ProgramGuide

June • July • August

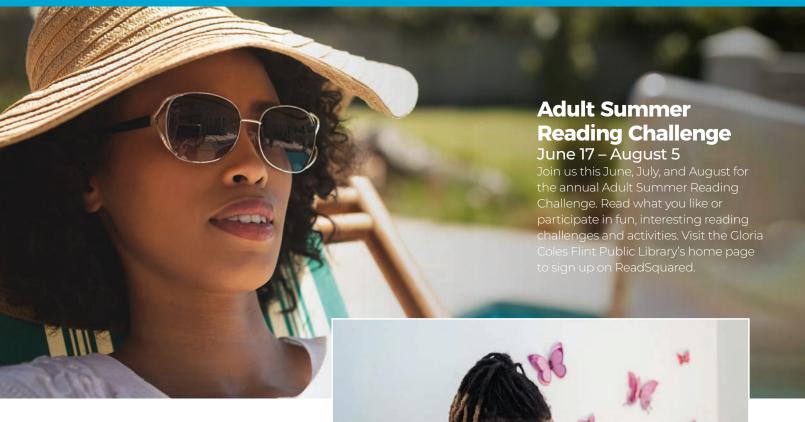
A guide to summer programs at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

SUMMER 2023





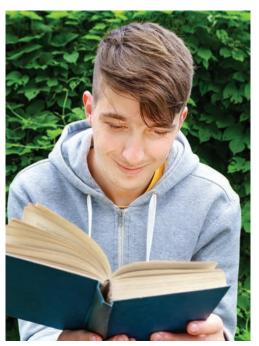
READING CHALLENGE



Children Summer Reading Challenge

June 17 – August 5

Join us this June, July, and August for the annual Child Summer Reading Challenge. Read what you like or participate in fun, interesting reading challenges and activities. Visit the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library's home page to sign up on ReadSquared.



Teen Summer Reading Challenge

June 17 – August 5

Every Wednesday during Summer Reading there will be an activity that you can get involved in. Some of the programs require preregistration on our website events calendar, but make sure to have your Library Card handy to sign-in the day of the program!

Summer Reading Challenge Check-ins and Sign Up

Saturdays • 1-3 PMGet your prizes and free books weekly.





Summer Reading Family Entertainment

Saturdays · 2 PM

June 17 Scheer Genius

Join us for our Summer Reading Challenge Kick Off event as we welcome Magician Doug Scheer! Doug will be performing his hilariously funny "Supermarket Magic" show!

June 24 Howell Nature Center, MythCrackers: Common Animal Myths

Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? You'll find the answers to these questions and more! This program addresses common wildlife myths and, together with the audience's help, we'll find out if they are "correct" or "cracked" while learning about wildlife.

July 8 Larry Castleberry

Larry Castleberry is an engaging storyteller who weaves folk and fairytale stories from the world of the martial arts, African, and African American culture along with personal stories to educate, entertain, and inspire. Larry's program is engaging, spellbinding, and an interactive storytelling event with tales from the rich literary world of Africa, African American culture, and the far East.

July 15 Joel Tacey Mobile Nerf Games

Players will run, dodge, and dive as they try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during NERF Mobile Games. All equipment provided.

July 22 Alex Thomas & Friends

Alex Thomas' shows bring jokes, prizes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun to your location through the art of puppetry. Our Interactive Puppet Shows allow volunteers and audience members to play along and become a part of the act. Our zany Muppet-style puppets are sure to bring your imagination to life. We invite the audience to stay for our "Meet and Greet" session after every show for their chance to meet the characters, take a photo, and receive a personalized autograph from the puppet on a free photo card.

July 29 Paleo Joe

This fascinating paleontologist, author, and storyteller takes the audience on a wild ride through the ancient world, while describing and reinforcing reasons necessary to read, as well as give an insight into the mind of a writer.

August 5 Baffling Bill

Amazing audiences for over 30 years! Baffling Bill's interest in magic began at age five when a kindergarten classmate performed a magic trick for show and tell, and made a ball disappear and reappear. This feat of magic left an impression on Bill that would not be forgotten. He started requesting magic sets for Christmas and birthdays as he grew up.



