



June 1 – August 19

For all ages

Track your summer reading, write book reviews, and complete fun activities to earn real and digital badges and prizes. Visit balibrary.org/summer to sign up and get started!

Book of the Summer: *Skunk and Badger*

by Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen

Join us in reading *Skunk and Badger* this summer! It's a funny, clever story of two roommates who are complete opposites, and how they must learn to get along. (Maybe this sounds familiar to anyone with a sibling!) Tell us what you think of the book using #BALBookOfTheSummer Find activities, discussion questions, and more at balibrary.org/bookofthesummer



New this year! Book of the Summer Kits

Check out a backpack full of fun activities and experiences inspired by *Skunk and Badger*.



MEET US OUTSIDE!



Safety precautions will be in place for outdoor programs, including adjusted capacity and physical distancing. We ask that unvaccinated people over the age of 2 please continue to wear masks. Please register for these programs. Programs will be held weather permitting.

Outdoor Family Concert:

Little Miss Ann

Friday, July 16, 10 AM OR 11:30 AM

All ages w/caregiver

Clap, jump, sing, and dance to Little Miss Ann's upbeat, down-to-earth, fun music. Socially distanced areas will be designated, please bring your own blanket. BALibrary lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Outdoor Science: Bubbles

Friday, July 16

2 PM: PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

3 PM: Grade 3 – 5

Learn about the science of bubbles as we conduct fun experiments together. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays July 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9:45

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Meet us outside for stories, songs, and rhymes in nature! Families are asked to sit together on provided blankets, set apart for social distancing. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Story Time Dance Party in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, July 21, 10 AM

Meet us outside to bop to the beat and share some stories! Families are asked to move and groove in their own dance areas, set apart for social distancing. BALibrary lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

REGISTER ONLINE

Please note that most programs, whether outdoors or online, require registration, except where noted. Register at balibrary.org

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MORE OUTDOOR FUN

Outdoor Art: Kindness Rocks

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, July 8, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Tuesday, July 13, 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Feeling inspired by our Book of the Summer, *Skunk and Badger*? Combine Skunk's kindheartedness and Badger's love of geology by painting inspirational messages on rocks to give away or keep. BALibrary Plaza, east of the Meeting Room. Weather permitting. Drop in.

Outdoor Sphero Painting

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, July 23, 3:30 PM

Art and technology collide when you code a robot Sphero to roll and draw in paint. BALibrary Plaza, east of the Meeting Room. Weather permitting. Drop in.

TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available July 12 – 23

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by the Library to pick it up by July 23. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning July 24.

Toddler/PreK: Tape Resist Art

Use tape to create shapes on your canvas. Paint over it, then remove the tape to reveal your masterpiece.

Grades K – 2: DIY Bubble Wand

Create your own bubble wand, then mix up some bubble solution for tons of fun.

Grades 3 – 8: Mini Zen Garden

Take a mindful moment as you design your mini Zen garden and enjoy the calm.

ABOUT YOUTH SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMS:

Watch Now

Find these pre-recorded, on-demand story times, activities, and book talks on our calendar. Activities become available on the dates listed.

Live

These live, virtual programs are like being at BALibrary! Hosted by the Librarians you know from the Youth Services department.

Visit the Library's Events Calendar to find more details and to access Watch Now programs or register for Live or outdoor programs.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

WATCH NOW:

All-Ages Story Time

A new, on-demand story time every **Monday!**

Stories, songs, and rhymes to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and critical thinking skills.

LIVE: STORY TIME

Thursday July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

at 10:30 AM

Books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities build language and literacy skills in this interactive story time.

WATCH NOW:

Story Time Shorts

Tune into our YouTube Channel for quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities, then follow along with at home. New videos added throughout the month. Head to youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary

LIVE FAMILY READING:

Skunk and Badger

Best for families with children ages 5 – 10

Monday, July 12, 7 PM

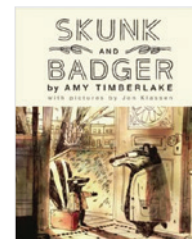
Join our virtual book discussion of *Skunk and Badger*. Read the book as a family ahead of time, then we'll share some fun activities over Zoom to enrich the reading experience.

WATCH NOW:

Skunk and Badger, Part 2

Available Tuesday, July 20

A virtual puppet performance brought to you by the BALibrary librarians, adapted from the first chapter of our Book of the Summer, *Skunk and Badger*, by Amy Timberlake.



