

# LIBRARY Line

Summer  
2025

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## PROGRAM REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Registration for programs opens on May 19.**

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

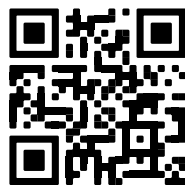
**Online and phone registration begin at 10:00 a.m.**

For details, payment options, and registration, visit [www.tcpld.org](http://www.tcpld.org) or call (630) 365-2244.

Programs marked with ® require preregistration, and those marked with \$ include a participation fee. For more information, see our online calendar.

## 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 26, 2025

Memorial Day

July 4, 2025

Independence Day

September 1, 2025

Labor Day

The cover art of a sunny beach-day illustration of Page Turner is by Teagan Murphy—and we loved it so much, we just had to feature it on our summer program guide!



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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

This year's Flower & Plant Sale and Spring Raffle will be held Friday, May 9, from 9 AM to 3 PM, and Saturday, May 10, from 9 to 11 AM. Browse a variety of hardy, locally-grown annuals, beautiful hanging baskets, and 12" patio tubs. All proceeds directly support our Library! Pre-orders are welcome—contact Joan Hansen at 630-251-4628.

Friends of the Library donations make a real impact, including ongoing Wi-Fi printing access for patrons. We also maintain the Book Nook in the library lobby and the cart by the coffee bar year-round. Look for our special Elburn Days Book Nook pricing the week of August 11-17! For more details about the Friends of the Library, visit [www.elburnfriends.org](http://www.elburnfriends.org), thanks to the efforts of our webmaster, Robert W. Harford.



Friends of the Library President/Treasurer Joan Hansen presents a check for \$4,000 to Library Director Megan Shumaker in May 2024. The donation represents proceeds from the Friends' annual Mother's Day weekend flower and plant sale.

## Mother's Day Weekend Flower and Plant Sale

Friday, May 9, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Add a little color to your home by picking up hardy locally grown annuals, hanging baskets, or 12" patio tubs.

Visit the Friends of Library website for more details: [www.elburnfriends.org](http://www.elburnfriends.org)



# Summer Reading

# Level

# Up

## June 5 – July 25

### Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff!

#### **Mobile Game Theater**

Thursday, June 5, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Jumpstart your summer with gaming on the go! Drop in for a turn in the ultimate mobile game theater. Play your favorite multi-player video games inside a luxury, limo-style gaming truck. Don't miss this fun way to kick off the season!

#### **Summer Concert with Will Fancher**

Thursday, June 5, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Will Fancher is a Chicago-based performer and singer-songwriter. Since 2021, he's taught in the Wiggleworms program at Old Town School of Folk Music. His comedy and music direction work has been featured at Second City, The Annoyance, and Laugh Out Loud Theater.

#### **Pariente Mix Food Truck**

Thursday, June 5, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Grab a delicious lunch from Pariente Mix! The food truck will be available from 11am - 1pm in the Library parking lot.

## Arts & Crafts Programs

### Art in the Afternoon <sup>®</sup>

Have fun creating simple summer themed art projects!  
Appropriate for ages 3-5 years old.

**Tuesday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.**

Red, White, & Blue

**Tuesday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.**

Painting the Ocean

Ages: 3 - 5

### Afternoon Art <sup>®</sup>

Chill with friends and make awesome art! From clay mosaics to Minecraft creations, each session is packed with creativity, fun materials, and good vibes.

**Thursday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.**

Minecraft Selfies

**Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Clay Mosaic Animal

Ages: 6 - 9

### Crafternoon <sup>®</sup>

Bring your friends and get creative this Summer as we "level up" with these exciting craft projects.

**Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.**

Perler Bead Keychains

**Wednesday, July 9, 2:00 p.m.**

Egg Carton Wreaths

Ages: 7 - 14

### Gone Fishin' Wet Felting <sup>®</sup>

**Thursday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.**

Create an amazing tropical fish with hand-dyed silk, wool and wet felting with Natasha Lehrer Lewis of Esther's Place! This realistic-looking fish is the perfect summertime craft. Fun to hang, frame or let float in your home.

