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PROGRAM REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

For more information, payment options, and to register, please visit our website at www.tcpld.org or call (630) 365-2244.

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Programs with this symbol  have a fee for participation.

REGISTRATION FOR PROGRAMS OPENS ON MAY 13.

In-person registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Online and phone-in registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

See online calendar for more information.

<https://elburn.librarymarket.com>

VIRTUAL PROGRAM GUIDE

A full virtual version of this program guide is available online. Use the QR or visit our website to view.

Registration pages can easily be found by clicking on the desired program in the virtual guide.



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Town & Country Public Library will be closed on the following days:

May 27, 2024

Memorial Day

July 4, 2024

Independence Day

September 2, 2024

Labor Day

Calling all artists! Want your artwork on our fall program guide? Enter our Cover Art Contest! Visit our website for details and let your creativity shine!

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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.
Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

The popular annual Mother's Day Weekend Flower and Plant sale and Spring Garden Raffle started in 2004 will be held May 10 and 11th. We have a variety of 4.5" annuals, locally grown; geraniums, million bells, petunias, dragon wings, begonias, heliotrope, coleus, spikes, ivy and more. Specialty 6" plants; fuchsia, Joey Ptilous and hanging baskets are available. Selection of plants is available on our website: www.elburnfriends.org. Pre-orders can be placed by calling Joan Hansen (630) 251-4628.

The FOL continue to maintain the Book Nook in the lobby area and cart adjacent to the coffee bar with donations from the community. Donations are accepted during Library hours. No encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, VHS or items not suitable for resale. For more information, contact our website maintained by Robert W. Harford.



The Friends of the Library (FOL) President, Joan Hansen and Jacqui Fountain, Director, enjoy their lunch on the outdoor patio furniture last summer located at the West end of the Library. The Library purchased this furniture from the FOL proceeds received by the ongoing Book Nook, the annual Mother's Day Weekend Flower and Plant Sale and annual membership fees of only \$5.00. All proceeds benefit the Library. Later this year, we plan donations to the Library to provide Wi-Fi printing throughout the building for all patrons.



Meet Our Adult Services Manager, Jamie Gehin

Please join us in welcoming Jamie Gehin! She brings a decade of library experience and a passion for community engagement. Formerly the Adult Program Coordinator at the Deerfield Public Library, Jamie rejuvenated the adult programming and fostered creativity during some rather challenging times. Now, she looks forward to enriching Elburn with an array of programs, including virtual and in-person art, cooking, history, and science classes, as well as multi-generational events like guided hikes, Bingo, and Scrabble Club. Jamie is eager to meet with the community and welcomes program suggestions.



Summer Reading Read, Renew, Repeat the fun starts June 3rd!

Embark on an epic summer reading adventure at our library! Join us as we kick off the season on June 3rd with the Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling Science Center—a 320-square-foot mobile hub for all ages. Explore biodiversity, natural resources, and environmental stewardship through interactive exhibits.

Dive into books, join exciting events, and win fantastic prizes. Let's make this summer unforgettable, starting with our June 3rd kickoff!

Arts & Crafts Programs

Craft Club [®]

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 27, 5:30 p.m.

Craft Club is a monthly gathering for teens and adults that have a passion for any sort of crafting. Some supplies will be available, but feel encouraged to bring your own as well.

Ages: Teen - Adult

Crafternoon [®]

Thursday, June 6, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 11, 2:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and get creative with our two exciting projects. Upcycle old CDs into fun room decorations, and in July, paint and decorate wooden fishbone windchimes. Let's craft together!

Ages: 5 - 14

Crafter-work: [®]

Message in a Bottle

Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m.

Stop by after work (anytime between 5:30-8:30) to craft a Message in a Bottle! Create keepsakes with mini messages in decorative bottles, perfect for gifting or heartfelt decor.

Ages: Adult

Herringbone Weave Class [®]

Saturday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.

Dive into the world of wire weaving with Susan Barzacchini, author of "Inventive Wire Weaving," in this immersive workshop! Learn to create a captivating herringbone weave around a single bead, mastering secured coiled loops and a jump ring attachment. All materials provided, but bring your reading or magnifying glasses for the intricate work.

Explore the versatility of this technique with Susan's showcase of herringbone woven earrings and bracelets. Join us for an afternoon of creativity and skill-building!

Ages: Adult

Origami Lotus [®] Flower Making Workshop

Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 p.m.

