Library Story Time at Madoli Farms
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As we embrace the warmth of July and August, your Crystal Lake Public Library continues to blossom with exciting new programs and offerings, inspired by your valuable feedback and suggestions.

One of the core principles of our library is to cater to the diverse interests and needs of our community. In response to your requests, we are thrilled to introduce an array of new and non-traditional programs this summer. From bilingual programs and traditional handicrafts to outdoor story time sessions in the park and an escape room for tortured poets, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

We understand that our community is dynamic and ever-evolving, and we are committed to evolving with it. That’s why we’re constantly seeking innovative ways to engage, educate and entertain our patrons. Your input serves as the compass guiding our programming decisions, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to serve you in new and exciting ways.

So whether you’re a bookworm, a gardener, a maker, or an outdoor adventurer, we invite you to explore all that your Crystal Lake Public Library has to offer this summer. Together, let’s make this season one filled with learning, laughter and unforgettable experiences.

Sincerely,
Becky Fyolek
Executive Director

Take-and-Make Craft Kits
July 1-31 and Aug. 1-31
Register at clpl.org for a take-and-make craft kit to bring home and assemble. We provide instructions. Pick up your kit starting July 1 and Aug. 1, respectively, from the Youth and Adult Services desks. One kit per registration. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

July
Youth: Paper Plate Flag
Adult/Teen: Yarn Octopus

August
Youth: Olympic Medal
Adult/Teen: Up-cycled Magazine Bead Bracelet
Summer Reading Program 2024: Dive Into Reading!

Have you signed up for the Summer Reading Program, yet? Summer is just getting started so you have plenty of time to join!

The Crystal Lake Public Library wants everyone to dive into reading this summer.

The “Dive Into Reading” Summer Reading Program started June 1 and will 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.

Save the Date: Costume Exchange
All Ages
Saturday, Sept. 21
2-4 pm
Gather your clean and gently used youth, teen and adult costumes and accessories to exchange for something new to you. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

World’s Longest Line of Bookmarks!
All Ages
June 1 - July 31
CLPL is attempting 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! We’ve already had several bookmarks submitted.

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

Bilingual Night Series: ¡A Jugar Lotería!
Lotería Night!
All Ages
Thursday, July 18
6-7 pm
Ames Room
Play Lotería at the library! Lotería is very similar to Bingo, but uses pictures instead of numbers. All “ganadores” (winners) will get a prize! CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Ven y juega Lotería en la biblioteca! Lotería es muy parecido al Bingo, pero utiliza imágenes en lugar de números. ¡Todos los “ganadores” recibirán un premio! Este evento es para todas las edades. Solo para titulares de la biblioteca. Se requiere registro. Nota: Por favor registra a cada miembro de la familia que asiste.
**Book Clubs**

**Bookies Book Discussion**  
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom  
Registration required.  

- **Wednesday, July 17**  
  9:30-11:30 am  
  *The Summer Before The War* by Helen Simonson. Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).

- **Wednesday, Aug. 21**  
  9:30-11:30 am  
  *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Get copies at the Circulation Desk and on Libby and eReadIllinois (Boundless).

**Night Owls Book Club**  
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom  
A book club for readers who do their best after dark! Registration required.  

- **Monday, July 15**  
  7-8:30 pm  
  *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

- **Monday, Aug. 19**  
  7-8:30 pm  
  *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

**Between the Covers**  
Romance Book Club  
Ames Room: In person and via Zoom  
Registration required.  

- **Thursday, Aug. 1**  
  7-8:30 pm  

**Shelf Indulgence Book Club: Fantasy**  
Program held in the Ames Room  
Registration required.  

- **Wednesday, Aug. 14**  
  7-8:30 pm  
  *Nettle & Bone* by T. Kingfisher. Get copies at the Circulation Desk.

**Mystery of the Month Club & Romance of the Month Club**  
**Adult and Teen**  
July and August  
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 July 1 and August 1.

**Crafter Dark Social Hour**  
**Adult and Teen**  
Wednesdays, July 3 and Aug. 7  
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, July 11 and Aug. 8  
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.

**Let’s Grow…**  
**Introducing the CLPL Seed Library!**  
Crystal Lake Public Library is excited to announce the opening of its new Seed Library! Starting July 1, visit Adult Services to pick up seeds for your garden. We have a large variety of heirloom seeds for veggies, herbs, flowers and more. Limit 10 packs per visit.

