



Crystal Lake Public LIBRARY

May/June 2024 Program Guide

Dive Into Reading!
2024 Summer Reading Program

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Director's Desktop: Lifelong Library Lover



Executive Director
Becky Fyolek

This May, I'll celebrate my 20th anniversary of working in libraries, my 15th anniversary of becoming a librarian, and my 2nd anniversary as the Executive Director of the Crystal Lake Public Library. To say that libraries have played a pivotal role in my life would certainly be an understatement.

The Crystal Lake Public Library is a welcoming place for everyone to learn, try new hobbies, gain new understanding, and enjoy their community. Hundreds of people pass through our doors every day, and I think you should be one of them. If you're new in town, haven't made time to visit the library in awhile, or were just here yesterday, it's always a good time to check out your public library. Who knows, you might end up like me and find yourself a lifelong library lover.

There's no time like the present! Come visit the library today.

Sincerely, Becky Fyolek

Registration for all programs
will open at
9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24

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Home of the Brave Heritage Fest Saturday, June 29 (Rain date Sunday, June 30)

10 am-2 pm

Colonel Palmer House

5516 Terra Cotta Road, Crystal Lake

Join the Crystal Lake Park District and CLPL as we commemorate the veterans who defend our country. A Blue & Gold Star Ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Also, attendees can enjoy music, crafts and stories. The library will have supplies to make thank you cards for veterans.



Free Comic Book Day

All Ages

Saturday, May 4

All Day

Adult and Youth Services

Come to the library and choose a free comic book while supplies last. One comic per person. Comic books will be distributed at the Adult and Youth Services desks. No registration is required.



Take-and-Make Craft Kits

May 1-31 and June 1-30

Register at clpl.org for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting May 1 and June 1, respectively, from the Youth and Adult Services desks. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



May

Youth: Little Ladybug

Adult: Ocean Paper Wind Chime



June

Youth: Mosaic Turtle

Adult: Ocean Paper Wind Chime

Summer Reading Program 2024: Dive Into Reading!

Summertime is the perfect time to dive into a good book, graphic novel or magazine. You can read at home; on the road (audiobooks are the best for adventures!); at the pool or beach.

The Crystal Lake Public Library wants everyone to dive into reading this summer, no matter where you are.

The "Dive Into Reading" Summer Reading Program will start Saturday, June 1 and run through Wednesday, July 31. Readers of all ages can participate: kids, teens and adults. The program is open to CLPL cardholders and to students (and their families) who attend a school in the city of Crystal Lake.

To participate, all you need to do is register, read and log your reading minutes. You'll earn chances for prizes along the way. You can register at the Youth or Adult Services desks in the library, or register online at www.CrystalLakeLibrary.Beanstack.org. You can track your reading time using a paper log (handed out at the library) or online on Beanstack using your computer, phone or tablet.

Everyone who completes the Summer Reading Program will receive a book prize and a chance to win several other prizes donated by local restaurants and businesses.

Why read over the summer?

Reading over the summer months is beneficial for everyone, especially kids! Research has shown that students who read over the summer months perform better when they return to school in the fall.

Children who participate in summer reading programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher on reading and math achievement tests when they head back to the classroom in the fall, a Dominican University study found.

Kids who are read to at home by a parent or caregiver, and who use the library, also do better in school. Numerous studies show that access to books is directly related to higher reading achievement.

On the downside, children who don't read over the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school, resulting in "summer slide," the study found. Those kids must spend the first few weeks at school relearning material they studied in the spring.

The best way to prevent summer slide is to keep kids reading and thinking. Your public library can be part of that solution. There's no better place to take your children in the summer (and year round!).