Discover the art of origami in this engaging workshop! Join us to learn how to create an origami lotus flower, a symbol of strength, resilience, and rebirth. All materials provided, just bring yourself and get ready to have fun. Once you master this craft, you can create beautiful lotus flowers at home. Perfect for individuals or groups, this activity makes a meaningful gift idea.

Ages: 12 - 18+

Arts & Crafts Programs

Art in the Afternoon [®]

Tuesday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a delightful session of summer-themed art! Children aged 3-5 will enjoy a range of engaging and easy-to-follow craft projects. Each session offers a new and exciting creation. Let your little one's creativity bloom this summer! Caregivers are invited to stay and help if the child cannot work independently. This drop-in program is available anytime between 1-2:00, and each simple project will take about 20 minutes.

Ages: 3 - 5

Afternoon Art [®]

Join us for a creative exploration of art and friendship! Each month, we'll delve into the world of a different artist and discover exciting new techniques. In June, we'll capture the magic of fireflies in a jar, and in July, we'll dive into the ocean with watercolor and newspaper seahorses. This program is perfect for hanging out with friends and unleashing your inner artist!

Thursday, June 20, 1:30 p.m.

Fireflies in a jar

Thursday, July 25, 1:30 p.m.

Watercolor and Newspaper Seahorses

Ages: 6 - 9

Preschool Play-Doh Party

Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a squishy, squashy Play-Doh Party! Preschoolers will love getting creative with colorful Play-Doh, shaping and molding their imaginations into reality. From tiny critters to towering castles, the possibilities are endless! This hands-on event encourages sensory play and fine motor skills development in a fun and exciting way. Come join the fun and let your creativity run wild!

Ages: 0 - 5

Twens and Teens [®] Art Scene

Calling all teens with a creative spark! Join us at the library each month for a fantastic art adventure. In June, we'll be painting Acrylic Fireflies in a Midnight Field, capturing the magic of a summer's night. Then, in July, dive into the world of watercolor as we craft beautiful seahorses using newspaper. Let your imagination soar and your artistic skills shine at our seasonal crafting sessions!

Wednesday, June 19, 3:00 p.m.

Acrylic Fireflies in a Midnight field

Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.

Watercolor & Newspaper Seahorses

Ages: 10 - 17

ARTS & CRAFTS

Entertainment Programs

Preschool Music Party

Tuesday, June 25, 1:00 p.m.

Calling all preschoolers! Come sing, dance, and play with all your friends at the library. Our lively program features music, dancing, musical instruments, and more. Join us for a fun-filled session of laughter and learning.

Ages: 0 - 5

Scrabble Club



Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.

Join our Scrabble Club and expand your lexicon while making new friends at the library! We'll meet in the cafe area for a relaxing game of words. Tea will be provided to enhance your gaming experience. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, all are welcome.

Ages: Adult

Obscurity Book Club: *Fire Weather*

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

HELD OFFSITE

Join us at Obscurity Brewing for a discussion on *Fire Weather* by John Vaillant. Explore the profound relationship between fire and humanity in this captivating narrative about a colossal wildfire. From the author of *The Tiger and The Golden Spruce*, this event promises to be enlightening.

Ages: Adult

Noon Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 18, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20, 12:00 p.m.

Join the Noon Book Discussion Group for a lively discussion about some of today's most popular books.

Books can be picked up at the Circulation Desk.

Ages: Adult

Peaches and Baseball

"There's No Crying in Baseball!"

Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Join Rebecca Tulloch, a modern Rockford Peach and manager of the "League of Our Own" vintage softball team, as she explores the real women who inspired the film. Discover the stories of the Women of the Greatest Generation who played professional baseball during WW2.

Ages: Adult

Film Club

Select Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a movie night with friends as Film Studies instructor Joshua Casburn helps us to experience movies in a new way.

Ages: Adult

History & Genealogy Programs

Family History Study Hall

Wednesday, July 17, 2:30 p.m.

Family History Study Halls are for genealogy enthusiasts to gather, share resources, and collaborate on research.

Ages: Adult

Family History Writers

Wednesday, June 5, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7, 2:30 p.m.

Join a monthly group for those interested in writing down their family stories.

Ages: Adult

How to Find the Genealogy of a House and Those That Lived in It [®]

Monday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

Unlock the secrets of your home's history! Join us for "How to Find the Genealogy of a House and Those That Lived in It" with Vicki Ruthe Hahn, President of Stateline Genealogy Club, LLC. Discover fascinating genealogy techniques to unveil architectural clues, local history, legal documents, maps, and stories about your home and its former residents. Whether you're a history buff or just curious about your home's past, this program promises to be enlightening and engaging. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover the hidden stories behind your home's walls!