Ages: Teens & Adults

### Tween/Teen Art Scene <sup>®</sup>

Hang out with your friends and create so amazing art! From gamer selfies to clay mosaics, join us and indulge your inner artist!

**Wednesday, June 25, 3:00 p.m.**

Painted Minecraft Selfies on Canvas

**Wednesday, July 23, 3:00 p.m.**

Clay Mosaic Animal

Ages: 10-17

### Basket Weaving Workshop <sup>®</sup>

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

Join us for a basket weaving class and try your hand at the ancient art of weaving. We will use natural reeds and different techniques to make a small basket. Taught by a volunteer boyscout.

Ages: 10 - 18+

## Arts & Crafts Programs

### **Crafterwork** ®

Unwind after work with our Crafterwork programs! Join us at the Library for creative projects, relaxing vibes, and hands-on fun. All skill levels welcome!

**Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 p.m.**

Kindness Rock Painting

**Tuesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Marble Painting

Ages: Adult

### **Little Crafters** ®

Join Mrs. Hansen for simple summertime crafting with your little ones. Projects are easy to complete and are designed to help children build their fine motor skills through cutting, coloring, gluing, and assembling.

**Tuesday, June 10, 1:00 p.m.**

Pool Ring Selfie

**Tuesday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.**

Fireflies

Ages: 3 - 6

### **Character Drawing Class** ® **with Brian Babendererde**

**Friday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.**

Brian "BMAN" Babendererde is a graphic novelist, illustrator, and video game designer known for creating high-octane comics like Soul Chaser Betty and Salvage Hounds as well as cult classic games like Septerra Core and Psi-Ops. Join Brian as he reveals the techniques for drawing comic and manga styled characters in a step-by-step, live demonstration as you follow along with your own drawing.

No art experience required!

All materials provided.

Ages: Teens & Adults

### **Mindful Art** ®

**Friday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, July 11, 1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 8, 1:00 p.m.**

Discover the power of art and mindfulness this summer with Colleen Clark, a licensed therapist. Relax, get creative, and connect with friends through fun, guided projects designed to help you de-stress and express yourself.

Ages: 8 - 13

### **Knit and Crochet Circle** ®

**Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 24, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Do you like to knit or crochet? All skill levels are welcome to attend. Just bring your current project!

**Please note, this is a social group and is not instructional.**

Ages: Adult

# ARTS & CRAFTS

## Entertainment Programs

### **Outdoor Concert:** ®

#### **Black Willow Brass Quintet**

Sunday, August 24, 2:00 p.m.

The Black Willow Brass Quintet performs an exciting mix of music from Bach to Radiohead. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs, or dancing shoes and enjoy an afternoon of lively, family-friendly music for all ages.

**Ages: Everyone**

### **ScribbleMonster:** ®

#### **Songs That are Games (or Games That are Songs?)**

Saturday, June 28, 11:00 a.m.

ScribbleJim's interactive show gets kids singing, dancing, and playing along with fun, creative songs. Blending music and games, this high-energy experience sparks imagination and guarantees plenty of smiles.

**Ages: Everyone**

### **Outdoor Puzzle Hunt** ®

Friday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

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

Much like an escape room, come and enjoy the outdoors with an outdoor puzzle hunt! Put together clues with your friends and work the puzzle or activity to go on to the next one. Get to the end and figure out the code to find the treasure chest!

**Ages: 8 - 12**

### **Ready, Set, Puzzle!** ®

#### **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**

Tuesday, July 29, 6:00 p.m.

Calling all dissectologists! Join TCPLD's jigsaw puzzle showdown. Teams of 1-4 have 2 hours to complete their puzzle—fastest team, or fewest pieces left wins.

Register as a team.

Ready, set, puzzle!

**Ages: 10+**

### **Retro Games**

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

Thursday, July 10, 1:30 p.m.

