



BARRINGTON  
AREA LIBRARY

PROGRAM GUIDE  
June – July 2025



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Track your summer reading, write book reviews, and complete fun activities to earn real badge buttons and prizes.

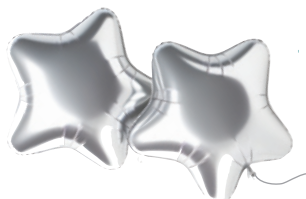
### How it works:

Log your reading and activities online from your computer, tablet, or mobile device. You do not need a Barrington Area Library card to sign up!

1. Create an account at [balibrary.org/summer](https://balibrary.org/summer).
2. Sign up for 2025 Summer Reading.
3. Add to your log. Earn points and badges by logging your reading, reviewing, and activities.
4. Claim your prizes. Visit the Library to collect your badges and prizes!

Visit [balibrary.org/summerreading](https://balibrary.org/summerreading)  
for more details!

## BALIBRARY 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY



Saturday, June 21  
10 AM – 2 PM

Live entertainment, games, treats, crafts, and good old-fashioned fun – let's party like it's 1925!

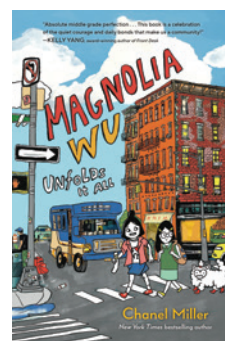
Drop in or [register](#) for a reminder.



## BOOK OF THE SUMMER

Our 2025 Book of the Summer is *Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All* by Chanel Miller. Join Magnolia and her friend Iris, self-proclaimed sock detectives,

on a summer hunt that takes them across New York City in this illustrated family read-aloud! Find discussion questions, activity ideas, and more at [balibrary.org/bookofthesummer](https://balibrary.org/bookofthesummer)



### Family Concert:

**Ben Tatar and the Tatar Tots**

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, June 18, 10 AM

Get ready to wiggle, giggle, dance, and sing with Ben Tatar. Ben brings all sorts of instruments and original songs about food that are perfect for all ages! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.



### Family Concert: Miss Katie Sings

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, July 18, 10 AM

Miss Katie Sings new and familiar songs rooted in imaginative play, kindness, and community. Enjoy a fun time of music and movement! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

# SUMMER FUN!

## Summer Vision Jar

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, June 4, 2 PM

Friday, June 6, 2 PM

Decorate a jar, write down activities you'd like to accomplish, and put them in the jar. Pull out an idea whenever you need something to do and make your summer dreams a reality! Register.

## Messy Art

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, June 6, 10 AM

Wednesday, July 9, 2 PM

Let's get messy! Join us on the BALibrary lawn to make some art. Dress for a mess! Drop in.

## Code Together

PreK – Grade 5 w/caregiver

Thursdays, June 12 & July 24

6 PM

Kids team up with their adults to explore early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars and LEGO WeDo robots. Register. Program Room.

## DIY Playdough

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, June 13, 10 AM

Friday, July 11, 2 PM

Create your very own play dough with your grown-up. Drop in. Program Room.

## Kids for Kindness

Grades K – 5, caregivers welcome

Fridays, June 13 & July 25

2 PM

Create personalized bookmarks to brighten someone else's day, including Library customers who are homebound. Let's get crafty and spread kindness! Drop in. Program Room.

## Lego Club

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, June 13 & July 18

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Make LEGO robots, create stories, and build amazing creations. Drop in. Program Room.

## Read With Me™ - Therapy Dogs

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, June 14, 10 AM

Saturday, July 12, 10 AM

SOUL Harbour Ranch visits with their Pet Partners registered therapy dogs for cozy one-on-one reading time. The Pet Partners Read With Me™ initiative incorporates therapy animals to support readers of all ages and abilities. Register. Program Room.

## Nature Art

Grades K – 5

Wednesday, June 25, 2 PM

Create a piece of artwork to take home using natural materials and our art supplies. Register. BALibrary Lawn.

## Slime Time

Grades K – 8, caregivers welcome

Friday, June 27,

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

Wednesday, July 23,

1:30 PM OR 3:30 PM

Learn how to make slime. Dress for a mess! Register. Program Room.

## Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, June 30, 2 – 3 PM

Thursday, July 31, 2 – 3 PM

Families explore a variety of technology such as robots, circuits, iPads, and more. Drop in. Program Room.

