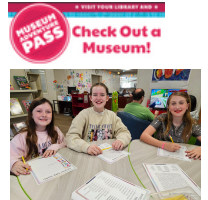




# Manhattan-Elwood PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

## SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY



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# Summer 2024 Program Guide

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Summer is here. The library invites people of all ages to join our summer reading program.

- Attend free events
- Take on our reading challenges
- Win prizes and raffles
- Help create a book spine mural

Sign up at any circulation desk!

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



## Annual Book Sale

Fill your shelves with books, movies, & more. Special FOTL member presale on June 6.

Manhattan | 240 Whitson Street

Jun 7 | 10 am-5 pm

Jun 8 | 10 am-2 pm

## Annual Garage Sale

Elwood | Mississippi Avenue

Jun 7 | 9 am-4pm

Jun 8 | 9 am-4pm

[mpld.org/friends](http://mpld.org/friends)

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# ROAD TRIP CHECKLIST

Materials and resources are free with your library card.

## Visit us for:

- Wi-Fi hotspots
- Books, videogames, music, & movies

## Use our e-Library from anywhere for:

- Audiobooks & ebooks with Libby, Boundless, & Hoopla
- Streaming music & movies with Hoopla & Kanopy
- Discounts with Explore More Illinois & Museum Adventure Pass

### Hold a hotspot



### Get a Card



### E-Library



Tap into Discovery.

Read, Listen, and Watch with Your Library Card.

App Store Google Play Roku amazon Chromecast androidauto Apple CarPlay

# LITTLE ONES

Space is limited and registration is required.  
Visit [mpld.org](http://mpld.org) to save your seat.

## Singsong & Yoga

Mondays Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19 | 11:30am  
Play, dance, sing, stretch, and bend into a yoga pose with Ms. Gina Marie. This interactive program introduces kids to yoga basics. Family participation encouraged.  
Recommended for children up to 8 years old.

## Babes & Giggles

Alternate Tuesdays starting Jun 4 | 10:30am  
Sit down, relax, and chat with other parents and caregivers while your little ones engage and play.  
Age birth-24 months.

## Storytime

Wednesdays starting Jun 5 | 10:30am  
Join us every Wednesday for an interactive program filled with stories, songs, and activities that encourage early learning and literacy.

## Little Adventurers

Fridays | 10:30am  
Explore the wonders of art, motor skills, sensory skills, reading, and counting. Stop by the meeting room and watch your little ones discover something new!

# READ TO GROW PROGRAMS

## Encourage a lifelong love of reading with our Read to Grow Programs.

- All Manhattan and Elwood children can participate
- These programs are FREE!
- Earn prizes
- For more information or to register visit [mpld.org/readtogrow](http://mpld.org/readtogrow)

1000 BOOKS BEFORE  
KINDERGARTEN



500 BOOKS  
BEFORE  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL

FOR KIDS IN  
GRADES K-3

50 Books  
Before  
Junior  
High

For Kids in  
Grades 4-5

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Splash Pad Super Soaker Day at Central Park

110 S Park Street, Manhattan  
Aug 10 | 2-5pm  
Splash pad, super soakers, and water balloons! Manhattan Park District and MPLD invite kids of all ages to this free, fun, and interactive water day. A full schedule of water activities awaits! Grab your towel and sunblock and be prepared to get soaked from your head to your shoes.

## Storytimes at the Elwood Children's Garden

801 N Chicago Street, Elwood  
June 13 | 10:30-11am  
July 11 | 10:30-11am  
Aug 1 | 10:30-11am  
Join us for stories, songs, and fun al fresco in the beautiful and family friendly Children's Garden in Elwood. Children of all ages are welcome and grown-ups are encouraged to participate!

## Summer Kick off Super Mario Style

May 30 | 5pm

Kick off summer reading in Super Mario style. There will be an obstacle course, activities, and challenges for all ages.