Crystal Lake Public Library
Summer Reading Program 2024
June 1-July 31

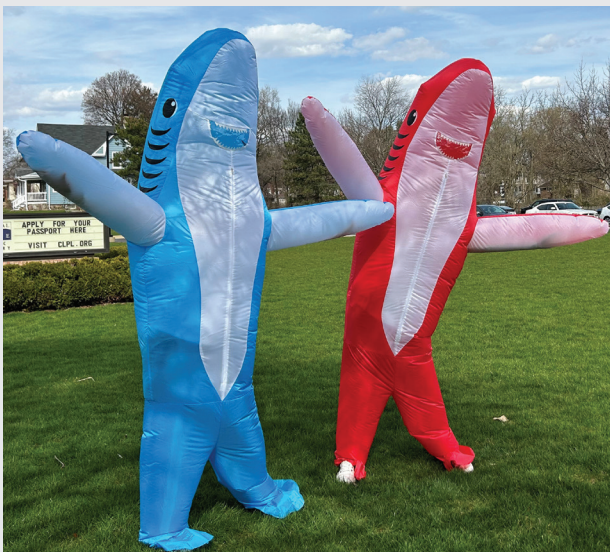
Summer Reading Program:

- Open to all ages!
- Open to CLPL cardholders
- Open to students (and their families) who attend a school in the city of Crystal Lake



Scan the QR code to go directly to Beanstack!

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event!



All Ages
Saturday, June 1
10 am-Noon

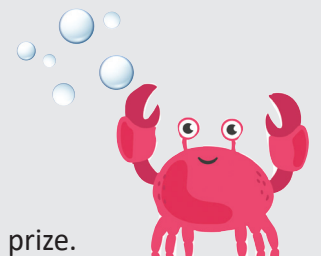
The "Dive Into Reading" Summer Reading Program starts June 1. Come to the library, register for the program and enjoy special activities while you're here!

Bubble Bonanza in the Ames Room
Bubbles, bubbles everywhere!

Adult Services Window Display

- Window painting near YA
- Guess how many sea creatures are hidden for a chance to win a special prize.

Sea Creatures "Swimming" About the Library

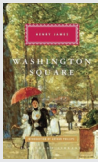


Adult Programs

Book Clubs

Bookies Book Discussion

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
Registration required.



Wednesday, May 15
9:30-11:30 am
Washington Square by Henry James. Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on hoopla, Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).



Wednesday, June 19
9:30-11:30 am
I Have Some Questions for You by Rebecca Makkai. Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).

Night Owls Book Club

Ames Room: In person and via Zoom
A new book club for readers who do their best after dark! Registration required.



Monday, May 20
7-8:30 pm
The Nineties by Chuck Klosterman. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.



Monday, June 17
7-8:30 pm
Yerba Buena by Nina LaCour. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Between the Covers Romance Book Club

Program held in the Ames Room
Meets every other month. Registration required.



Thursday, June 6
7-8:30 pm
Paris Daillencourt Is About to Crumble by Alexis Hall. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Shelf Indulgence Book Club: Historical Fiction

Program held in the Ames Room



Wednesday, June 12
7-8:30 pm
The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

Mystery of the Month Club & Romance of the Month Club Adult and Teen May and June

Let us pick your next mystery or romance read! Selections will be based on your profile/quiz results. Each month, a book will be placed on hold, and you'll be notified when it's ready for pick up. Upon registration, check your email for your confirmation and selection survey. CLPL cardholders only. Register on the clpl.org calendar. Select dates May 1 and June 1.

Crafter Dark Social Hour Adult and Teen

Wednesdays, May 1; June 5; July 3
7-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Knitters and crafters, pack up your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

CrafterNoon

Adult and Teen
Thursdays, May 9 and June 6
Noon-2 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Calling all crafters! Gather your current projects and head to the library for a casual program where you can socialize with other makers while you work. Registration encouraged.

Device Drop-In



Fridays, May 10 and June 14
10 am-Noon

Adult Services DIY Area

Need help with your smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader? Bring your device and your questions to us. CLPL staff will help you navigate your device and the library's digital resources.

Registration for all programs opens at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24

Computer Classes

Registration is required for all computer classes. Classes meet in the Computer Lab. Registration opens at 9 am Wednesday, April 24.

Basics of Microsoft Excel

Monday, June 10 | 7-8:30 pm
Learn the basics of working with Excel in this class for beginners. Keyboard and mouse skills required.

Microsoft Excel Next Steps

Tuesday, June 11 | 7-8:30 pm
A continuation of the skills learned in Basics of Excel. Keyboard and mouse skills required.