Ages: Adult

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

The Kane County Genealogical Society will host monthly genealogy programs at the library every 4th Thursday at 7p.m..

Check our calendar for details.

The Town and Country Public Library has partnered with the Kane County Genealogical Society to make the Lawrence J. Martin Heritage Center available to the public.

Hours:

Friday: 10a.m. - 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month: 10a.m. - 2 p.m.

Appointments strongly encouraged.

Email the Kane County Genealogical Society
kcgsinfo@gmail.com

Home & Wellness Programs

**By the Light of the Moon:
An Evening Garden** [®]

Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

Join horticulturist Heather Prince for an enlightening talk on twilight gardening! Discover how to create a magical garden retreat for the evening hours, with plants that thrive in twilight's hues. Let Heather's passion and experience inspire you to transform your garden into a serene sanctuary, perfect for unwinding.

Ages: Adult

**Green Cleaning
with Herbs** [®]

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Revamp your cleaning routine with herbs! Learn to create herb-infused vinegar, scrub ceramics, and craft detergents. In-person demos show how to use herbs and oils for antibacterial cleaning. Get supply lists and recipes to clean green effortlessly!

Ages: Teens & Adults

Butterfly Host Plants [®]

Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join botanist Chris Benda for a journey into the world of butterflies and pollinators! Learn to attract these delicate creatures to your garden with native plant species. Chris will guide you in incorporating these plants, helping you transform your garden into a haven for butterflies and pollinators.

Ages: Teens & Adults

I-Cash:**Discover What's Yours**

Thursday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.

The State Treasurer is holding 2.5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds for Illinoisans. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification. Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to discover what's yours!

Ages: Adult

**Fabyan Villa &
Japanese Garden Tour** [®]Thursday, June 6, 3:00 p.m.
HELD OFFSITE

Embark on an adventure to the Fabyan Japanese Garden and Villa, a tranquil oasis blending history, nature, and design. Established around 1910, the garden reflects the Fabyans' deep appreciation for Japanese culture. Immerse yourself in this historic gem where Frank Lloyd Wright left his mark.

Ages: Adult

Medicare Basics [®]

Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an informative Medicare seminar! Whether you're turning 65 or nearing retirement, this session is for you. Gain valuable insights into your Medicare options.

Ages: Adult

Home & Wellness Programs

Hatha Yoga



Mondays, 9:30 a.m.
Summer Session
June 10- July 29
\$40⁰⁰ for 8 classes

Grab your yoga mat and towel, put on comfy clothes, and get ready for a relaxing hour of yoga with seasoned instructor Lynn Meredith.

Ages: Adult

Family Yoga



Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for family yoga where we will focus on our breath and move through yoga postures all while connecting deeper and having fun!

Ages: 5 - 12 & their families

Chair Yoga



Wednesdays, 1:00p.m.
Summer Session
June 12- July 31
\$40⁰⁰ for 8 classes

Experience chair-assisted yoga with Lynn Meredith—gentle, non-strenuous exercises offering yoga benefits without the floor.

Bring a yoga block and strap.

Ages: Adult

DIY Spa Workshop: Sugar Scrub



Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 p.m.

Calling all teens! Dive into DIY fun at this sugar scrub workshop. Create your own spa-worthy sugar scrub, perfect for pampering yourself or gifting. Get crafty with us and leave feeling refreshed and rejuvenated!

Ages: 12-17

Qigong and Beautiful Sound Meditation



Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.

Discover serenity in motion! Join our beginner-friendly Qigong workshop, blending gentle movements and calming breathwork. Complete the experience with the melodic tones of crystal singing bowls and soothing sound instruments.

Find your inner peace with us!

Ages: Adult

DIY Spa Workshop: Bath Bombs



Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 p.m.

Get ready for fizz-tastic fun! Teens, join us at the library for a hands-on DIY bath bomb workshop. Create colorful, fragrant bath bombs to elevate your bath time. Unleash your creativity and take home soothing, spa-like treats!

Ages: 12-17

HOME & WELLNESS

Learning & Discovery Programs

Family STEAM Night ®

Thursday, August 29, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for Family STEAM Night! Explore our STEAM kits with hands-on activities for all ages. Dive into science, technology, engineering, art, and math together as a family.