August 19 Bubbleman

The Bubbleman will perform an indoor, non-messy, bubble program demonstrating the art and science of the soap bubble. Watch how they use ordinary soap bubble solution to create volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, kaleidoscope bubbles, square bubbles, and much more.

CHILDREN



Lunch on the Library Lawn

Tuesdays · 1 PM · June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1

Join us for storytime on our beautiful grounds and bring your lunch to enjoy. Families can spread out a blanket to hear stories, play games and have loads of fun! In case of bad weather, move indoors to the children's learning place.

June 20

Celebrate Juneteenth with a special storytime! Get a free book to take home. Answer trivia questions celebrating African American history and you may win a prize.

July 11 & 25

Learn some American Sign Language with stories and practice singing songs with your signs.

July 18 & August 1

Learn a little Spanish with bilingual stories and activities. Use your new words throughout the interactive storytime and sing your new Spanish words in a song.

Gardening Together

Saturday, June 17 · 11 AM

Help make the library beautiful by planting annual plants with us. Enjoy gardening stories outside and take an annual plant home for your own garden!





Drop-In and Play Games

Wednesdays • 2 PM June 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2

Come and play board games, card games and have a community scavenger hunt. We have many games and challenges for the whole family!

Drop-In and Watch a Movie

Thursdays • 2 PM

June 22 The Great Gilly Hopkins

(1 hr 37 min)

June 29 Maya the Bee

(1 hr 27 min)

July 06 Middle School: the

Worst Years of My Life

1 hr 31 min)

July 13 All Dogs Go to Heaven

1 hr 24 min)

July 20 Mirror, Mirror

(1 hr 45 min

July 27 The Secret of Nimh

(1 hr 22 min)

August 3 Zoo (1 hr 37 min)

Drop-In and Build

Fridays • 2 PM June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 August 4

Come and build, with various construction materials, a rollercoaster or a windmill. How about a little car or a moving drink delivery truck with lights, sound, and actions? Or perhaps just enjoy making buildings that light up.



Thursdays with For-Mar

Thursdays · 6:30 PM

June 22 Reading with Reptiles

Explore how scientists use animal characteristics to sort them into categories. Meet some small, live reptiles and share a joke or short story with them.

June 29 Portable Pond

Join us to answer questions like what lives in Michigan ponds? Discover how types of water bugs can indicate water health and how healthy water helps these bugs throughout their lifecycles.

July 6 The Buzz on Nocturnal Insects

What makes fireflies so special? Which nighttime bugs grow to be as big as your hand? We will play games and meet a couple of live bugs to find out why we should care about bugs!

July 13 Poop, Pelts, and Paw Prints

We will be peeking at what animals leave behind for us to find when we are out exploring nature, such as scat, fur, and tracks!

July 20 Terrific Turtles of For-Mar

Learn about the amazing turtles that For-Mar harbor in their habitat. Blanding's, painted, musk, and box turtles will all be available to be seen and explored. Become scientists and learn how herpetologists study turtles.

July 27 Plants in Action

Explore how plant structures help a plant survive. Discover the clever ways seeds travel. Meet some wiggly worms and reveal why they make our garden grow.

August 3 Tree Detectives

Have you ever been interested in becoming a detective to solve crimes? Or have you ever wanted to know the names of different tree species you see in your neighborhood? Join the

For-Mar crew in learning about tree identification around the Library, invasive trees and potential pests





Super Saturday Storytime

Saturdays · 1 PM

June 3 Bears
June 10 Dolls

August 12 Please join us for a storytime about kites

with an activity following to design your

own kite.



Little Explorers

Saturday, June 10 · 10:30 AM

Come get messy with us as we explore our five senses. We will have a variety of sensory stations with activities such as sand, water balls, play-doh, and more! Dress accordingly, as clothes may get dirty. This is a program for ages 1-4 with parental supervision.



Teen Tech Camp

Tuesday-Thursday, July 18-20 • 2 PM

Green Screen Workshop

Plan and film a short movie with friends as we explore video editing and green screen special effects.