The Seed Library is funded by the Crystal Lake Library Foundation.
Device Drop-In  
Fridays, July 12 and Aug. 9  
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.

Sen. Donald DeWitte Mobile Office Hours  
Tuesday, July 23  
10 am-Noon  
Adult Services DIY Area  
State Senator Donald DeWitte will be hosting mobile office hours at the library. Bring your questions and get feedback from the senator.

Internet Basics  
Monday, July 15  
10-11:30 am  
Computer Lab  
An introduction to internet browsing and understanding websites. Registration required.

Memory Café  
Thursdays, July 18 and Aug. 15  
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.

SCORE: Leveraging the Power of Business Librarians as a Business Resource  
Tuesday, July 23  
6:30-8 pm  
SCORE’s Zoom Channel  
A panel of business librarians will discuss how your local library can help save you time, effort and money. If you’re starting a business, or if you already have an existing business, the panel will demonstrate various helpful resources, including databases to search for customers and competitors. Learn how to use library services and hear real stories about how the business librarians have helped owners succeed. Registration required.

Readers’ Social Club  
Age 18 and older  
Thursday, July 25  
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 for an evening of reading and meeting fellow book lovers. Registration required.

Escape the Tortured Poets Department: a Taylor Swift-Themed Escape Room  
Monday, Aug. 5  
6-7 pm (Adult Session 1) or 7:30-8:30 pm (Adult Session 2)  
Ames Room  
The chairman of the Tortured Poets Department hereby extends the following challenge: Find the clues, solve the puzzles, escape the department or remain a tortured poet...evermore. Registration required.

Native Seed Collecting with Sarah Michehl  
All Ages  
Wednesday, Aug. 14  
10-11:30 am  
Ames Room  
Save those seeds! Join Sarah Michehl from The Land Conservancy of McHenry County for tips and tricks on how to collect your native plant seeds. Basic seed identification and collection methods will be covered. Our habitats need all the native plant help they can get, so utilize those seeds! Registration required.

A Matter of Balance  
Age: 60 and older  
Mondays, Aug. 19-Oct. 14  
(No program on Sept. 2)  
2-4 pm  
Ames Room  
This program is designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity for people age 60-plus. The program includes eight classes that run up to two hours each session, presented to a small group of participants, and led by a trained coach from Senior Services. The program enables participants to reduce the fear of falling by learning to view falls as controllable, setting goals for increasing activity levels, making small changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Saving Your Flower and Vegetable Seeds  
Thursday, Sept. 5  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Ames Room  
Saving seeds from flowers and vegetables is easy once you know the techniques. Join Rich Tobiasz, master gardener and McHenry County College instructor, as he walks you through pollination, fertilization, and the steps you need to take to collect and preserve those seeds for years to come. Registration required.

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, June 26
Adult Programs
For more information about Adult Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 7.

Movies

Reel Life Movies

**American Experience: Fly With Me**
- June 10
- 6-8:30 pm
- Ames Room
A screening and discussion of the movie. (2024, Not rated, 112 minutes). Program is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women-Crystal Lake Branch. Registration required.

Tuesday Night Movies

**Arthur the King**
- July 16
- 6-8 pm
- Ames Room
2024, PG-13, 107 minutes.

**The Boys in the Boat**
- Aug. 20
- 6-8:30 pm
- Ames Room
2023, PG-13, 123 minutes.

Feel Good Friday Movies

**Mamma Mia!**
- July 26
- Noon-2:30 pm
- Ames Room

**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**
- Aug. 23
- Noon-2:30 pm
- Ames Room
2018, PG-13, 114 minutes.

CLPL Offers Free Homebound Service

Are you or a family member homebound due to an illness or mobility issues? Did you know the Crystal Lake Public Library will bring materials to you - at your home?

The library offers free homebound delivery to our cardholders. We have a team of volunteers who help us with this mission. If you or a loved one need this service, call Mary Robinson in our Adult Services department at 815.459.1687, ext. 153 and she’ll get you signed up to start receiving materials at your home.

Memory Kits For Adults Now Available

If you have a friend or loved one with memory challenges, check out a Memory Kit in the Adult Services department.

The kits are filled with special items and activities that aim to promote mental and emotional interest.

Send Print Jobs From Home to the Library

Did you know you can send print jobs directly from your home computer, smart phone or tablet to the library’s printers? The library has printing machines in Adult and Youth Services.