Rediscover old favorites and make new friends at this afternoon of classic board games! From Sorry! to Parcheesi, enjoy friendly competition, laughter, and community fun. All the library's games are coming out to play!

**Ages: Everyone**

### **Science Heroes:** ®

#### **Level Up**

Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, kids will get excited about the science that's all around them as we celebrate the scientists who level up our lives with puzzles and games.

**Ages: Everyone**



## Entertainment Programs

### **Dungeons & Dragons: History, Background & Gameplay** ®

Monday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.

Interested in Dungeons & Dragons but don't know where to start? Join us for an introductory class, during which we'll learn about D&D history with Nate Wagner, Librarian at Waubensee Community College, followed by an introductory gameplay.

Ages: Adult

### **Vecna's Curse Escape Room** ®

Saturday, August 23,

Sunday, August 24,

Work together to save Max before Vecna returns! Search her trailer, unlock her bedroom, and find the Mixtape in this Stranger Things-themed escape room. For groups of 2-5. Kids 13 and under must be with an adult.

Ages: Everyone

### **Scrabble Club** ®

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

Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.

Expand your lexicon while making new library friends! Coffee provided.

### **Scrabble: Evening Edition**

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Ages: Adult

### **Game Time: Dominoes!** ®

Thursday, August 21, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a few games of Dominoes with new library friends. Forget how to play? We will teach you!

Light refreshments provided.

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

### **1960s Songs of the Silver Screen** ®

Wednesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

Explore award-winning films and iconic music of the 1960s with film historian John LeGear. Enjoy an uplifting look at the movies that brought comfort and escape during a transformative era in American history.

Ages: Adult

ENTERTAINMENT

## Health & Home Programs

### Hatha Yoga



Mondays, 9:30 a.m.

Summer Session

June 9 - July 14

**\$30<sup>00</sup> for 6 classes**

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

**Ages: Adult**

**Registration opens on May 12  
for TCPLD Library card holders.**

### Chair Yoga



Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Summer Session

June 12 - July 17

**\$30<sup>00</sup> for 6 classes**

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

**Ages: Adult**

**Registration opens on May 12  
for TCPLD Library card holders.**

### Family Yoga Series



Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for family yoga where we will focus on our breath, move through yoga postures and creative movement, experience relaxation through meditation and creative expression, all while connecting deeper and having fun!

**Ages: 5 - 12 and their families**

### Discover Dance Series



Ages: Walking - 2

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

June 4 - June 25

**Ages: 3-5**

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

June 4 - June 25

Build confidence and coordination as children grow with caregivers and explore movement, dance, and social skills together.

### Senior Social Hour



Friday, June 13, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, August 1, 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy puzzles, cards, crafts, movement, music, and friendly conversation at our Senior Social Hour! Open to all abilities, with occasional guest speakers on age-related topics. Light refreshments provided—come connect, create, and have fun in a welcoming space.

**Ages: Seniors**

### Garden Club



Monday, May 19, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

Grow your gardening skills with our monthly Garden Club! Learn from experts, share tips, and swap seeds, plants, and harvests while exploring seasonal topics like composting, seed starting, and veggie gardening.

**Ages: Adults**

## History & Genealogy Programs

### **Family History Writers** ®

Wednesday, June 4, 2:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2:30 p.m.

Family History Writers is a monthly group for those interested in writing down and sharing their family stories.

Ages: Adults

### **Family History Study Hall**

Wednesday, May 21, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20, 2:30 p.m.

Gather, research, and share genealogy resources with fellow enthusiasts!

Ages: Adult

### **Genealogy Lock-In**

Sunday, July 27, 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an opportunity to work on your genealogy or local history research with friends. Access all the library's local history and genealogy materials and get advice from seasoned genealogy researchers.

Ages: Adults

### **KCGS** ®

Join the Kane County Genealogical Society each month for a special presentation. All programs held in the Library Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.

**Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.**

AI & Genealogy: The Evolving Role of Artificial Intelligence in Genealogy

**Thursday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.**

From Questions to Conclusions: AI's Role in Modern Genealogical Research

**Thursday, July 24, 7:00 p.m.**

AI Developments  
and Uses for Genealogy

**Thursday, August 28, 7:00 p.m.**

at Batavia Public Library

The Ancestry Trifecta: Navigating Ancestry, Fold3, & Newspapers (Plus, If They're Worth The Price)

Ages: Adult

### **Lawrence J. Martin Heritage Center**

315 E Shannon St,  
Elburn IL 60119

#### **Hours:**

Friday: 10-2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month: 10 – 2 p.m.

# HISTORY & GENEALOGY

## Learning &amp; Discovery Programs

**AI: Current Trends  
and Future Forecast** ®

Thursday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.

Explore the foundations of AI, from neural networks to multimodal models, and discover how machines simulate human intelligence. Learn practical tools for safe, trustworthy AI in this intermediate session led by technologist and researcher Roman Eng.

Ages: Adult

**Internet Safety and Privacy** ®  
**with Wright to Learn**

Monday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.

The internet is full of resources and opportunities, but navigating safely and protecting your privacy can be intimidating. Learn key concepts and safe practices to find the level of online exploration that's right for you.

Ages: Adult

**Mars Academy:  
Robotics Workshop** ®

Monday, June 23, 5:00 p.m.

This workshop is perfect for kids aged 6-12 to explore the world of robotics in a fun and interactive way. They'll get hands-on experience with robots, learn basic coding concepts, and ignite their curiosity about technology.

Ages: 6 - 12

**SciTech:  
Engineering Arcade Game** ®

Build, test, and play your own arcade game! Get creative with SciTech in this hands-on STEM adventure full of designing, experimenting, and friendly challenges.

Ages: 5 - 8

Saturday, July 19, 1:00 p.m.

Ages: 9 - 12

Saturday, July 19, 2:30 p.m.

**Little STEAMers** ®

Join Mrs. Hansen for simple STEAM related activities. Children will learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in this interactive program.

Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 p.m.

Birds

Tuesday, July 15, 1:00 p.m.

Weather Watchers

Ages: 3 - 5

**STEAM Challenge** ®

Tuesday, July 29, 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30, 3:00 p.m.

Do you like playing board games? Do you have a really great idea for one? Join us at the library where we will help bring your idea to life!

**\*Participants must sign up for both classes.**

Day 1: Planning, designing, &amp; creating

Day 2: Final touches &amp; playing games

Ages: 8 -14

## Learning & Discovery Programs

### **City Beautiful: The Plan of Chicago** ®

Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 p.m.

Discover how the 1909 Plan of Chicago shaped the city and influenced urban design worldwide. Art Historian Jeff Mishur explores its origins, global inspirations, and legacy, from the 1893 World's Fair to the City Beautiful movement.

**Ages: Adult**

### **Chicago Black Renaissance with Illinois Humanities** ®

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

Celebrate Juneteenth with Dr. Davis as she explores the Chicago Black Renaissance. Discover the era's vibrant history through her engaging presentation, brought to you by Illinois Humanities in honor of Black artistry, culture, and resilience.

**Ages: Adult**

### **The Happy Invention: ® History & Significance of Picture Postcards**

Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.

Discover how picture postcards became snapshots of life and culture! From Illinois origins to worldwide fame, explore quirky, charming, and surprising stories behind this "happy invention" with expert Katherine Hamilton-Smith.

**Ages: Adult**

### **Naturalist Guided Hike: Summer Twilight Hike** ®

Monday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.

HELD OFF-SITE

Take a summer twilight hike with a naturalist and explore how animals adapt to warm nights. Watch for wildlife, listen for owls, and discover the secrets of day and night in nature's summer symphony!

**Ages: 5 -9**

### **Entomology Program: ® Metamorphosis**

Friday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.