Computación Básica

sábado, 29 de junio | 2:30-4 pm
Sala de computación

¡Aprende los conceptos básicos de computación y domina las habilidades informáticas que necesitas para tener éxito en el mundo digital de hoy! Se requiere registro.



Introduction to Meditation

Saturdays, May 11 and June 8
10-10:30 am

Ames Room

Do you want to learn how to meditate, but don't know where to start? Join Megan as she guides you through basic meditation and mindful breathing techniques. All levels welcome. Feel free to bring a yoga mat, pillow or blanket. Chairs will also be available. Registration encouraged.

Paint & Plant!

Adult and Teen
Saturday, May 11
Noon-1 pm

Ames Room

The weather is warming up and it's time to start planting! Come to a relaxing paint session. Paint on a new clay flower pot. Then fill it with soil and pick a seed from our upcoming Seed Library to take home and grow. All materials supplied. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Coloring for Adults

Tuesdays, May 14 and June 11
1:30-3:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Relax and color your stress away. We'll provide the supplies or feel free to bring your own. Registration encouraged.

It's OK to Be Undecided in College: Exploration & Resources

Adult and Teen (Grades 11-12)
Tuesday, May 14

6-7:30 pm

Computer Lab

Still undecided about college, or looking to change careers? McHenry County College staff will talk about career exploration and resources. Attendees can take a career assessment to discover what career options may be the best fit for them. Registration required.

Mobile Museum of Tolerance



Visit the Mobile Museum of Tolerance throughout the day to engage in dialogue and participate in immersive experiences. Developed in collaboration with the Midwest office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Illinois State Board of Education, the Mobile Museum of Tolerance is a free, traveling museum and classroom.

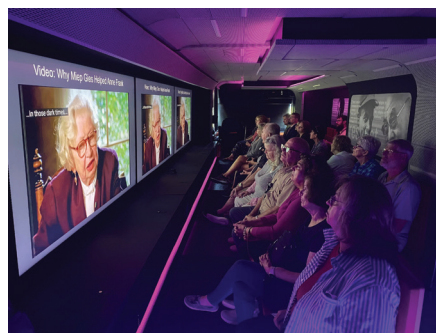
Led by an Illinois licensed educator, it aims to inspire people to use their voices to speak up against anti-Semitism, bullying, racism, intolerance and hate.

Open House - All Ages Library Parking Lot

Monday, June 3: 11 am- 5 pm

Tuesday, June 4: 11 am- 5 pm

Wednesday, June 5: 1-7 pm



Illinois Libraries Present:

The following programs are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries. Programs are presented via Zoom. Visit cpl.org to register.



The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Tuesday, May 7

7-8 pm

This program features actor, writer, producer and former White House staff member Kal Penn. Penn recently wrapped production on the Bloomberg Green climate change docuseries, "Getting Warmer" and the Viacom/Paramount+ comedy, "Surina & Mel."



Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Tuesday, June 4 | 7-8 pm (rescheduled from April 3)

Dr. Temple Grandin is one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986, and she has continued to write about autism and neurodivergence over the decades.

Adult Programs

Movies

Reel Life Movies



The Help
Wednesday, May 8
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room

A screening and discussion of the movie, *The Help*. (2011, PG-13,

146 minutes). Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Crystal Lake Branch. Registration required.

Tuesday Night Movies



The Holdovers
Tuesday, May 21
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room

Nominated for Best Picture. 2023, R, 134 minutes.



The Color Purple
Tuesday, June 18
6-8:30 pm
Ames Room
2023, PG-13, 141 minutes

Feel Good Friday Movies



The Lost City
Friday, May 24
Noon-2 pm
Ames Room
2022, 112 minutes, PG-13.



Wonka
Friday, June 28
Noon-2:30 pm
Ames Room
2023, 117 minutes, PG.



Memory Café

Thursdays, May 16 and June 20
10-11:30 am
Ames Room

Join our informal social gathering where persons with memory issues and their care partners connect with others in similar situations. Held the third Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome. Registration required.