Tuesday-Thursday, July 25-27 • 2 PM

Learn & Make Week:

A Week of 3D and Graphic Design

Tuesday — Design a 3D-printable keychain or bookmark.

Wednesday — Temporary Tattoo & Sticker Making. Create temporary tattoos and stickers.

Thursday — Button Making. Make pinback buttons with your designs or existing images.

Tuesday-Thursday, August 1-3 • 2 PM Video Week

Tuesday — Make Your Own Video Game.

Wednesday — Stop Motion Filming. Film your own short videos using stop motion animation.

Thursday — Video Game Open House. Enjoy an afternoon of video games and activities to explore.

Teen Intensive Writing Forum with Connor Coyne

Tuesday-Thursday, July 11-14 2 PM

This intensive workshop offers young writers, ages 11 to 18, a safe and welcoming space in which to share their love of reading and practice writing. Registration Required.



Rocket League – Soccer With Cars

Saturday, June 3 · 3 PM

Compete against other players in 2v2 and 3v3 matches!

Teen/Tween Craft

Wednesdays · 4:30 PM

June 21 Tie-Dyed T-Shirts

Express your unique self with your own one-of-a-kind design! Please bring your own white T-shirt to tie-dye.

June 28 Slime

Choose a color, add some glitter, and make your own slimy concoction.

July 5 Friendship Bracelets

Design something special for your besties in their favorite colors!

July 12 Bead Creature Key Chains

Create a creature friend to carry around with you.

July 19 Henna

Learn about art, culture and the history of henna from Modersah, founder of "ineedhenna.com." Practice doing a henna design on yourself and also receive a free beautiful body art creations from Modersah! Each attendee will take home a goody bag containing 2 practice henna cones, practice worksheets and henna stencils. Registration Required.

July 26 Puzzle Day

Work together with a friend to put the pieces "All Together Now!"

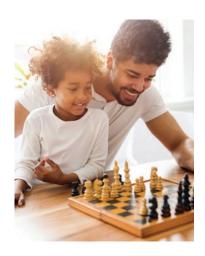
August 2 Color Your World Day

Come and color intricate designs with us and make something beautiful.









Chess Club for Kids & Adults

Saturdays · 3 PM June 17, July 15, August 19

Beginners and experienced players learn about chess and improve your game with tips, strategies, challenges and practice with expert Byran Wilson.

Family Yoga

Tuesdays · 2 PM

June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1
In partnership with the Crim Foundation, instructor

Miss Marcia will gently guide yoga sessions for

beginners throughout the 6 weeks. The sessions will be held outside in the garden weather permitting. Patrons must provide their own mats. Everyone is welcome!



Evening Concert

Friday, June 9 · 6:30 PM

Ann Arbor's Tumbao Bravo is a Latin jazz combo that brings Afro-Cuban rhythms to life. The group performs styles such as mambo and rumba alongside rich harmonic compositions written by the band members themselves, on instruments ranging from congas, timbales, and Latin percussion to sax, flute, keyboard, and bass.





Family Concert

Saturday, June 3 · 2 PM

Come move and be moved by the drums and music of Kevin Collins and Kuungana, Afro-Cuban and West African music!

Ice Cream Social with the Genesee Valley Concert Band

Tuesday, July 11 · 6 PM

Join us for our annual concert with the Genesee Valley Concert Band, a perennial favorite! The Friends of the Flint Public Library will serve ice cream during the intermission.

African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class

Wednesdays • 4 PM

June 7, July 5, August 2

African American Art Legacy & Literacy is a monthly symposium to engage art enthusiasts in learning about African American Art and Artists. Ages 12+ (adults welcome). Supported in part by a grant from the James A. Welch Foundation, Dedicated Believer Ministries, and Artis Collection of African American Fine Art, in collaboration with the Glora Coles Flint Public Library.





Community Yoga

Wednesdays 6:30 PM June 21, July 12, August 16

Join us for Community Yoga! Yoga instructor, and registered nurse Ally will be guiding participants through slow flow yoga and yin meditation during these three community sessions. Please bring your own mat! Ages: 18 years and older to participate, teens may participate if an adult is present.