Discover the amazing world of insect metamorphosis! See how insects grow and change, from silverfish to butterflies. Explore live and preserved specimens and learn about their unique life stages—egg, nymph, and adult!

**Ages: Everyone**

### **Reptile Rodeo: ® Reptile and Bug Presentation**

Wednesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.

Get ready for wild fun with Chicagoland's top traveling animal show! Meet some incredible reptiles and bugs up close, snap unforgettable photos, and discover snakes, lizards, and creepy-crawlies from around the world in this thrilling adventure!

**Ages: Everyone**

LEARNING & DISCOVERY



**Lego Challenge** ®

Channel your inner Lego Master and have fun building with friends! All you need to bring is your imagination! We will provide the materials.

Thursday, June 19, 2:30 p.m.

Marble Maze

Wednesday, July 16, 4:30 p.m.

Slide and Ramp

Wednesday, August 27, 4:00 p.m.

Balloon Powered Car

Ages: Everyone

**Chess Scholars Series** ®

Thursday, June 12, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 14, 4:30 p.m.

Boost your child's brainpower with chess!

Kids build focus, creativity, and strategy in fun, interactive lessons led by expert coaches. Beginners and seasoned players alike are welcome to join the challenge!

Ages: 8 -14

**Kindergarten Readiness** ®

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

June 10 - July 29

Prepare your child for kindergarten this fall by enrolling them in our Kindergarten Readiness Summer classes! These classes will reinforce skills such as: fine motor, early literacy, math and social skills.

**Children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2025 or 5 by Sept 1 are eligible.**

**Tween/Teen Scene:** ®**Teatime Book Club**

Wednesday, June 18, 3:30p.m.

Wednesday, July 16, 3:30p.m.

Join Mrs. Hansen at the Library for teatime and a story read-aloud. Enjoy a beverage and light snack (Allergies? Bring your own).

**Check our website for monthly book selection.**

Ages: 10 - 14

**Obscurity Book Club** ®

HELD OFF-SITE

Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at Obscurity Brewing in Elburn for a lively book discussion! Book to be determined.

Ages: Adult

**Noon Book Discussion** ®

Tuesday, June 17, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 p.m.

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

Ages: Adult

## Stories & Readers Programs

### **Preschool Storytime (Drop In)**

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.  
June 12 - July 31

Join us outside at The Family Den for storytime! These storytimes will include books, songs, and activities to help those growing preschool brains!

**Ages: 3 - 5**

### **Family Storytime (Drop In)**

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.  
June 11 - July 30

Join us for an outdoor storytime at the library! You will enjoy songs, flannel board activities, and stories that all work to enhance the development of early literacy skills.

**Ages: 0 - 5**

### **Mindfulness Storytime (Drop In)**

Friday, June 27, 10:00a.m.  
Friday, July 25, 10:00a.m.  
Friday, August 22, 10:00a.m.

This unique story time session aims to foster emotional intelligence and social skills in young children through carefully selected books that explore feelings, relationships, and self-awareness.

**Ages: 3 - 5 with caregiver**

### **Teddy Bear Picnic<sup>®</sup> and Story**

Thursday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

Bring your picnic blanket and your favorite stuffed friend. We will be reading a book and having a picnic snack outside at the Family Den.

**Ages: 5 - 9**

### **Twilight Tales<sup>®</sup>**

Thursday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Come to the library in your PJ's and snuggle with your best stuffie while listening to soothing stories and songs to set the mood for bedtime.

**Ages: 0 - 5**

### **Paws to Read<sup>®</sup> (Drop In)**


Wednesday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 16, 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 27, 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a tail waggin' good time as you practice reading aloud to trained therapy dogs in the library. Children are invited to stop by the library and read for 10 minutes.

**Ages: 5 - 13**

# STORIES & READERS

## POSTAL CUSTOMER



## COVER ART CONTEST

Open May 19 - July 9

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!

**[www.tcpld.org](http://www.tcpld.org)**