Crochet for Beginners Grade 5 to Adult

Thursdays, May 16 and 23
6-8 pm



Program Rooms I & II

Learn crochet basics in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size H/5.0mm crochet hook. We'll provide yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a two-part class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Readers' Social Club

Age 18 and older
Thursday, May 23
6-7:30 pm



Summer Moon Coffee
625 Cog Circle Unit D, Crystal Lake

This isn't your typical book club! There's no assigned reading, no discussion to prepare for. Just bring whatever you happen to be reading and join us at Summer Moon Coffee in Crystal Lake for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.

Paddock Street Writers Guild Monthly Meet-Up

Tuesdays, May 28 and June 25
7-8:30 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Our monthly writers group is back! Join us every month to meet up and check in with other local writers. Bring whatever you're working on, or find inspiration here and get some writing done! Registration recommended.

Pride Craft-stravaganza!

Adult and Teen

Monday, June 3

6:30-8:30 pm

Ames Room



Kick off Pride 2024 with us by stopping by and making something special at our colorful craft night! Supplies and snacks will be provided, just bring your creativity! Supplies are limited. Registration is recommended.

Starting at MCC: Next Steps for Incoming Students

Adult and Teen (Grades 11-12)

Tuesday, June 4

5-6:30 pm

Ames Room

Are you committed to, or considering starting at McHenry County College? Learn how to get started from MCC staff. They will review next steps, timelines and expectations, such as how to engage with the college email, start New Student Orientation, meet placement needs and more. Attendees will receive a free application code. Registration required.

Knitting for Beginners Grade 5-Adult

Thursdays, June 13 and 20

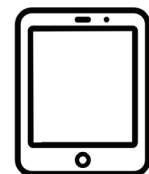
6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn the basics of knitting in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size 8 (circular or straight) knitting needles. We'll provide the yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a two-part class. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Visit the CLPL eLibrary for ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, comics, music & magazines!



clpl.org/eLibrary

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Rainbow Reads: A Pride Pop-Up Book Club

Age 18 and older

Thursday, June 20

7-8:30 pm

Ames Room



CLPL celebrates Pride 2024! We'll discuss Armistead Maupin's 1978 classic novel *Tales of the City*, and the legacy of LGBTQ+ literature. Copies available at the Circulation Desk and on hoopa.

Read the Rainbow Pride Celebration

All Ages

Wednesday, June 26

6-8:30 pm

Library Lawn



Everyone is welcome when CLPL celebrates Pride 2024! We'll have crafts, games and music. Refreshments will be available from Joe+Dough from 6:30-7:30 pm. Bring a T-shirt, tote or something else to tie dye with us. Craft supplies are limited and first-come, first-served. Registration required.

Home of the Brave Heritage Fest

Saturday, June 29

(Rain date Sunday, June 30)

10 am-2 pm

Colonel Palmer House

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Drop-In Crafts

Adult and Teen

Sunday, April 28 | 2-4 pm

Adult Services DIY Area

Drop in for crafting and good company. Whether you know what a "fandom" is or not, there's something for everyone! Supplies provided.

Build a DND Character

All Ages

Monday, April 29 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

Roll the dice and build your custom character from scratch with character-building sheets. Then, you can paint your tabletop miniature to get the game going! Fun for the whole family. Registration required.

Fandom Feud

Adult and Teen

Tuesday, April 30 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

Can you guess the top answers on the board? Participants can face off against each other to see who knows their fandoms. Prizes and bragging rights included! Registration required.

Barbie Murder Mystery Night

Age 16 and older

Thursday, May 2 | 6-7:30 pm | Ames Room

Hi Barbie! Come to our pink world and solve the Barbie murder mystery! Costumes encouraged. Which Barbie will you be? Registration required.

Fandom Fest

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | 9 am-4 pm | Adult and Youth Services

Enjoy fandom fun with crafts, photo ops and activity stations.

Saturday Morning Star Wars Movie

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | 10 am-12:30 pm | Ames Room

Come to the library in your Star Wars pajamas for a showing of *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. We'll have themed snacks for a light breakfast.

Free Comic Book Day!