## 3D Butterflies on a Board

June 3 | 1pm

Unleash your inner artist and create a canvas painting with 3D bowtie noodle butterflies.

## Virtual Reality

Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2 | 3:30 pm

Try out virtual reality with one of the library's Oculus Quests! Grades 4-12.

## Pokemon Club

Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13 | 3:30pm

Gotta catch 'em all! Join fellow Pokémon fans for activities, crafts, or battles. Participants are welcome to bring along Pokémon items to show and tell.

## Kids -n- Canvases

Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 | 4:30pm

## LEGO Club

Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9 | 3:30pm

## Mini Recycled Robots

Jun 13 | 1:30pm

Let your imagination run loose and create a robot friend. We will use upcycled, recyclable materials.

## Special Dad Figure Day

Jun 15 | 11am

Join us in a special hour of crafts and activities dedicated to anyone who is a father to you! Bring your family and friends and show all the dads how much you love them!

## Fairy House Milk Carton

Jun 17 | 1:30pm

## Specialized Piggy Bank

Jun 20 | 2pm

Have you ever wondered about the origins of the piggy bank? Learn about piggy banks and create your own mason jar piggy bank.

## Self Picasso Portrait

Jun 21 | 1pm

Create your own Picasso-style art.

## Tin Can Owls

Jun 25 | 1:30pm

Use tin cans and recyclable items to create your own version of owls.

## RC Obstacle Course

Jun 26, Jul 24, Aug 28 | 5:30pm

Test your driving skills by piloting our RC cars through an obstacle course.

## DIY Musical Instruments

Jul 16 | 1pm

Come to the library and create musical instruments using recyclable items.

## Animal Balloon Making Class

Jul 17 | 5:30pm

El Mago "The Magician" is coming back to show us how to create a variety of balloon animals.

## Christmas in July

Jul 25 | 5pm

Come to the library and enjoy an evening basking in the magic of Christmas. We will have activities, games, and crafts for the whole family. Let us not forget the snow for a white Christmas!

## The Missing Llama Mystery

Jul 26 | 5:30pm

The Children's department is inviting all children from ages 6-12 to help solve a mystery. During one of our regular programs, our nearest and dearest llama, LeVar, went missing! There were many patrons wandering around our department. Many with mysterious looks on their faces. Who took the llama? And how did they manage to take the llama without anyone noticing?

## Tissue Paper Hot Air Balloon

Jul 29 | 1pm

We will use household items to make a tissue paper hot air balloon.

## Dissect Owl Pellets

Jul 30 | 1pm

## Magazine Strip Silhouettes

Aug 1 | 5pm

Create an animal silhouette using old magazines.

# TEENS ONLY

Space is limited and registration is required.  
Visit [mpld.org](http://mpld.org) to save your seat.

## Teen Volunteering

Tuesdays | 3:30-5:30pm Thursdays | 5-7pm  
Teens requiring service hours are welcome to help with projects and tasks at the library.  
Registration is required and space is limited.

## Teen Murder Mystery Night

Jun 7 | 5pm  
The Manhattan-Elwood Public Library invites all teens ages 13 - 18 to help solve a mystery. New evidence of a murder at the library when it was founded in 1909 has just emerged. Elroyd Whitlock was a regular patron who was one day found dead by the head of maintenance. Who was Elroyd Whitlock? What happened? And why was this mystery hidden for so many years?

## Virtual Reality

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## Painting Earth Rocks

Jun 18 | 6pm  
Grab a paintbrush and paint the rocks. We will also learn about several types of rocks.

## Calm Down Galaxy Bottle

Jun 26 | 1:30pm  
Create a whole new galaxy inside a water bottle. We will also discuss ways to calm down when we are stressed out.

## Junk Journal

Traveling Bucket List Jul 3 | 4:30pm  
Back to School List Aug 12 | 4:30pm  
Join us each month to create a themed Junk Journal using paper scraps, magazines, and more.

## T-Shirt Tote Bag

Jul 8 | 4:30pm  
Make a tote bag using shirts with no sewing required! You are welcome to bring your old shirts as well!

