly Ramsdell **R**



Mondays • 12:45 pm

June 10, July 8 & 22, & August 12 & 26

Ageless Grace[®] is a cutting-edge brain fitness program based on neuroplasticity that activates all 5 functions of the brain – strategic planning, memory/recall, analytical thinking, creativity and imagination, kinesthetic learning – and simultaneously addresses all 21 physical skills needed for lifelong optimal function.

Yoga Led by Sandy Bianco, CYT **R**

Wednesdays • 7 pm

June 5, July 17, & August 7

Narcan Training/Educational Workshop with DuPage Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) **R**

Monday, August 26 • 7 pm

Join DuPage Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) for a training on administering opioid reversal medication (Narcan) while learning more about fentanyl and other trends.



Versiti Blood Drive **R**

June 5 • 12 - 5:30 pm

September 4 • 12 - 5:30 pm

Give the gift of life to your community. Appointments and walk-ins accepted.

GETTING SOCIAL

"Stories of Lemont" A Zine Creation Journey®

Thursday, August 29
7 - 8:30 pm

Created as a tribute to Lemont for the 150th Anniversary Celebration (produced through a partnership between the Village of Lemont, and the Lemont Writers and Artists Guilds), this limited edition zine is filled with short stories centered around Lemont, by local authors and artists. See the original art, meet the authors and artists, hear excerpts, and learn how it was developed. Attendees can get a copy at the event for a \$5 donation.



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JUNE 1 - JULY 31

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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!



READ, SEEN, HEARD

Discussions of books, films, and other media in various settings. Pick up materials at the Patron Services Desk for clubs. Don't forget many of our titles are available on our eReading platforms. (Not sure how to use one? Join our eReading class on August 27 at 6:30 pm). Clubs are held at the library, unless otherwise noted.

Movie Club®

Thursdays • 1 pm

Watch movies together on the big screen and stay for a lively discussion.



JUNE 20
The Founder PG-13 (2016)
Documentary/Drama, 1 hr 55 min



JULY 18
Jaws PG (1975)
Thriller/Adventure, 2 hr 10 min



AUGUST 15
La Vie en Rose PG-13 (2007) Musical/Drama, 2 hr 20 min

Classics & Coffee®

Thursdays • 10 am

Transport yourself back in time with these classic movies.



JUNE 27
Casablanca PG (1942) Romance/War, 1 hr 42 min



JULY 25
The Apartment Not-Rated (1960)
Comedy/Romance, 2 hr 5 min



AUGUST 22
It Happened One Night Not-Rated (1934) Comedy/Romance, 1 hr 45 min

Mid-Morning Mysteries®

Fridays • 10:30 am

Murder, mystery, mayhem, and motive.

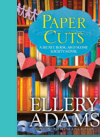
NOW A REGISTERED PROGRAM



JULY 5
The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose



AUGUST 2
None of This is True by Lisa Jewell



SEPTEMBER 6
Paper Cuts by Ellery Adams

Brewed Alternatives® Thursdays • 7 pm

BYOB for this club, focused on a variety of media you don't find in your standard book clubs.



JUNE 6
The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder by David Grann



AUGUST 1
Bring Your Own Book



SEPTEMBER 5
The Shawshank Redemption R (1994) Thriller/Crime, 2h 22m

Happy Bookers on the Town®

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Our fiction and collection development librarian, Maureen, loves to share her passion for books at her Happy Booker events. Now she's focusing on one novel at a time. Held at Barrel & Vine, 206 Main Street.



JUNE 4
Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon



JULY 2
Happiness Falls by Angie Kim



AUGUST 6
The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Gil's GENRE-fication of the Library®

Tuesdays • 2 pm

Gil's taste in books has a range, so it should be easy to find something that fits your bill too!



JUNE 18
What If? by Randall Munroe



JULY 16
Prisoners of the Castle by Ben Macintyre



AUGUST 20
What the Dead Know by Laura Lippman

Sam's Spicy Selections®

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Looking for something to make you blush? Sam picks stories based on spice, and follows them with a fun and sassy discussion. Held at Pollyanna Brewing, 431 Talcott Avenue.



JUNE 11
Seven Days in June by Tia Williams



JULY 9
Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston



AUGUST 13
It Happened One Summer by Tessa Bailey

HOBBIES AND HOW-TOS



Puzzle Swap

Have a gently used puzzle you already solved? Looking for a fresh one to put together? Stop by our puzzle swap to sign one out or drop one off.

Community Puzzle

Stop by and add your piece to the current puzzle on display. The challenge is can you do just one? The community puzzle is set up on the book bar in the Gathering Space.



Crafternight with Holly - Afterhours[®]

Friday, July 12 • 6:30 pm

Craftapalooza - We'll have past crafts and left over supplies at our fingertips.



MahJong

Mondays • 1 pm

Did you know a local MahJong group meets weekly? Tiles provided. The more, the merrier! Played with the National MahJong League card.

HOT on hoopla **eBOOKS**

hoopla

Enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics and manga, music, movies, and TV - all with no waiting! Sign up for hoopla with your Lemont Library card at hoopladigital.com or download the hoopla app from your device's app store.



Libby by Overdrive

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines to read on your phone or tablet using the Libby app by OverDrive. You can even send and read your borrowed ebooks to your Kindle reader!



Maximizing Retirement and Estate Planning[®]

Tuesday, June 18 • 10 am

Navigate your retirement years with confidence and peace of mind. Join Lemont Bank & Trust and Wintrust Investments for a discussion focusing on late-stage retirement and estate planning. Topics will include: maximizing Social Security benefits, controlling healthcare costs, managing investment risk, mitigating tax liabilities, and creating a comprehensive estate plan.

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TECH TUESDAYS[®]

Join our tech wiz librarians, for help on your most pressing topics.

Senior Sessions

June 11, July 9, & August 13 • 2 pm

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

You can read on this thing???

Tuesday, August 27 • 6:30 pm

Put your device to the test and learn how to use our free reading and listening apps. Books, music, movies, magazines, and more. Bring your device and all associated passwords.