Ages: Everyone

Family LEGO Night

Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m.

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LEGO Days

Tuesday, June 4, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.

Drop in with your family and showcase your LEGO skills! Join us for a fun-filled LEGO building session. No registration required—just stop by and get creative!

Ages: Everyone

The Story of the Telescope ®
and Star Party

Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.

Discover the fascinating history and workings of telescopes, from Galileo to Isaac Newton. After the presentation, join us for a star party with telescopes set up for viewing planets and deep space objects!

Ages: Everyone

What's in the Night Sky ®
and Star Party

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 p.m.

Explore the wonders of the night sky! Learn about stars, planets, galaxies, and more. After the presentation, join us for a star party with telescopes set up for viewing celestial objects, weather permitting.

Ages: Everyone

STEAM Challenge ®

Thursday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 1, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a STEAM Challenge! Kids aged 6-9 will enjoy hands-on activities that explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Let's learn and create together!

Ages: 6 - 9

Tween/Teen Scene: ®**STEAM Challenge**

Wednesday, June 26, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31, 4:00 p.m.

Come have a blast with Mrs. Hansen! We're diving into awesome STEAM projects—planning, designing, and engineering our way through exciting challenges each class. Ready for the fun?

Ages: 10 - 14

Learning & Discovery Programs

LEARNING & DISCOVERY

Lunch & Learn [®] **Financial Workshop: Retirement Challenges**

Wednesday, August 14, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a retirement planning workshop! Presented by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois, learn how to stretch your dollar and budget effectively during retirement.

Ages: Adult

Lunch & Learn [®] **Financial Workshop: Credit Reports and Scores**

Wednesday, August 28, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for this informative program with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois! Learn how to read, understand, and clean up your credit report, getting you ready for that big purchase.

Ages: Adult

College Planning Workshop: Go to College, Not Into Debt [®]

Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a comprehensive college planning workshop! Discover strategies for lowering college costs under new FAFSA rules, and find the best-fit, affordable college for your student.

Ages: Teens & Adults
Program held virtually.

Lunch & Learn [®] **Inside Chicago's Intriguing House Museums**

Friday, June 28, 12:00 p.m.

Discover the stories behind Chicago's iconic house museums! Join architectural historian Laurie Petersen for an illustrated talk on the owners, architects, and neighborhoods of these once-threatened treasures, now open to the public.

Ages: Adult

College Planning Workshop: Career Planning [®] **for High Schoolers**

Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.

Prepare for college with a solid career plan! This workshop guides students in career decision-making, minimizing student loan debt, and achieving on-time graduation. Gain confidence in your future and get an overview of financial college planning.

Ages: Teens & Adults
Program held virtually.

The Hidden Gifts [®] **of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin**

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m.

Rescheduled from April, join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin. Dr. Grandin has led research and activism for decades. Explore her journey through her memoir and writings on autism and neurodiversity.

Ages: Adult

Learning & Discovery Programs

Junior Explorers [®]

Friday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.
 Friday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.
 Friday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a day in the garden! Come explore the world of plants with this investigative science program. You will have the opportunity to explore through hands-on activities, arts and crafts, and so much more!

Ages: 6 - 10

Nature Journaling [®]

Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

Calling all nature explorers! Join us to create journals and bookmarks from recycled materials, then head outside to record what you see! A perfect activity for kids to connect with nature

Ages: 8 - 12

Raptors in Your Neighborhood [®]

Wednesday, July 17, 5:00 p.m.

Discover the world of Birds of Prey (Raptors) in our area! Get up close with Owls, Hawks, and Falcons to learn fascinating facts and their crucial role in our ecosystem. Gain a deep appreciation for these wild creatures!

Ages: Everyone

Rivers and Streams Hike: Exploring Ferson Creek [®]

Monday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.
HELD OFFSITE

Join us on a nature hike through the Ferson Creek watershed with a naturalist. Discover the wonders of streams, ponds, and rivers, and learn about the water cycle and the impact of pollution on our waterways. Experience the beauty of nature up close and personal!

Ages: Everyone

Paleontology Workshop: Fossils [®]

Thursday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.

Embark on a journey through time with our hands-on fossil workshop! Delve into the fascinating world of fossils, test your knowledge, and discover new facts. Plus, get creative and craft your very own fossil replica to take home. Join us for an unforgettable learning experience!

Ages: 6 - 10

Traveling Science Center [®]

Monday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.