Podcasting @ the Library

Wednesdays · 6 PM June 7, July 5, 19, August 2, 16, 30

Saturdays • 11 AM June 10, July 15, August 12

Learn how to use podcasting tools in our Digital Studio and get podcasting tips from our digital staff. You must take this class to use the Digital Studio. Registration Required.



Pick Your Potions Mocktail Program

Thursday, July 20 • 6 PM Lindsay Merbaum, local author of *The Gold Persimmon*, is also a high priestess of home mixology who will craft mocktails inspired by the moods and themes of contemporary reads. Join us to discover how she creates her delicious literary concoctions.



VR for Seniors

Wednesdays • 12 PM June 14, July 12, August 9

Have you heard about Virtual Reality, but don't really know what it is? Come create new friendships through the power of shared experience.

Simply put on the headsets and immediately be transported into an immersive adventure traveling virtually to all corners of the world!



Glenwood Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Workshop

Saturday, August 5 • 9:30 AM
Learn about the historic Glenwood Cemetery
from Thomas Henthorn, Wyatt Endowed
Professor of Public History with the University
of Michigan-Flint. Participants will learn
proper methods for preserving different types
of headstones, such as granite, marble and
sandstone. Registration Required.



Silent Book Club

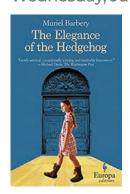
Fridays · 10 AM · June 16, July 21, August 18

If you're looking for a book club where you get to read whatever you want in the presence of other readers in silence, this book club is for you. Bring your book from home or select one from the Library. Adults and teens welcome.



Fiction Only Book Club

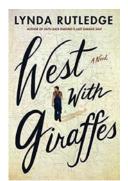
Wednesday, June 21 · 12 PM



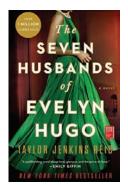
Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. An international bestseller that follows the lives of a middle-aged Parisian concierge and an extremely bright, suicidal tween. Their lives are transformed by the arrival of an enigmatic tenant to their bourgeois apartment house. A moving and triumphant novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us.

Evening Readers Book Club

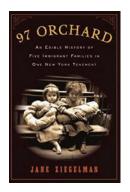
Thursdays · 6:30 PM June 8, July 13, August 10



June 8 · West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Follow Woodrow Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Explore what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the passing of time.



July 13 · The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now?



August 10 · 97 Orchard: An Edible History of Five Immigrant Families in One New York Tenement by Jane Ziegelman. This book is an aromatic, richly-detailed look at the lives and culinary habits of five families living at the turn of the twentieth century in a Manhattan tenement. With 40 recipes included, 97 Orchard is perfect for Food Network fans or anvone interested in the evolution of "American" food.

Friends Book Drop Off

Saturdays 10 AM-12 PM

June 3, July 8, August 5

Donate your gently used books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records. Drive up to the garage door and we will help you unload.