## Sock Decorating

Grades K – 5

Tuesday, July 1, 2 PM

Let your imagination run wild while creating a one-of-a-kind, hand-decorated pair of socks. Register. Program Room.

## Astronomy Club

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, July 10, 3:30 PM

Mesmerized by stars, planets, and all things outer space? Let's explore the universe together with space-themed crafts, experiments, and activities. Register. Program Room.



# LEARN-PLAY-CREATE

## Tranquil Tuesday

Grades 4 – 8

Tuesday, July 15, 6 PM

Zone in and zen out with mindful activities, coloring, and other things to help you relax! [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## Family Explorers: Compost

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Monday, July 21, 4 PM

Learn about how compost works and how to start your own bin at home by reading *Inside the Compost Bin* by Melody Sumaoang Plan. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

## Recycled Toy Art

Grades 3 – 5

Thursday, July 24, 2 PM

Let your imagination run wild as we breathe new life into old toys. Create sculptures, design a new toy, or make abstract art! [Register](#). Program Room.

## WOW WEEKENDS!

### All-Ages Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Saturdays, June 28 & July 19, 10 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Drop in.

### Baby Time

Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver

Saturdays, June 28 & July 19, 11 AM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills. Drop in.



## REGISTRATION:

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for June and July programs opens Tuesday, May 27. Register on the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

## READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Register your child who is heading into Kindergarten this year.

### Counting Down to Kindergarten

Going into K w/caregiver

Tuesday, July 8, 1:30 PM

Thursday, July 17, 6 PM

Practice important skills to help prepare your child for their transition to kindergarten. Program Room.

### Kindergarten Story Time + Craft

Going into K

Tuesday, July 22, 11 AM OR 2 PM

Practice important Kindergarten readiness skills in an independent story time environment. Story Room.

### Mock Morning Meeting

Going into K

Tuesday, July 29, 10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Morning meetings are a routine part of life as a kindergartner. We'll get ready for the day and learn about kindergarten routines together. Children are invited to attend without a caregiver to practice independence! Program Room.



# LET'S GET OUTSIDE!

## Totally Tie Dye

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, June 5:

2, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, OR 3 PM

Wednesday, July 2:

2, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, OR 3 PM

Try out tie-dye techniques on the BALibrary Lawn. Library provides 1 totebag and 1 pair of socks! Dress for a mess. Register.

## Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, June 10 & July 15  
10 AM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Weather permitting. Drop in.

## Nature Journal

Grades PreK – 2

Wednesday, June 11, 2 PM

We'll read *The Nature Journal* by Savannah Allen together, and then make our own nature journals to keep track of all of the fun stuff we discover in the great outdoors this summer. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

## Fairy Wands and Flower Crowns

Grades K – 5, caregivers welcome

Thursday, June 19, 2 PM

Make your own fairy wand and flower crown. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn.

## Fairy Party with Kaleidoscope School of Art

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, June 24, 10 AM

Listen to fairy stories, create your own fairy door with Kaleidoscope school of art, and join in a fairy parade outside the Library! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.



## Mini Mud Kitchen

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, July 1, 10 AM

Let's get cooking! We'll engage in imaginative sensory play as we create all sorts of recipes with mud, sticks, leaves, and other natural materials. Dress for a mess. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

## Loose Parts Nature Play

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, July 3, 2 PM

Engage in a sensory experience with our natural loose parts. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

## Crafty Garden Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, July 8, 9:30 AM

Let's make a craft inspired by the Teaching Garden. Then we'll explore and work in the Garden with the Master Gardeners. Be prepared to get messy. Drop in. Teaching Garden.



# HOORAY FOR HALFWAY!

All ages

Wednesday, July 16,  
4 – 6 PM

Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and favorite people to celebrate being halfway done with 2025 Summer Reading! Join us on the BALibrary lawn for an afternoon of fun. Dive into good books, color your own bookmark, make tote bags, and more! Haven't signed up for Summer Reading? Sign up during the event! Drop in.



# FAMILY PROGRAMS

## All-Ages Crafternoon

All ages w/caregiver

Make & take home a craft, while supplies last. Drop in. Program Room.

**Monday, June 9, 2 PM: Pinwheels**

**Monday, June 23, 2 PM:**

**4th of July Wreaths**

**Monday, July 7, 2 PM:**

**Painted Seashells**

**Monday, July 21, 2 PM: Butterflies**



## Father's Day Cards

All ages w/caregiver

**Tuesday, June 10, 11 AM OR 2:30 PM**

Make a Father's Day card for someone special. Drop in.