Step into the Illinois Natural History Survey Traveling Science Center, a captivating 320-square-foot mobile hub for all ages. Explore biodiversity, natural resources, and environmental stewardship through interactive exhibits. With interchangeable panels, stunning displays, and engaging handouts, the experience is both enlightening and immersive.

Ages: Everyone

Stories & Readers Programs

Paws to Read ®

Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.
beginning June 5

Join us for a tail waggin' good time as you practice reading aloud to trained therapy dogs in the library. Children are invited to sign up for one-15 minute session with our wonderful therapy dogs. You can bring your own book to read or choose one available from our collection

Ages: 5-12

Family

Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
beginning June 4

Gather the kids for a delightful outdoor storytime at the Family Den! Enjoy seasonal stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities in a fun and engaging setting.

Ages: 0-6

Tea & Tales ®

Thursday, June 13, 2:00p.m.
Thursday, July 18, 2:00p.m.

Join Mrs. Hansen for a tea party and books! Bring your favorite stuffed friend & don't forget to wear your fancy clothes. We will be serving a beverage & light snack

Ages: 6 - 9

3-6 Year Old

Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
beginning June 6

Join Mrs. Hansen at the Outdoor Family Den for a storytime full of seasonal books, songs, fingerplays, and movement. This program is geared towards children who are comfortable attending on their own. Younger ones welcome with caregivers.

Ages: 3 - 6

Tween/Teen Scene: ®

Teatime Book Club

Wednesday, June 12, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17, 3:30 p.m.

Join Mrs. Hansen at the library for teatime and a story read-aloud. Enjoy a beverage and light snack (allergies? Bring your own). Fancy clothes optional! Copies of the book available to check out.

Ages: 10-14

Stories at ®

Creek Bend Nature Center

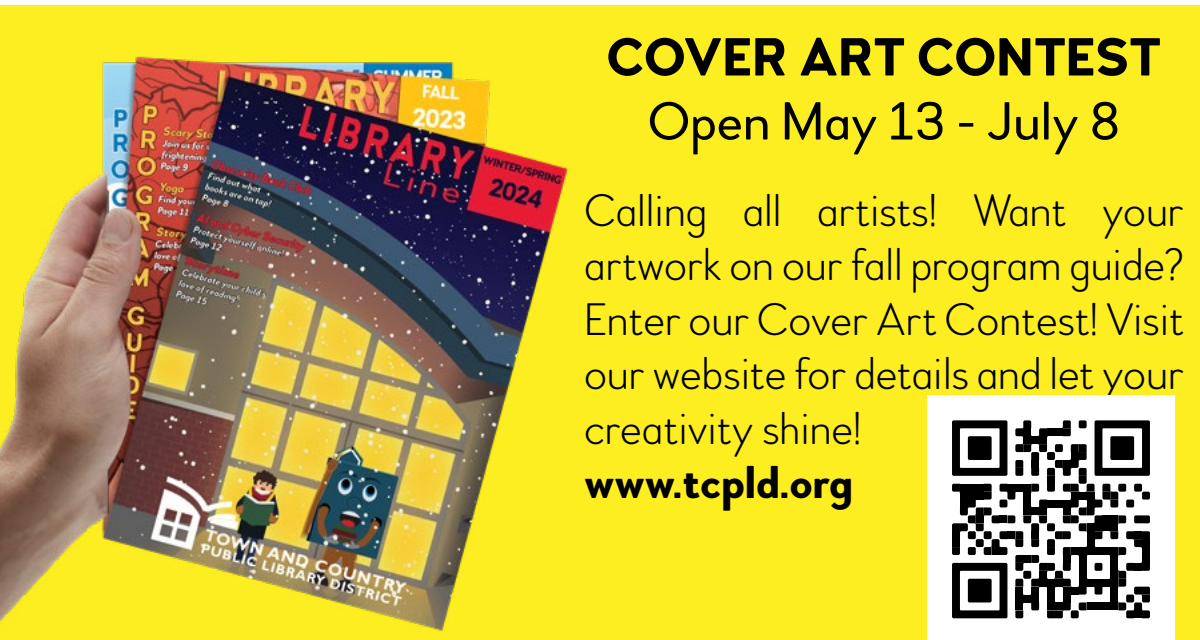
Wednesday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 a.m.
HELD OFFSITE

Children are invited to hear stories at the Creek Bend Nature Center at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. After the program, explore the Nature Center and walk the trails.

Ages: 0-6

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