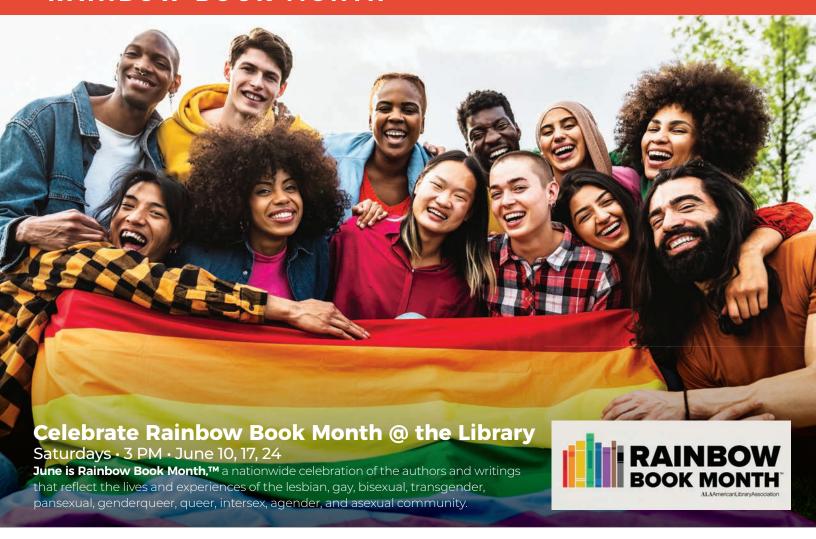


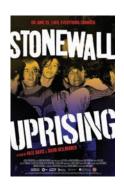
Friends One-Day Book Sale

Saturday, August 19 · 10 AM-5 PM

The book sale will be in the Garage.

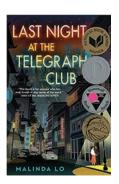
RAINBOW BOOK MONTH





June 10 · **Film Showing** Stonewall Uprising

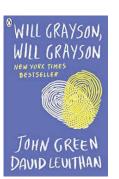
When police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village in 1969, the community erupted into violent protests lasting six days. The Stonewall Riots marked a major turning point in the gay civil rights movement in the US and around the world. Adults and teens welcome.



June 17 · **Book Discussion**Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo. America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. This Stonewall Book Award-winning novel, published in 2021, received multiple recognitions.

Adults and teens welcome.



June 24 Flint Pride Festival 2 PM

Visit the Library table at the Flint Pride Festival and get a free copy of John Green's book, Will Grayson, Will Grayson.





Blues on the Library Lawn

Saturday, August 26 · 6 PM

Celebrating the Blues' past, present and future this musical summer tradition will shine a spotlight on the contributions of Blues, R&B, Soul, Rock, Country and more. Mark your calendar for a night of music, dancing and socializing with your neighbors at Blues on the Library Lawn on Saturday, August 26! Sponsored by the Bishop Trust Grant.

Bands Include:

· Zoom & SK

DELICIOUS FOOD VENDORS

- · Grea Ellis
- · Nicky T & The Snake Charmers



FREE ADMISSION





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LEGO® Club

Wednesdays · 4 PM August 9, 16, 23, 30

play materials out there — use your imagination and build! Come check out our LEGO® program! Each week has a new building challenge. Ages 6 and older are welcome to try the weekly building challenges! opportunity to explore LEGO® like you have never collaboration, and problem solving. Thank you to the Friends of the Flint Public Library for raising money and donating the LEGO bricks for this club, your efforts are truly appreciated!

June

JUNE 1. THURSDAY

- · Public Budget Meeting, 5 PM
- · Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

JUNE 3, SATURDAY

- · Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- · Family Concert Series Kevin Collins, 2 PM
- · Rocket League, 3 PM

JUNE 7. WEDNESDAY

- African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 PM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

JUNE 8. THURSDAY

· Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM

JUNE 9. FRIDAY

· Evening Concert - Tumbao Bravo, 6:30 PM

JUNE 10, SATURDAY

- · Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 11 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- · Pride Month Film Showing, 3 PM

JUNE 14, WEDNESDAY

· VR for Seniors, 12 PM

JUNE 16, FRIDAY

· Silent Book Club, 10 AM

JUNE 17. SATURDAY

- · Gardening Together, 11 AM
- · Summer Reading Challenge, 1 PM
- · SRC Kick Off Scheer Genius, 2 PM
- · Chess Club for Kids & Adults, 3 PM
- \cdot Pride Month Book Discussion, 3 PM

JUNE 20, TUESDAY

- \cdot Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM

JUNE 21, WEDNESDAY

- · Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft: Rainbow Month Tie-Dyed T-Shirts, 4:30 PM
- · Community Yoga, 6:30 PM

JUNE 22. THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- · Final Budget Meeting, 5:30 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

JUNE 23, FRIDAY

· Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

JUNE 24, SATURDAY

- · Flint Pride Festival, 2 PM
- · SRC Howell Nature Center, 2 PM

JUNE 27, TUESDAY

- · Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM

JUNE 28, WEDNESDAY

- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- · Teen/Tween Craft: Slime, 4:30 PM

