# THERESOURCE

Villa Park Public Library | May - August 2024 Serving the Communities of Villa Park and Oakbrook Terrace

# Summer Reading Program 2024: R **Adventure Begins At Your Library**

May 28 - August 2 Join the Summer Reading Program this year, and read for enjoyment and for a chance to win prizes! We're offering a variety of activities and incentives all

summer long, for everyone from babies to seniors. Summer reading is easy, fun, and open to everyone! For more information, visit the library or call (630) 834-1164.























Saturday, June 1 · Adults only (Ages 21+) · 7-10pm \$25 per person (includes mini-golf, appetizers, and music by Thom Mac Duo!) Beverages and raffle tickets available for purchase.

Sunday, June 2 · All Ages · 12-4pm \$5 per person (includes mini-golf and entertainment). Concessions and raffle tickets available for purchase.

Have fun and support the Friends of the Villa Park Library, Tri-Town YMCA, and Villa Park Area Early Childhood Collaborative with this fundraiser! Visit our website for more details!

















# **Library Family Concert Series**

Wednesdays: June 12, 19, 26 · 6:30 pm · Free All ages (children under 12 with adult) Ruggard Gazebo, along the Prairie Path Join us at the Gazebo in June! Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy the summer weather with fun and lively musical entertainment. Note: In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held indoors at the Villa Park Public Library. For more details, please visit our website.







Miss Jamie's



Willowbrook High **School Band\*** 

\*This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the . Villa Park Library

# Summer Reading Program Finale 😱

Friday, August 9 • 6:30-7:45 pm All ages (children under 12 with an adult) Lufkin Park | 1000 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park Join us for a special family concert featuring Tropixplosion, the Caribbean show band, featuring steel drums, great vocals, and high-energy fun to

celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Music, giveaways, and more! The first 200 people to register for this event will receive a FREE Kona Ice on Friday, August 9 from 6:30-7:45 pm. Then, stay for the first Movie in the Park!

# Movie in the Park

Friday, August 9 · Movie will begin at dusk Free · All ages (children under 12 with adult) Lufkin Park | 1000 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy a movie outdoors on the big screen at Lufkin Park. This event is co-sponsored by the Villa Park Public Library, the Friends of the Villa Park Library, and the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department. Note: In case of inclement weather, movie will be shown indoors at the Villa Park Public Library.



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# Parking Lot Repaving - Saturday, August 17 & Sunday, August 18

The library parking lot will be tentatively closed on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 for resurfacing and striping. For updates, please visit our website or follow the library on social media.

#### **Library Program Registration**

Due to the overwhelming positive response to library events and classes, we have modified the sign-up process:

Effective Monday, April 15, we will have different start dates for program registration:

- Monday, April 15 at 9:30 am: Youth, Tween & Teen program registration will begin.
- Monday, April 22 at 9:30 am: Adult program registration will begin.

Library users may register:

- In person at the library
- Online through our library calendar at www.vppl.info
- By calling the library at (630) 834-1164
- Scan the QR Code



R Registration Required.

# youth storytimes

Marvelous Mornings Ist & 3rd Saturdays every month • 11-11:45 am • All ages with adult

Stories, songs, and activities for young children and their adults, including a

"make & take" project to enjoy together. Register your child for one or more dates!

May 4, 18; June 1, 15; July 6, 20; August 3, 17

Mondays <u>OR</u> Thursdays • 10:30-11 am • June 10 – August 1

Mondays • 11:30 am-12 pm • June 10 – July 29

Toddler Time Walkers with adult
Stories, musical activities, rhyming games, and playtime for children who are walking on their own.
Registration is for the entire season, including all dates from June - August.
Choose only ONE session time on Mondays (10:30 am OR 11:30 am) OR Thursdays (10:30 am).

Babies & Books Tuesdays - OR- Thursdays • 9:30-10 am • Infants & pre-walkers with adult All babies are born to read! We will introduce the world of language and books to infants through music, singing, stories, and rhymes. Registration is for the entire season, including all dates from June- August.

June 11 – August 1

Family Pajama Storytime Tuesdays • 7-7:30 pm • All ages with adult
Pajamas are optional, but welcome at this program! We'll have stories, music, and gentle
movement for families with young children of all ages. Register for one or more dates!

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July 23; August 20

June 25:

11-11:30 am • All ages with adult; siblings welcome

Sensory Storytime This program is designed for children with special needs and varied learning levels and abilities, but all children are welcome to attend. We will engage the senses through stories, music, activities, and movement, as well as social interaction. Register your child for one or more dates!