## Family Trivia Night

Kindergarten and up with family

**Thursday, June 26, 6:30 – 7:30PM**

Bring the whole family and join us for a night of trivia about Disney, Bluey, dinosaurs, and more!

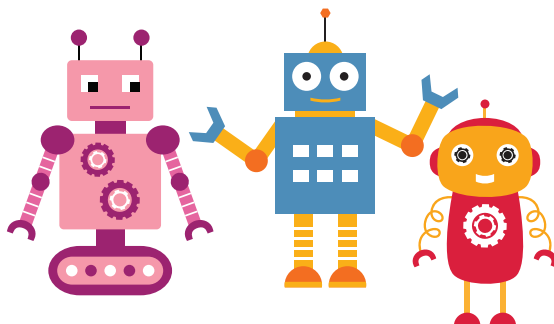
Register. Zimmerman Room.

## Recycled Robots

All ages

**Tuesday, June 17, 2 PM**

Make a super cool robot using cardboard boxes and other recycled materials. Drop in.



## Family Forest Bathing

All ages w/caregiver

**Tuesday, July 8, 5:30 PM**

Discover the magic of the forest in a family-friendly forest bathing adventure. Register. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.



## Art Play

All ages w/caregiver

**Thursdays, June & July, 10 AM**

Through process-oriented art, kids explore their imagination and develop creative thinking skills. Mess-makers welcome! Drop in.

# DROP-IN WEEKLY STORY TIMES

## Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver

**Mondays, June & July, 10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

Sprinkle some sunshine on your day and join us outside for stories, songs, and rhymes in nature! Feel free to bring a blanket or portable seating. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Weather permitting.

## Baby Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

**Tuesdays, June & July, 3:30 PM**

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills.

## All-Ages Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

**Wednesdays, June\* & July**

**10 AM OR 10:30 AM**

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time. \*No Story Time on June 18.



# STORIES & MORE

## Little Kids, Big Feelings

**Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver**

**Thursday, June 12, 11 AM**

Mister Rogers said that anything mentionable is manageable. Let's create a space to talk about all feelings, big and small, through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises.

Drop in.

## Stroller Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Tuesdays, June 17 & July 22  
10 AM**

Strap in and stroll over to Citizens Park as we share stories and rhymes along the way. Drop in. Meet on the BALibrary Plaza.

## Sensory Playtime

**All ages**

**Wednesday, June 18, 11 AM – 12 PM**

Enjoy a variety of play activities specifically designed to engage the senses. Drop in.

## Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2 PM**

Let's watch the classic show Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, followed by some discussion and activities to go along with the episode. [Register](#).

## Decades Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**The 70s: Thursday, June 19, 11 AM**

**The 80s: Friday, July 25, 10 AM**

Songs, stories, and fun flashbacks to decades past, in honor of BALibrary's 100th birthday! Register.

## Happy Birthday Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Friday, June 20, 10 AM**

**Friday, July 11, 10 AM**

Join us for a special story time during your birthday month and we'll celebrate YOU with stories, songs, and a craft! Register with the birthday child's name.

## Potty Palooza Story Time

**Ages 2 – 4 w/caregiver**

**Friday, June 20, 11 AM**

Ready to ditch the diapers? Let's get this potty started! Songs and stories get littles excited for this big milestone. Learn ways to make this big transition a positive experience for everyone. [Register](#).

## Goodnight Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Fridays, June 20 & July 18  
6:30 PM**

Shake your sillies out, get cozy, and listen to bedtime stories in this calming evening story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep. Drop in.

## Ukulele Baby Time

**Ages 0 – 24 months w/caregiver**

**Monday, June 23, 3:30 PM**

Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the many benefits of bathing your baby in song! Drop in.

## Pride Month Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Thursday, June 26, 11 AM**

Celebrate Pride with an inclusive all-ages story time! Drop in.

## Story Time Dance Party in the Sun

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Friday, June 27, 10 AM**

Bop to the beat and share some stories in the sun! Drop in. BALibrary Lawn.

## Shark Week Story Time

**All ages w/caregiver**

**Friday, July 11, 11 AM**

Dive into this shark-themed story time and bite into family-friendly songs, stories, and rhymes! [Register](#).

## Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

**Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver**

**Monday, July 14, 3:30 PM**

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive, sing-along story time. Drop in.





# FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Teen Service Project Take-and-Make

Grades 6 – 8

June 1 – July 31

Earn service hours from home! Create personalized bookmarks to brighten someone's day, including Library customers who are homebound. Return four completed bookmarks for one hour of volunteer service credit (you may earn 3 hours maximum). Pick up a kit from the Youth Services Desk.

## Light-Up Bookmark

Grades 6 – 8

Wednesday, June 11, 3:30 PM

Make a circuit using conductive thread to create a light-up bookmark. Register.



## Board Game Club

Grades 5 – 8

Monday, June 16, 3:30 PM

Monday, July 7, 3:30 PM

Pull up a chair and compete with other kids (and Librarians!) in this no-stakes board game challenge. Register.

## Crochet 101

Grades 5 – 8

Tuesday, June 24, 2 PM

Thursday, July 17, 3:30 PM

Learn the very basics of crocheting and create a bookmark. Register. Program Room.

# FOR TEENS



## Babysitting 101

Wednesday, June 18, 7 PM

This interactive workshop on babysitting is the perfect opportunity for new or current babysitters seeking to gain additional skills, knowledge, and resources. Participants will receive an on-the-go tote filled with babysitting tools and activities. Register. Zimmerman Room.

## Write A Compelling College Essay

Monday, June 23, 6 PM

Is your high school student looking to get a head start on the college admission process? This workshop helps students take the crucial first step: getting organized! Led by Thomas Jaworski from Quest College Consulting, this interactive session will provide valuable tips and strategies for crafting a well-organized essay to strengthen a college application. Aimed at juniors and seniors, but all students are welcome to attend. Register. Zimmerman Room.



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Friday July 4, Independence Day



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# FOR MUSIC LOVERS



## **Second Fridays: Rosie & The Rivets** Friday, June 13, 7 PM

An electrifying, female-fronted retrospective tribute to the first ten years of rock & roll. Girl groups, rockabilly, surf, British Invasion and more, featuring Rosie's powerful and versatile voice. Not your typical 'oldies playing oldies' band – this is a high energy stage show that's fresh and fun! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## **Second Fridays: Kaleidoscope Eyes** Friday, July 11, 7 PM

Chicago's premier acoustic Beatles tribute band, Kaleidoscope Eyes pays homage to the Beatles with great melodies, harmonies, and musicianship! [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## **Community Jam** Thursday, June 19, 7 PM

Let's jam! Musicians of all levels are encouraged to attend with their instrument. Professional musician and composer Dan leads the group through a handful of tunes and improvisations. A brief survey will be sent to help us plan the jam. For ages 14+. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



# FOR CAREGIVERS

## **Caregiving – A Documentary Preview**

Wednesday, June 4, 6 PM

*With Right at Home and Bacoa*

Join us for this exclusive sneak peek of executive producer Bradley Cooper's new documentary, *Caregiving*, a Well Beings production, airing on PBS this June. Narrated by actress Uzo Aduba, the project centers around the triumphs and challenges of caregiving in the United States. The 30-minute sneak peek will be followed by a 45-minute panel discussion featuring local caregivers, aging specialists, and advocates. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**

Tuesday, June 17, 6 PM

*Presented by the Alzheimer's Association, in collaboration with Bacoa*

Alzheimer's causes changes in memory, thinking, and behavior that are not normal to aging. Learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's, common warning signs, the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis, and next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## **Beyond Bedside**

Monday, June 30, 7 PM

The discharge process from a hospital or rehab can feel rushed, leaving families unprepared for home care. This transition can be overwhelming and full of unanswered questions. Our expert panel will cover key steps for a smooth and safe transition home. Bring your questions and get the support and guidance you need at this challenging time! [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



# EXPLORE THE NATURAL WORLD

## Cranes 101

**Thursday, June 12, 2 PM**

Take a virtual tour to learn all about cranes, their unique bird behavior, and the work of the International Crane Foundation. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Lighthouses of the Outer Banks of North Carolina

**Thursday, June 19, 2 PM**

Join Laura Keyes for this illustrated lecture highlighting the history and beauty of lighthouses that guard the Outer Banks. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## Butterfly Watering Hole

**Wednesday, June 25, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Sublimate aluminum garden tiles and build your own drinking station to keep your backyard pollinators hydrated this summer. Register with your BALibrary card. MakerLab.