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | All Day | Adult and Youth Services

Pick out a free comic book at the Youth or Adult Services desk while supplies last. One per person. No registration is required.



Kids Page

For more information about Youth Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6. Watch all video programs on the CLPL YouTube channel.



Meet Local Author: Refe Tuma

Grade 3 and older
Saturday, May 4
2-3 pm

Ames Room

Join local author Refe Tuma for a crash-course in storytelling (and a little mad science) with heroes, villains and the physics of storytelling as Refe inspires you to craft compelling stories in books, games, songs and even everyday conversations. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Terri

Thursday, May 2
10 am

Ms. Terri will share a special story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

CLPL @ Crystal Lake's Garden Party

All Ages
Saturday, May 4
10 am-Noon

Downtown Crystal Lake

Join us at Downtown Crystal Lake's Garden Party. We will be sharing spring stories near the gazebo.

After School Adventures

Grades K-5
Mondays, May 6, 13, 20
3:45-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Enjoy a surprise, hands-on activity. Crafts, games, building and robots. The activity will change every week! Drop in. No registration required.

Saturday Story Time and Play

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
Saturdays, May 11 and June 8
10:30-11:30 am

Program Rooms I & II

Join our short story time and playtime for children and their caregivers. Drop in. No registration required.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine

Thursday, May 16
10 am

Ms. Seanine will read a funny story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Crochet for Beginners

Grade 5-Adult
Thursdays, May 16 and 23
6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn the basics in this multi-generational class. Bring a size H/5.0mm crochet hook. We'll provide yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Story Times!

The following story times require registration with a CLPL card (except for Family Story Time on Tuesdays). To register, visit the calendar on clpl.org; call the library at 815.459.1687, ext. 6; or register in person at the Youth Services desk.



Mondays

Baby Time

Birth-17 months w/caregiver
June 3, 10, 17
9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Special story time for babies. We'll have stories, songs and lap-sit games.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
June 3, 10, 17
10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Tuesdays

Toddler Time

18-35 months w/caregiver
June 4, 11, 18
9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
June 4, 11, 18
10:30-11 am

Youth Services

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing. (No registration needed for this program)

Wednesdays

Preschool Story Time

3-5 years
June 5, 12, 19
9:30-10 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories and songs for preschool-aged children. (Adults encouraged to leave room to build kids' independence.)

Family Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver
June 5, 12, 19
10:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

Dream Riders Story Time

Ages 3-6

Fridays, May 17 and
June 14

10-10:30 am

Dream Riders TLC

4701 N. Oak St.

Crystal Lake

Enjoy a library story time at Dream Riders TLC horse farm. We'll meet special horses that work with kids. Program is held outdoors and is weather permitting. Attendees must sign waivers. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



World's Longest Line of Bookmarks

All Ages

Saturday, June 1 - Wednesday, July 31

CLPL will attempt to make the world's longest line of bookmarks, and you can help! Stop by the Youth or Adult Services desks for a bookmark.

Decorate it and return it to us by July 31. We'll join the bookmarks together and see how far they go!

Summer Adventures

Grades K-5

Mondays, June 3, 10, 17, 24

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26

1-2:30 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Drop by Youth Services for a surprise, hands-on activity. Crafts, games, building, robots - the activity will change every week. No registration required.

Caudill Book Club

Grades 4-8

Wednesdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26;

July 10, 17, 24

4-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Join Ms. Seanine for a special summer book club. Participants will vote on which books we'll read off the 2025 Rebecca Caudill Book Award nominee list. We will have snacks as we discuss each book. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Grab a blanket or chair, and join the library and Crystal Lake Park District as we team up to bring you concerts for kids and families this summer. For all ages.

BBR Band!

Friday, June 21

10-10:45 am

Main Beach, 300 Lakeshore Drive, Crystal Lake

The Being Bilingual Rocks (BBR) Band features Alina Celeste and Mi Amigo Hamlet with their son, Leo Walsh, and producer, Richard Rankin.



Crystal Lake Strikers

Saturday, June 29

10-10:45 am

Woods creek Park

1420 Willow Tree Drive, Crystal Lake

Enjoy a Strikers performance, meet the musicians and see their instruments up close. There'll be bubbles!