Wednesday, May 15; Friday, June 14; Friday, July 19; Friday, August 23

Rhythm & Rhyme Community Storytime Mondays • 11:30 am-12 pm • All ages with adult

This drop-in program will be held indoors at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District

Heritage Center, located at 1S325 Ardmore Ave., in Oakbrook Terrace.

June 17; July 15; August 19

May 20:

**Picture Book Picnic** 

Wednesdays • 11:30 am-12:15 pm • All ages with adult



This drop-in program will be held OUTDOORS at the Iowa Community Center, located at 338 N. Iowa Ave. in Villa Park. When weather is inclement, it will be held indoors at same location. Presented in partnership with Villa Park Parks & Recreation Department.

June 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Registration begins on Monday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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youth classes

Girls Who Code R
May 1 - August 7

Wednesdays · 3-4 pm · Grades 3-5
Girls will learn basic computer science skills
through discussion, team building, and hands-on activities!
Computers and materials will be available during program.

# Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4 · All day · All ages Visit the library on this day to celebrate comic books and get a comics craft to make or take home! While supplies last.

LEGO DUPLO Build + Play R

Fridays, May 10, 24; June 7, 21; July 12, 26; August 9 10–10:30 am · Ages 2-5 with adult Join us to build, play, and socialize with other families.



### **Mother's Day Craft Open House**

Friday, May 10; Saturday, May 11 · 2-4 pm Celebrate a loved one with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. While supplies last.



# **Toddler Playtime**

Mondays, May 13; August 5
Thursdays, May 16; August 8
10:30–11:15 am · All walkers with adult
Drop in, meet other toddlers and their adults, and play with the toddler toy box! Siblings are welcome to attend.

#### **Baby Playtime**

Tuesdays, May 14; August 6
Thursdays, May 16; August 8
9:30–10:15 am · All infants & pre-walkers with adult
Drop in, meet other babies and their adults, and play with
the baby toy box! Siblings are welcome to attend.



Lego® Builders Club 🔃

Wednesdays, May 15; June 19; July 17; August 7 3:30-4:30 pm • Ages 6 & up Make something unique using a selection of LEGO® bricks and accessories.



Bark For Books R

Wednesdays, May 29; June 26; July 31; August 28 5-7 pm · Grades 4–8

Read a story to a dog! All of our dogs are trained and certified to be gentle listeners. Choose a book to read ahead of time.

#### Free Meals for Kids 18 & Under Are Back!

June 4 - August 8

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays • 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Kids ages 18 and under are eligible for lunches! Please call the library, visit our website, or follow us on social media for more information. Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

#### Father's Day Craft Open House

Friday, June 14; Saturday, June 15 · 2–4 pm Celebrate a loved one with a craft! Young children will need some adult help. While supplies last.



Crafternoons R

Mondays, June 17; July 15 · 3–4 pm · Ages 7 & up A program for crafty kids! Each session features a new project, using a wide variety of materials. Explore, experiment, create!

**Registration begins on** Monday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. Registration Required. unless otherwise noted.

# Teen Book Bag Sign-Up 🔃

Registration ends: Friday, April 19 Pick-up dates: Fridays, June 21, July 26, August 23

Grades 6-12

Sign up to get a bag each month this summer with a library book, surprise goodies, and a book list!

#### Teen Advisory Board R

Tuesdays, May 14; June 11; July 16; August 13 3:30-4:30 pm · Grades 4-8

Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB): meet monthly to talk about what kind of things you want to see and do at the library—and of course, share snacks!

# Anime & Manga Club R

Mondays, May 20; June 24; July 29; August 26 3:30-4:30 pm · Grades 4-8

Hang out as we explore different anime/manga every month.

# **High School Exam Study Nights**

Tuesday, May 21; Wednesday May 22 5-10 pm · High School Students

Study with free Wi-Fi, snacks, and therapy dogs at the library! We're open until 10pm, and Therapy Dogs visit from 6-7 pm.

### **Summertime Teen Writing Contest**

June 1–30 · Grades 6–12

Explore your creative side and write up a storm! The theme is ADVENTURE. Details and rules posted on the library website.

# Creative Science: Shake It Up! R

Thursday, June 20 OR Thursday, July 25 2:30-3:30 pm · Ages 5-8



Measuring + mixing = homemade ice cream! Experiment, mix, and make a frozen treat. Please note: this program involves dairy products; food allergies must be noted when signing up.

# Reptiles & Amphibians with The Frog Lady! R

Monday, June 24 · 1 pm · All Ages

The "Frog Lady," Deb Krohn presents live animals like frogs, turtles, snakes and lizards up close and personal! Hands-on time with the featured creatures will follow.