Visit clpl.org > services > technology for the link to our ePrintIt service. Copies costs 10 cents for black and white, and 50 cents for colored.

If you need help, call our Adult or Youth Services departments at 815.459.1687, ext. 7 (Adult ) or 6 (Youth).

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, June 26
Trash Crafts: T-shirt Bags & Jean Bags
Grades 6-12
Thursday, July 11
6-7:30 pm
Ames Room
We’ll use old T-shirts and jeans to create reusable bags of surprising capacity and endurance, and help our oceans at the same time. Too much of what we believe we recycle actually ends up in our oceans. Discover different ways to reuse something before it adds to the clutter. Registration required.

DIY Color Changing Slime
Grades 6-8
Friday, July 19
3-4 pm
Program Rooms I & II
Have you ever created color changing slime? This slime goes from one color to another when its temperature changes. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Teen Summer Movie Night
Grades 6-12
Thursday, July 25
6-8 pm
Ames Room
It’s summer break! Bring your friends and meet other teens for a movie and snacks. Movie selection will be teens’ choice and voted on at the program start time! Registration required.

LEGO® Regatta!
Grades 6-12
Monday, July 29
6-8 pm
Ames Room
You saw the Crystal Lake Cardboard Regatta. Now compete in the LEGO® Regatta! Participate in teams to create the best LEGO® boat you can. Then, we’ll test your creation in a pool to see which can float against the most elements! Prizes awarded for different categories. Supplies provided. Registration required.

Escape the Tortured Poets Department: a Taylor Swift-Themed Escape Room
Monday, Aug. 5
1-2 pm (Teen Session 1) or 3-4 pm (Teen Session 2)
Ames Room
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Personalized Locker Magnets
Grades 6-12
Thursday, Aug. 8
6-7:30 pm
Ames Room
Create easy personalized magnets to decorate your school locker. Registration required.

Stickerpalooza!
Grades 6-12
Thursday, Aug. 22
6-8 pm
Ames Room
Drop by the library and celebrate back-to-school season by picking up fun new stickers. Select some for your laptop, water bottle, sketch books and more. Bring your unused stickers to trade with others. Plus, we’ll have a sticker maker so you can make your own custom minis.

DIY Your Room: Hanging Cloud Lamps!
Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Aug. 28
6-7:30 pm
Program Rooms I & II
Have you ever created hanging cloud lamps? This DIY will make a fluffy, floating cloud light for your room! Enjoy snacks and bubble tea while you craft. Registration required.

It’s Lit! DIY Candle Making
Grades 6-12
Wednesday, Aug. 28
6-7 pm
Program Rooms I & II
Experience the art of candle making with custom scents and colors. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Registration for all programs opens at 9 am
Wednesday, June 26
For more information about Youth Services programs, visit clpl.org and click on Calendar or Programs, or call 815.459.1687, ext. 6.

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
July 8, 15, 22
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
July 8, 15, 22
10:30-11 am
Program Rooms I & II
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.

**Tuesdays**

**Toddler Time**
18-35 months w/caregiver
July 9, 16, 23
9:30-10 am
Program Rooms I & II
Songs, rhymes, dancing and stories for exuberant toddlers.

**Family Story Time**
Birth-5 years w/caregiver
July 9, 16, 23
10:30-11 am
Youth Services
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing. *(No registration needed for this program)*

**Wednesdays**

**Preschool Story Time**
3-5 years
July 10, 17, 24
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
July 10, 17, 24
10:30-11 am
Program Rooms I & II
Stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing.
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.

**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! Doherty has performed hundreds of shows at premier venues and festivals across the country. Julie Ann’s Frozen Custard will be on site selling delicious custard.

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

**Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Terri**

**Thursday, July 18**
10 am
Ms. Terri will share a special story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

**Dream Riders Story Time**

**Ages 3-6**
Fridays, July 19 and Aug. 16
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.

**Read With Me**

**Grades K-5**
Saturday, July 20
10-11 am
(Sign up for a 15-minute 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.