## DIY Jibitz!

Jul 31 | 1pm  
Create personalized shoe charms for your crocs.

## Sensory Box

Aug 14 | 4:30pm  
Stressing about school starting? Create a sensory box with small trinkets that will calm us down when tensions are high.

# ALL AGES

Teens are welcome to join us for these all ages family events.

## Chalk the Lot

Jun 6 | 1pm  
Calling artists of all ages! Our Parking Lot needs some color! Come to the library, pick a chalk, and color away.

## El Mago Magic Show

Jun 12 | 5:30pm  
Enjoy a magic show in our own backyard. Featuring "El Mago" in his family-friendly show!

## Interactive Movie

How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Jul 2 | 1 pm  
Monsters University Aug 6 | 1pm  
Audience participation-shouting, singing, and clapping-is encouraged.

## Inspiration Mosaic Art

Aug 7 | 4:30pm  
Create a self - inspired mosaic using paint or paint samples.

## Foam and Bubble Craziiness

Jul 10 | 5pm  
Play at the library like never before! The foam party starts after bubble activities! Wear clothes that can get wet, bring your goggles, and have a bubble popping, foam flopping day!

## Think It, Build It, Create It!

Jul 18 | 1:30pm  
Imagine an awesome, artistic addition to your home and make it come to life at your library. We will create our masterpieces with recyclable items.

## Fan Page Mayhem

Jul 20 | 11am  
Cosplay in your favorite comic, sci-fi, anime, or general costume. There will be games and activities for the whole family.

# ADULT

Registration is required.  
Visit [mpld.org](http://mpld.org) to save your seat.

## Morning Chat

Mondays | 9:45am

Are you an early riser? Do you want to drink coffee, read the newspaper, and socialize with other local seniors? Join us each Monday.

## BINGO!

Second Wednesday of each month | 2pm

## Trivia Time

Third Wednesday of each month | 1pm

Skip June 19th due to holiday closure

Single participants or teams of up to 4 are welcome to test your knowledge! Trivia Time is the third Wednesday of each month.

## Puzzle War Extravaganza

Fourth Wednesday of each month | 1pm

Calling all jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts! Groups of 2-3 will have 90 minutes to assemble a 300- or 500-piece puzzle. Puzzle Extravaganza is the last Wednesday of each month.

## Gardening Club

Fourth Friday of each month | 1:00pm

Meet other gardeners, swap plants, and enjoy a gardening-related craft.

## I Can't Be a Runner...or Can I?

Jun 3 | 5:30pm

Go from the couch to crossing a 5k finish line. We welcome special guest Danny Smith, senior writer of Running Insight. Danny will share a 10-week program blending walking and running. Leave with a plan and the tools to take charge of your health.

## The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin

Jun 4 | 7pm VIRTUAL EVENT

Join us for a special event with Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism.

## Island Paradise Performance

Jul 2 | 5:30pm

Join us for a musical performance by Tim Wilsey. Sit down and relax and let his musical performance transport you to a whole new world.

## P.T. Barnum

Aug 6 | 5:30pm

Join us for an evening with PT Barnum. He will talk about his life, and how he became the fascinating person we know today.

# ADULT CRAFTS

Space is limited and registration is required.  
Supply fees apply to crafts denoted with a \$

## Casual Crafters

First Wednesdays of each month | 1pm

## DIY Recycled Succulent Planter

Jun 4 | 1pm

Upcycle a tin can with scrap paper and other materials. We will add succulent plants as well!

## Dragonfly Whisk

Jun 18 | 1pm

Grab a whisk and create a dragonfly for your indoor or outdoor decor!

## Acrylic Bookmark

Jul 1 | 5:30pm

Use paint to create your own masterpiece on an acrylic bookmark. All supplies provided.

## Candle Making

Jul 18 | 5:30pm

Aug 15 | 5:30pm

## DIY Paper Chandelier with Lights

Aug 5 | 5pm

Create an easy DIY craft to light up your house.