# Adventure Quest! Cartooning Class R

Thursday, June 27 · 2:30-3:30pm · Ages 5-13 What's on an epic cartooning trip? Pirates? MAYBE. Dragons? WHO CAN SAY? A minotaur



named Gary who loves hot dogs?! That's very specific, but WHY NOT? Presented by Andertoons.

# Candy Olympics R

Monday, July 22 · 2-3 pm · Ages 7-13 Can you beat the clock and win the race to be CANDY CHAMPION? Join in this tasty competition involving sweet, sour, sticky, and gummy candies, among others!

# Bizarre Bugs & Irregular Insects! Cartooning Class R

Tuesday, July 30 · 2:30-3:30 pm · Ages 5-13

Create your own creepy crawlies with as many eyes as you have fingers! Even if you don't like bugs, you'll bee buzzing about this class! Presented by Andertoons.

# tween & teen classes

#### Taylor Swift Trivia Night R

Thursday, June 6 · 6:30-8 pm · Ages 10+ Are you an expert on everything Taylor Swift?

Test your knowledge & enjoy this celebration of pop's biggest star. Presented by Baig of Tricks.



# Break-In Bags R

Register by: Monday, July 1 Pick-up date: Tuesday, July 9

Ages 12-18

Instead of breaking out, you'll be breaking in with these takehome kits. Solve puzzles to open the lock and free your loot!

# Teen STEAM Bag Sign-Up R

Register by: Friday, July 5 Pick-up date: Friday, July 12

Grades 5-12



Sign up for take-home STEAM kits! Each kit includes supplies for a project to spark creativity, exploration, and critical thinking through inquiry-based learning.

# Comics Workshop R

Monday, August 5 · 4 pm · Grades 4-12

Find out how to create six-panel comics. Just bring a creative energy and ideas! Presented by Do Art Productions.

# Improv Lab: Actions & Reactions 🕟



Tuesday, June 4 · 2-2:45 pm · Grades 6-12 Join in the fun with games and activities to explore science concepts through hands-on experimentation! Presented by Talewise.

# adult classes

# Radio Controlled Model Aircraft 101 R

Wednesday, May 1 · 7-8:30 pm

Learn about RC model airplanes for those new or returning to the hobby, FAA requirements, the best models to start with, and more! Models and equipment will be displayed.

# Narcan® Training R

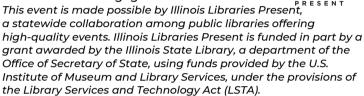
Monday, May 6 · 7-8 pm

This program will discuss opioid usage in DuPage County, how to identify signs of an overdose, and how to administer Narcan. Attendees will receive a free Narcan kit following the training.

# The Many Lives of Kal Penn 🗾 🕞

Tuesday, May 7 · 7–8 pm

Kal Penn is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.



# The Engine Inside® R

Thursday, May 9 · 6:30 pm

This film tells the stories of six everyday people from all over the globe who reveal the unique of the bicycle to change lives and build a better world. (©Anthill Farms, 2023: Rated 12, 81 min.) Sponsored by the Villa Park Environmental Concerns Commission.

# Navigate a Career Change with Confidence R

Wednesday, May 15 · 6:30-7:30 pm

This workshop is for those early in their career and/or looking for a more structured approach to starting a career change!

### Versiti Blood Drive 😱

Tuesday, May 21 · 2-6:30 pm

Help save lives during this critical time of need and make a difference by donating blood. Sign-up using the link through our online calendar.

# Cable Options and Reducing Robocalls 🖊 🕟

Thursday, May 23 · 6-7 pm

Learn ways to cut your cable costs, avoid common robocall scams, and more. Presented by Citizens Utility Board.

# Self Defense for Seniors R

Monday, June 10 · 10-11 am

Has your age or physical ability changed your thoughts about being able to confidently defend yourself? Those who use walking aids are welcome to attend.

## Decarbonizing Your Home R

Thursday, June 20 · 6-7pm

Receive information on building decarbonization, new tax credits and rebates for home energy improvements, and more! Presented by Citizens Utility Board.

# **Basic Self Defense for Adults**

Monday, June 24 • 7-8:30 pm

This workshop will cover several basic strikes and escape techniques, along with an understanding of the concepts that make them effective for use in self-defense. Adults of all abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate.

# Bullet Journaling for Beginners R

Wednesday, July 10 · 7-8 pm



Learn the basics of bullet journaling, including sample layouts and possible uses to find the right fit for you and remove some stress from your life with artful organization.