**Disney Sing-Along: The Little Mermaid**

**Ages 4-12 w/caregiver**
Thursday, July 25
1-2:30 pm
Ames Room

Dance, sing and interact under the sea with “The Little Mermaid.” Rated G, 1989. Kids will receive props to use during the movie. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

**Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, June 26**
**Principals READ**

*Grades Pre-K-5, Families Welcome!*

2-2:30 pm  
Program Room I & II

Join your principal and assistant principal as they share stories and celebrate reading. Feel free to wear spirit wear or school colors. No library card or registration needed! While you’re here, you can sign up for a library card or Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 Student Access card!

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**Get Ready to Go Back to School!**

**Story Time at the Park**  
All ages w/caregiver  
Friday, July 26  
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.

**SpherOlympics**  
Grades 4-5  
Tuesday, July 30  
4-5 pm  
Ames Room  
Code and compete in the Sphero Summer Olympic Games using Sphero Edu and tablets. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

**Family Evening Story Time**  
Birth-5 years w/caregiver  
Tuesday, July 30  
6:30-7 pm  
Program Rooms I & II  
Bring the family and enjoy a story time together. Prepare to dance and sing! Registration required.

**Smokey the Bear’s Birthday Bash**  
All Ages  
Friday, Aug. 9  
9 am-4:30 pm  
Youth Services  
Smokey the Bear is turning 80! Come to Youth Services to celebrate. Make Smokey the Bear a birthday card, join us for some crafts, and learn more about wildfires.

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**Registration for all programs opens at 9 am Wednesday, June 26**
Virtual Story Time w/Ms. Seanine
Thursday, Aug. 15
10-10:30 am
Join Ms. Seanine as she reads a funny story. Watch on the CLPL YouTube channel.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation
Saturday, Aug. 17
Session 1: 9:30-10:15 am
Session 2: 11-11:45 am
Ames Room

Congratulations to our graduates! Join us for a party with books, dancing and snacks. Registration is required. Please call 815.459.1687 ext. 6, or visit the Youth Services desk to register.

D47 Students: Get Your Student Access Card!
6th Graders Must Renew Cards
Students who live outside the city of Crystal Lake boundaries can get a Student Access Card from Crystal Lake Public Library if they attend a Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 school. More than 600 students registered for the new cards last year.

New kindergarten-8th graders starting at D47 schools for the 2024-2025 school year can apply for a Student Access Card starting Thursday, Aug. 1. Returning sixth-grade students must renew their Student Access Cards this year since they are switching schools. Renewals start on Aug. 1. as well.

Student Access Cards allow nonresident D47 students to borrow up to three books or audiobooks at a time from the library, and provide access to the library’s programs and online educational databases. The card program was made possible through an intergovernmental agreement between Crystal Lake Public Library and Crystal Lake Elementary District 47.

To obtain a card, parents/caregivers should bring a valid photo ID and current proof of address to the library’s Circulation Desk.

Library Cards for Kids Act
Students in preschool through 12th grade who live outside of the library’s service boundaries (the city of Crystal Lake) and are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced-Price Meal Program qualify for a free Crystal Lake Public Library card through the Illinois Cards for Kids Act. The card provides users the same access and benefits that regular cardholders have.

To obtain a card, parents/caregivers should visit the Circulation Desk. Please bring a valid photo ID, current proof of address, and proof of eligibility.

Public Works Story Time
Ages 3-6
Friday, August 23
10-11 am
Crystal Lake City Hall
100 W. Woodstock St.
Do you like big vehicles? The Crystal Lake Public Works Department is partnering with the library for a story time and tour! After a short story time, we will be treated to a tour of the trucks that the city uses to keep our roads safe. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required.

Children at the Public Works Story Time see the city’s trucks up close and learn all about them.
Mission Statement
Crystal Lake Public Library:
We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 pm July 17 and Aug. 21. 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 Friday, Aug. 2.

Library closed July 4.

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.

Follow Us on Social Media!
Keep up with the library’s latest news. Follow our pages and share our posts on social media. Watch our virtual programs on the CLPL YouTube channel.
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Clay Jenkinson is J. Robert Oppenheimer

Friday, October 25
7 pm
at the
Raue Center for the Arts

Historical actor/author Clay Jenkinson brings Robert J. Oppenheimer to life through a gripping first-person portrayal. No prior graduate degree in quantum physics required.

Tickets: $45 / $49 / $59*
Raue Center for the Arts Box Office
Open Noon-4 pm Tuesday-Friday
26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake
rauecenter.org/ 815.356.9212

*Additional fees apply. Fundraiser to benefit the Crystal Lake Library Foundation and the Raue Center for the Arts.