Genealogy Journal: Take-and-Make Kit

Thursday, July 1, 9 AM

Decorate your own genealogy journal, then use the journal, pen, and sticky notes to record your thoughts and memories of your family. BALibrary cardholders: register for the kit and we'll email you when it is ready for pickup, along with any instructions. One kit per BALibrary cardholder.

Garden Lantern Take-and-Make Kit

Tuesday, July 6

Add charm to any garden or outdoor seating area with this lovely lantern-making kit! One kit per BALibrary cardholder. Kits will be available for pick-up July 27 – 31.



SECOND FRIDAYS PRESENTS:



French Creole Fiddle & Tales From The Illinois Country

Friday, July 9, 7 PM

Hidden away in the Ozarks of southern Illinois, Missouri, and beyond, is a music and culture still thriving after more than 300 years in existence. Led by its ambassador (and champion fiddle player) Dennis Stroughmatt, L'Esprit Creole brings you the sights, stories, and sounds of The Illinois Country, with a unique blend of Celtic, Canadian, and Old Time sounds.

FOR ADULTS THIS MONTH

**Register to be emailed a link
to join virtual programs.**

Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and run free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.



Garden Design in the Teaching Garden

Tuesday, July 13, 6 PM

Meet Master Gardener Navraaz Basati and Librarian Liz Kirchhoff for a tour of our new Teaching Garden. We'll discuss how we designed the garden and selected the plants, and how you can use those principles in your own space. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.



Cooks with Books: Grilling Take-and-Make Kit Tuesday, July 13

Fire up the grill and get creative! Kit includes 6 stainless steel skewers, meat/vegetable dry marinade, and recipes. One kit per BALibrary cardholder. Kits will be available for pick-up July 13 – 17.

Skywatching With Your Eyes

Thursday, July 15, 7 PM

Who needs a telescope? Learn about the celestial observations you can make with just your eyes, including Moon phases, eclipses, planets, stars, and much more, in a session suited to an astronomy novice. With Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium.

DIY Your Home with Charlotte Piwowar

Tuesday, July 20, 7 PM

Charlotte Piwowar gives tips and ideas on how to help the environment by refurbishing your old furniture, and maximize your space in new and exciting ways.



Felt a Hedgehog!

Thursday, July 29, 7 PM

Join artist Natasha Lehrer Lewis via Zoom and create an adorable little hedgehog with wool, using needle felting techniques. All supplies included; register and we'll let you know when your kit is ready for pick-up. Limited to BALibrary cardholders.

Nonprofit Know-How: More Volunteers!

Tuesday, July 13, 12 PM

Hear from the experts about ways to make the new Barrington Area Volunteer Connection site work best for your local nonprofit. Register.

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VOLUNTEER
CONNECTION**

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Tech Topics:

Mac Computer Basics

Thursday, July 8, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Mac operating system. Navigate popular features like system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps.

Laser-Etched Pint Glass

Thursday, July 15 – all day

Follow along as Digital Services Specialist Ken provides step-by-step instructions for creating a custom design that will be etched on a classic pint glass. Use your BALibrary card to [register](#). Then watch for an email on July 15 with a link to this pre-recorded program.

Custom Vinyl Stickers

Tuesday, July 20 – all day

Follow along as Digital Services Specialist Ken provides step-by-step instructions on using Silhouette Studio software to create a custom vinyl sticker. Use your BALibrary card to [register](#). Then watch for an email on July 20 with a link to this pre-recorded program.

Introduction to Podcasting

Tuesday, July 27, 6 PM

Discover the tools you need to start your own podcast, like recording software and necessary equipment. Then learn how to distribute your content.



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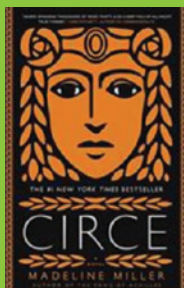
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: SUNDAY, JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

LIT @ HOME:

***Circe* by Madeline Miller**

Monday, July 12, 7 PM

Let's stay connected while we're staying safe at home! Join Librarians Liz and Hayley from your couch to discuss popular titles in a virtual book club for adults. Born to the gods, *Circe's* true life begins when she is banished to the island of Aiaia for eternity.



KEEP IT REAL:

Minor Feelings

Wednesday, July 14, 7 PM

In collaboration with Courageous Community

We'll discuss *Minor Feelings* by Cathy Park Hong, looking at the tension between American optimism and the minority experience. Borrow a copy through Libby or by asking at the second floor Reference Desk. Register.