## Painting with Tracie \$

Woodland Mushrooms Jun 4 | 5pm

Abstract Peonies Aug 13 | 5pm

\$15 fee per person.

## Sewing or Crocheting with Rachael

American Flag Mini Quilt Jun 11 | 5pm

Crochet Keychain Jul 13 | 10:30am

Popsicle Sleeve Aug 17 | 10:30am

## Crafting with Mandie

Jun 25 | 5:30pm

Jul 23 | 5:30pm

Aug 20 | 5:30pm

## Crafting with Tracie

Jul 16 | 5pm

## Barn Quilt Painting \$

Jul 29 | 5pm

Paint your own personalized barn quilt on wood. All materials will be provided.

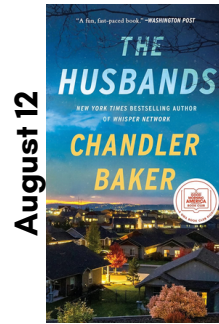
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# BOOK CLUBS

New Members are always welcome!  
Titles are available at the front desk or as an eBook.

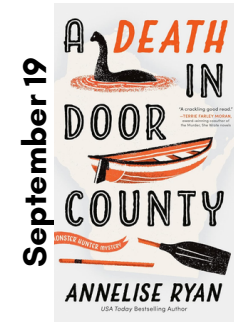
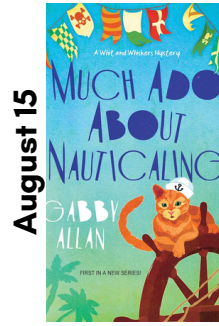
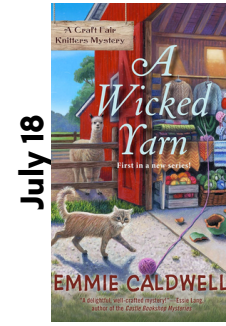
## Mystery Book Club

Second Monday of each month  
11:30 am



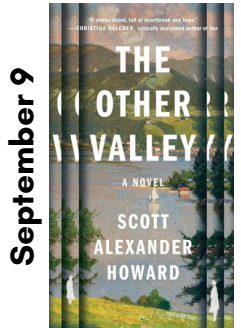
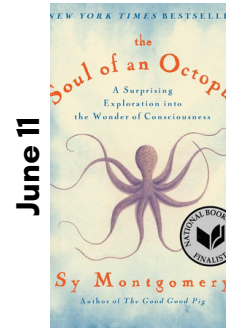
## Cozy Mystery Book Club

Third Thursday of each month  
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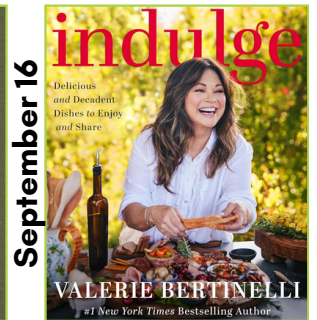
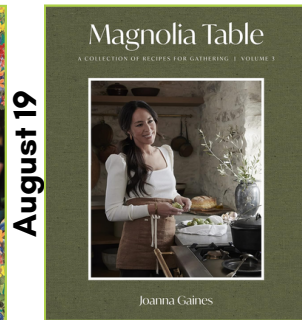
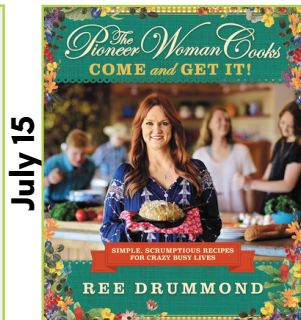
## Color & Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month  
1:00 pm



## Cookbook Club

Third Monday of each month  
5:30 pm



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## ELWOOD BRANCH UPDATE



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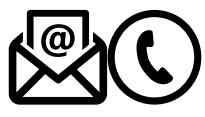
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