# How To Choose The Right Fertilizer for Your Plants R

Thursday, July 11 · 6-7 pm

Learn the differences between organic and chemical fertilizers, what's in them, and how to properly apply them to your plants. Presented by Bill Karges. A Villa Park Garden Club Legacy Program.

# Herbology 101 / Fun with Herbs (R)

Monday, July 15 · 6:30-8:30 pm

Whether you're curious about herbs or eager to enhance your herb garden, this program provides a solid foundation for exploring the wonderful world of herbs!

# Versiti Blood Drive R

Thursday, July 25 · 2-6:30 pm

Help save lives during this critical time of need and make a difference by donating blood. Sign-up using the link through our online calendar.

# Disney® Films Music Bingo! R

Monday, July 29 • 7-8:30 pm

This is a family program. All ages, under 12 with adult please. Celebrate the Wonderful World of Disney® with Baig of Tricks and some Music Bingo fun!

# **Build Your Professional Brand R**

Wednesday, July 31 · 6:30-7:30 pm

Your powerful professional brand and a compelling career story are the keys to unlocking endless job possibilities. Let's make your next career move extraordinary!

# Trivia Night featuring Broadway Musicals! R

Monday, August 5 · 7-8:30 pm

This is a family program. All ages, under 12 with adult please. Put your knowledge of Broadway musicals to the test at this special trivia event. Presented by Baig of Tricks.

# Glass Making Art Class with Boebinger Studio Glass R

Monday, August 19 · 7-8 pm Learn how to make art with glass! Presented by J. Boebinger Studio Glass.

# History of Paper and Learning How to Make It R

Thursday, August 29 · 7-8:30pm

Learn about the history of paper in the United States, its sustainability, and even how to make paper yourself! Presented by SCARCE.



# Cooking Classes

# Trilogy of Citrus: Sweet & Savory Treats R

Tuesday, May 14 · 7–8:30 pm

Lemons, limes, and grapefruit are the stars of this culinary program. Learn new recipes using these familiar citrus fruits in fun ways. Presented by Chef Susan Maddox.

# Pasta Palooza! 😱

Wednesday, June 5 · 6:30-7:30 pm

Buon appetito! Chef Cherise Slattery will show you how easy and fun it is to make seven different shapes of pasta from scratch.

# Crafting Herb Mocktails R

Monday, June 17 · 6:30-8:30 pm Learn how to make simple syrups and herb extractions to craft a myriad of herbal flavored and scented alcohol-free mocktails.



# Make Ahead Pastries R

Wednesday, August 21 · 11 am-12 pm Chef Cherise Slattery will reveal her secrets for making scones, muffins, cookies, biscuits, and sweet rolls - days and even weeks ahead of time.



Facilitated by People's Resource Center - Ages 18 & up To register, please email: ct@peoplesrc.org or call the People's Resource Center at (630) 682-5402 x 218. Please register with People's Resource Center for this computer class.

Registration will be open from May 13-July 1.

# Windows Fundamentals R

Saturdays, May 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 · 1-2:30 pm Learn how to move and resize application windows, create files, folders, shortcuts, and more. You must attend all seven classes.



# Cheese Tasting Classes Presented by Meredith Meder, ACS CCP<sup>TM</sup>

# Summer Entertaining R

Tuesday, June 11 · 6:30–8 pm

Learn how to create charcuterie boards, just in time for summer entertaining.

# Bastille Day Cheeses R

Tuesday, July 9 · 6:30–8 pm Join us for this French cheese excursion.

# Eat What You Sow! R

Tuesday, August 27 · 6:30-8 pm Discover how to use elements of your summer garden harvest with cheese.



# Subscription Bags

# **Book Bag Subscription**

Registration ends: Sunday, April 28 Pick-up dates: Fridays, May 10; June 7; July 5; & August 9 Registrants will receive a themed bag with a library book, as well as some goodies and a book list.

# Movie Bag Subscription R

Movie bags subscriptions will return in the fall.

# Workout @ your library!



# Happy Healthy Yoga 😱

Saturdays, May 11; June 8; July 20; August 10 • 9:30-10:30 am Classes will empower all who attend to feel strong and agile within their body and mind. Exercise mat required. Presented by Katie Sayad.

# Essentrics with Lisa 😱

Saturdays, May 25; June 22; July 27; August 24 · 10-11 am Slow-paced, full body workout designed to restore movement in joints and flexibility in muscles and relieve pain. Exercise mat required. Presented by Lisa Sawczuk.

# Spice Club 0

Pick up your spice kit anytime between the dates listed below. Your take-home kit will include a recipe, monthly featured spice, and book recommendations.