JUNE 29, THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

JUNE 30, FRIDAY

· Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

July

JULY 1-4, SATURDAY-TUESDAY

· Independence Day Closing

JULY 5, WEDNESDAY

- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- · African American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft: Friendship Bracelets, 4:30 PM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

JULY 6, THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- · Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

JULY 7, FRIDAY

· Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

JULY 8, SATURDAY

- · Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- · SRC Larry Castleberry, 2 PM

JULY 11, TUESDAY

- · Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM
- Teen Intensive Writing Forum with Connor Coyne, 2 PM
- · Ice Cream Social, 6 PM

JULY 12, WEDNESDAY

- · VR for Seniors, 12 PM
- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- Teen Intensive Writing Forum with Connor Coyne, 2 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft: Bead Creature Key Chains, 4:30 PM
- · Community Yoga, 6:30 PM

JULY 13, THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- Teen Intensive Writing Forum with Connor Coyne, 2 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM
- · Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM

JULY 14, FRIDAY

- · Drop In and Build, 2 PM
- Teen Intensive Writing Forum with Connor Coyne, 2 PM

JULY 15, SATURDAY

- · Podcasting @ the Library, 11 AM
- · SRC Joel Tacey Mobile Nerf Games, 2 PM
- · Chess Club for Kids & Adults, 3 PM

JULY 18, TUESDAY

- · Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Green Screen Workshop, 2 PM

JULY 19. WEDNESDAY

- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Green Screen Workshop, 2 PM
- · Teen/Tween Craft: Henna, 4:30 PM
- · Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

JULY 20, THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Green Screen Workshop, 2 PM
- · Pick You Potions Mocktail Program, 6 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

JULY 21, FRIDAY

- · Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- · Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

JULY 22, SATURDAY

· SRC – Alex Thomas & Friends, 2 PM

JULY 25, TUESDAY

- \cdot Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM
- ·Teen Tech Camp Learn & Make Week, 2 PM

JULY 26, WEDNESDAY

- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Learn & Make Week, 2 PM
- · Teen/Tween Craft: Puzzle Day, 4:30 PM

JULY 27, THURSDAY

- · Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- · Teen Tech Camp Learn & Make Week, 2 PM
- · Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

JULY 28, FRIDAY

· Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

JULY 29, SATURDAY

· SRC - Paleo Joe, 2 PM

August

AUGUST 1, TUESDAY

- · Lunch on the Library Lawn, 1 PM
- · Family Yoga, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Video Week, 2 PM

AUGUST 2, WEDNESDAY

- · Drop-In and Play Games, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Video Week, 2 PM
- African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft: Color Your World Day, 4:30 PM
- Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

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- **AUGUST 3, THURSDAY**Drop-In and Watch a Movie, 2 PM
- Teen Tech Camp Video Week, 2 PM
- · Teen Tech Camp video
- Board Meeting, 5:30 PMThursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 4, FRIDAY

· Drop-In and Build, 2 PM

- Glenwood Cemetery Program, 9:30 AM
- Summer Reading Challenge Finale –
- Baffling Bill, 2 PM

· Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM

- **AUGUST 9, WEDNESDAY**
- VR for Seniors, 12 PMLego Club, 4 PM

ALIGUET 40 THURSDAY

AUGUST 10, THURSDAY• Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 12, SATURDAY

- · Podcasting @ the Library, 11 AM
- · Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

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- **AUGUST 16, WEDNESDAY**
- Lego Club, 4 PMPodcasting @ the Library, 6 PM
- · Community Yoga, 6:30 PM

AUGUST 18, FRIDAY

- · Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- **AUGUST 19, SATURDAY** Friends One-Day Book Sale. 10 AM 5 PM
- · SRC Bubbleman, 2 PM

· Chess Club for Kids & Adults, 3 PM

AUGUST 23, WEDNESDAY· Lego Club, 4 PM

AUGUST 26, SATURDAY

· Blues on the Library Lawn, 6 PM

AUGUST 30, WEDNESDAY• Podcasting @ the Library, 6 PM

September

SEPTEMBER 1-4, FRIDAY-MONDAY

· Labor Day Closing