Laura Doherty

Friday, July 12

10-10:45 am

Veteran Acres, Acorn Alley Shelter

431 Walkup Road, Crystal Lake

Laura Doherty's shows are fun for the whole family, and her pop songs for kids will have you dancing and singing!



No registration required. Rain location: Crystal Lake South High School.

Maker Academy: Embroidery and Hand Sewing

Grades 3-8 w/caregiver

Tuesday, June 11

6:30-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Grab your grown-up and learn simple embroidery stitches and hand sewing. Take home a finished project that you made together. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Madoli Farms Story Time

Ages 2-6

Thursday, June 13

10-10:30 am

Madoli Farms

5215 Walkup Rd.

Crystal Lake

Enjoy story time on a working farm! See the farm animals, and browse and purchase from the farm market. There is a coin-fed grain dispenser available to feed goats and chickens. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 28-SATURDAY, MAY 4



Color Your Fandom

All Ages

Sunday, April 28 | 1:30-4:30 pm | Adult & Youth Services Departments
Color pages from a variety of fandoms. Supplies will be provided.

Superhero Trivia

Grades 2-5

Tuesday, April 30 | 4-5 pm | Ames Room

Join us for all kinds of superhero trivia! Questions may come from DC, Marvel or some other universe. Match your wits against other fans! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Wizards and Wands

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, May 1 | 4-5 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Get a wand and spell book, and test your magical abilities with potions and herbology lessons. Wear your robes if you'd like! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Pokémon Party

Grades K-5

Thursday, May 2 | 4-5 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Celebrate all things Pokémon with games, crafts and activities. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Superhero Story Time

Ages 3-6

Friday, May 3 | 1:30-2 pm | Program Rooms I & II

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's story time! Join us for a fun action-packed story time all about your favorite superheroes. Wear your favorite costume. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Fandom Fest

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | 9 am-4 pm | Adult and Youth Services

Enjoy fandom fun with crafts, photo ops and activity stations!

Free Comic Book Day!

All Ages

Saturday, May 4 | All Day | Adult and Youth Services

Pick out a free comic book at the Youth or Adult Services desk while supplies last. One per person. No registration is required.



Bluestem Book Club

Grades 3-5

Thursdays, June 13, 20, 27;

July 11, 18, 25

4:15-5 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Ms. Dawn and Ms. Ashlee will lead this book club where participants will vote on which books to read off the Bluestem 2025 nominee list. The club will meet weekly to discuss the selected books and do fun activities. Snacks provided. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Knitting for Beginners

Grade 5-Adult

Thursdays, June 13 and 20

6-8 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Learn the basics of knitting in this multi-generational class. Bring your own size 8 knitting needles (circular or straight). We'll provide the yarn. Participants in grades 5-8 must be accompanied by an adult. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Reading Buddies

Grades 1-3

Fridays, June 14 and 28

9:30-11 am

Program Rooms I & II

Practice reading with our Very Important Volunteers (VIVs) this summer! Children will be paired with teen volunteers to practice their reading skills and build confidence. Sign up for a 15-minute session. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Read With Me

Grades K-5

Saturday, June 15

10-11 am

(Sign up for a 15-min. session)

Program Rooms I & II

Would your child like to practice reading with a trained therapy dog? Read With Me is a special initiative of the Pet Partners Therapy Animal Program. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Tweens & Teens

For more information about Tween and Teen programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687.

Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Karamy

Thursday, June 20
10 am

Ms. Karamy will share a special story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesday, June 25
Grades K-2: 1-2 pm
Grades 3-5: 3-4 pm
Ames Room

Pick your favorite character and race in our Mario Kart Tournament. We'll have fun activities while you're waiting and watching other racers dodge turtle shells. Nintendo Switch console and remotes provided by the library. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.



Family Evening Story Time

Birth-5 years w/caregiver

Tuesday, June 25
6:30-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Bring the family and enjoy a story time together. Prepare to dance and sing! Registration required.