#### **May - Chili Powder**

Monday, May 20 - Saturday, May 25

# June - Caraway Seed

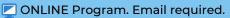
Monday, June 17 - Saturday, June 22

# **July - Red Pepper Flakes**

Monday, July 15 - Saturday, July 20

# **August - Fennel Seed**

Monday, August 19 - Saturday, August 24

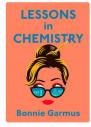


# book discussions

**Books Worth Talking About** In person at the library

led by Michelle Hoffmann 7-8:15 pm (R)

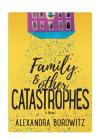




Monday, May 13 Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus



Monday, June 10 The Librarianist: A Novel by Patrick deWitt



Monday, July 8 Family & Other Catastrophes by Alexandra Borowitz



Monday, August 12 When The Apricots Bloom: A Novel by Gina Wilkinson

**Nothing But The Facts** In person at the library led by Sean Birmingham 7-8:15 pm 😱

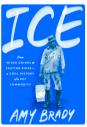




Tuesday, May 21 A History of America in Ten Strikes by Erik Loomis



Tuesday, June 18 Planet Palm: How Palm Oil Ended Up In Everything and **Endangered The World** by Jocelyn Zuckerman



Tuesday, July 16 Ice: From Mixed Drinks to Skating Rinks – Commodity by Amy Brady



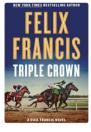
Tuesday, August 20 The Stolen Year: How COVID Changed Children's A Cool History of a Hot Lives, and Where We Go by Anya Kamenetz

**Mystery Readers Online via Zoom** 7-8 pm 🖊 🕞





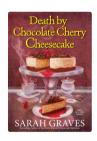
Scan the QR code to register for our **Book Clubs!** 



Thursday, May 16 Triple Crown by Felix Francis



Thursday, June 20 Dial A For Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto



Thursday, July 18 Death by Chocolate Cherry Cheesecake by Sarah Graves



Thursday, August 15 A Cold Day For Murder by Dana Stabenow

# friends of the library



# **Kiwanis Summer Concerts**

Wednesdays, July 10; 17; 24; 31 · 6:30 pm Location | Ruggard Gazebo on the Prairie Path in Villa Park Be sure to also visit the Children's Craft Corner presented by the Friends of the Library for a "Grab & Go" craft to take home!



# STRATEGIC PLAN

2024-2027



# 1 Expand opportunity for creativity and collaboration.

# Outcome: The library is a destination for creative expression.

- 1.1 Transform the Digital Media Lab into a creative space.
- 1.2 Develop and invest in partnerships with local crafters, artists, and makers from the community.
- 1.3 Increase opportunities for the library to become a creative destination.
- 1.4 Expand awareness of creative tools available for checkout and in-library use, as well as digital resources.

# 2 Improve equitable access to the library.

# Outcome: The library offers inclusive opportunity for all community members.

- 2.1 Increase the library's capacity to provide information and resources in Spanish and Urdu.
- 2.2 Complete an accessibility audit, evaluating accessability of space, programs, and the collection.
- 2.3 Pilot the removal of program attendance fees.
- 2.4 Build upon partnerships with local organizations to expand opportunities to connect community members with library resources.
- 2.5 Improve the accessability and functionality of the library's website.
- 2.6 Explore the expansion of library hours to include Sundays from September through April.
- 2.7 Explore options to increase library access outside the library's physical walls.

# 3 Increase internal capacity to support long-term goals.

# Outcome: The library is well-positioned to sustain its work.

- 3.1 Implement training for trustees and library staff on implicit bias.
- 3.2 Explore the feasibility of intergenerational volunteer opportunites.
- 3.3 Evaluate and communicate with staff about compensation competitiveness and potential opportunities for upward mobility.
- 3.4 Identify and pursue solutions for expanding the functionality of public space.
- 3.5 Promote donor contributions and opportunities to support the library.





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## Accommodation Information

Individuals who require an accommodation for a disability for any library presentation should contact the library at (630) 834-1164 at least three days before a program or event.



Library programs and hours are subject to change.

Please visit our website and social media channels for updates!

# Thank you to the following donors:

# **Memorials and Gifts**

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### <u>Library Information</u>

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# **Board of Trustees**

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#### **Library Board Meetings**

Wednesday, May 29 · 7 pm Wednesday, June 26 · 7 pm Wednesday, July 24 · 7 pm Wednesday, August 28 · 7 pm The public is invited to attend.

# **Department Heads**

Sandra Hill, Library Director

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Sean Birmingham, Head of Adult Services

John Bradford, Head of Materials Services

Jean Jansen, Head of Youth Services