Story Time at the Park

All ages w/caregiver



Friday, June 28

11-11:30 am

Veteran Acres Park, 431 Walkup Rd.
Crystal Lake

Enjoy stories, songs, games and lots of fun at this outdoor story time. Bring a blanket. Program held weather permitting. Registration required.

Custom Bleached Tees

Grades 6-12

Monday, May 13

6-7 pm

Library Lawn

Create your own custom T-shirt by spraying bleach over stencils on dark fabric! Bring a shirt of your own or use one of ours (sizes and quantity limited). Bleach, stencils, gloves and masks will be provided by the library. Dress for a mess! Registration required.

It's OK to Be Undecided in College: Exploration & Resources

Teen (Grades 11-12) and Adult

Tuesday, May 14

6-7:30 pm

Computer Lab

Still undecided about college, or looking to change careers? McHenry County College staff will talk about career exploration and resources. Attendees can take a career assessment to discover what career options may be the best fit for them. Registration required.

DIY Shoe Jibbitz

Grades 6-12

Thursday, May 23

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

Put your crocs in four-wheel drive and make Jibbitz with us. No crocs? No worries! Silicone charm bracelets will be provided for those who don't have a pair. Feel free to mix, match and trade your charms, too. Registration required.

Registration for all programs
opens at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, April 24

Starting at MCC: Next Steps for Incoming Students

Teen (Grades 11-12) and Adult

Tuesday, June 4

5-6:30 pm

Ames Room

Are you committed to, or considering starting at McHenry County College? Learn how to get started from MCC staff. They will review next steps, timelines and expectations, such as how to engage with the college email, start New Student Orientation, meet placement needs and more. Attendees will receive a free application code. Registration required.

Teen Pride: Colorful Crystal Suncatchers

Grades 6-12

Thursday, June 13

6-7:30 pm

Ames Room

June is Pride Month. Gather and celebrate inclusivity by creating a colorful crystal suncatcher. Each one will be different and unique. Materials will be provided. Registration required.



DIY Resin Art

Grades 6-8

Monday, June 24

6-7 pm

Program Rooms I & II

Participants will learn the method, process, tips and tricks to create a one-of-a-kind resin art piece. Once the resin solidifies, participants can pick up their masterpieces at the library. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Dive Into Reading: Teen Tie-Dye Beach Towels

Grades 6-12

Thursday, June 27

6-7:30 pm

Library Lawn

Create a tie-dyed beach towel and customize it with your name, a word or special design. Registration required.

Wanted: Very Important Volunteers (VIVs)

Ages 12-14

Would you like to help out at the library this summer? Youth Services is looking for Very Important Volunteers (VIVs) who are interested in learning new skills and earning volunteer service hours. Pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk. Applications are due May 6. Volunteers must be 12 years old by June 1.



Mission Statement
Crystal Lake Public Library:
We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.



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The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm May 15 and June 19. Visit clpl.org for more information.

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 1 pm-5 pm

Due to staff training, the library will open at noon Fridays, May 3 and June 7.

Library closed May 27.

Photos: Library staffers regularly take photos to use in library publications and promotional fliers. Written consent will be obtained from those named in a photo.

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Need a U.S. Passport?
Come to the Library!



Crystal Lake Public Library is an official passport acceptance facility. The library accepts DS-11 applications for passports at the Circulation Desk.

Appointments are preferred, but we do accept walk-ins. Visit clpl.org/services/passports for more information, or to book your appointment.

Trolley Tour to Include Library Stop



24th Annual Heritage Trolley Tour

Sunday, June 9

10 am-2 pm

Cost: \$20 in advance/\$25 day of

(Purchase tickets at Heisler's Bootery, 50 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake)

Hop on the trolley for a fun and informative ride around Crystal Lake! The Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission's 2024 tour will feature homes and structures that have been REMOVED (demolished) or MOVED. A portion of the tour will feature the history of the Crystal Lake Public Library and its impact on McHenry Avenue. The trolley tour is a timed and ticketed event. Tours start on the hour and half-hour and will last approximately 45 minutes. A souvenir tour book is included in the ticket price. The tour is held rain or shine. Contact Elizabeth Maxwell at 815-356-3738 or email emaxwell@crystallake.org for more information.