## Monarchs: History and Science Behind the Monarch Craze

**Tuesday, July 8, 7 PM**

Learn all about the monarch butterfly and what you can do to help this iconic insect. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



## Forest Therapy Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

**Friday, July 18, 9:30 AM**

**Rain date: Friday, July 25**

Forest Therapy Guide, Horticultural Therapist, and Yoga Instructor Navraaz Basati leads us on an immersive and therapeutic walk. We will end with a tea ceremony and a berry ink watercolor painting activity on seed paper. Dress comfortably. Priority [registration](#) for BALibrary cardholders. Crabtree Nature Center.

## Teaching Garden Workshops

**Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM**

Local gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks. From 9:30 – 10 AM we'll focus on basic garden maintenance. From 10 – 11 AM, we'll focus on a specific gardening topic. Meets weekly, weather permitting. Registration suggested.

**June 3:** Grow your vegan dinner

**June 10:** Create an aromatherapy space

**June 17:** Growing vertically

**June 24:** Growing and harvesting hot peppers

**July 1:** No workshop today

**July 8:** All-ages garden craft

**July 15:** Deadheading

**July 22:** Gardening for birds

**July 29:** Heat safety and adaptive gardening



## FOR FOODIES

### Cooks with Books: Charcuterie

**Tuesday, June 24, 7 PM**

Let's talk about summer events and the beautiful boards you can make for your guests. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

### Cooks With Books: Ice Cream

**Tuesday, July 29, 7 PM**

Let's cool off and talk about ice cream! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

### Cooks with Books: Video Series

#### Charcuterie Board Design

**Tuesday, June 3, 9 AM**

**What makes "Superfoods" Super?**

**Tuesday, July 1, 9 AM**

Register. Virtual. Watch on your schedule!

### Chicago Foodways Tours: Global Street Food

**Thursday, July 10, 2 PM**

Phyllis Petrilli from Chicago Foodways Tours guides us through a foodie paradise of cuisine from Ethiopia, Mexico, and Thailand, to name a few. [Register](#). Virtual.

# GROWN-UP GAMES

## Trivia: Barrington Edition

**Wednesday, June 18, 2 PM**

Think you know about everything Barrington? Test that knowledge in a Jeopardy-style trivia game. [Register](#) as a team of up to six or individually. Zimmerman Room.



## Puzzle Races

**Monday, July 21, 2 PM**

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. The winning team gets bragging rights and free puzzles. [Register](#) as a team of up to five, or individually. Meeting Room.

**Have a gently used puzzle that you'd like to share with others?** Feel free to drop it off during the Puzzle Races, and help yourself to a puzzle that someone else has shared, too.

# MORE ADULT LEARNING

## Dual Citizenship by Descent

**Tuesday, June 10, 7 PM**

Curious about gaining dual citizenship in Italy or Ireland through your ancestors? Nationally recognized professional genealogist and lecturer Rhonda R. McClure discusses the rules and processes of gaining Irish and Italian dual citizenship, including documents that are needed and costs involved when taking on this grand adventure. [Register](#). Virtual.

## Making The Most Of Social Security

**Thursday, June 12, 7 PM**

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group provides details on various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows. These strategies often provide monthly lifetime Social Security benefits higher than the standard filing options that are typically selected. Stacy will also discuss Social Security earned income limits and the taxation of Social Security benefits. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## QPR Suicide Prevention

**Wednesday, June 18, 7 PM**

*With BStrong Together and Ascension Illinois Behavioral Health*  
Mandy Burbank, LCSW & certified QPR trainer, shares facts and figures about suicide and simple steps anyone can use when you're concerned that someone is contemplating self-harm. This is especially valuable to nonprofit, civic, and organization leaders, equipping you and your team to recognize and respond to mental health and suicide risks of staff and clients. Participants will receive material to support what they've learned. [Register](#). Virtual.



## Non-Profit Know-How and Better Business: Strategic To-Do Lists

**Wednesday, June 25, 10 AM**

Non-profit leaders and small business owners often handle the majority of the responsibilities in their organizations. Consultant Robin Walker helps you create strategic to-do lists that reduce overwhelm, boost productivity, and get you closer to your goals. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## When I'm 64

**Three dates in July, 7 PM**

*With Bacoa*

Representatives from Bacoa and various organizations present a different Medicare-related topic each week. Register. Meeting room

**July 7: Medicare Basics**

**July 9: Medicare Advantage Plans**

**July 10: Medicare Supplements and Prescription Plans**



## China's Growing Sphere of Economic Influence

**Thursday, July 10, 11 AM**

Explore the history of China's economic power and steps they are taking to recover their economic standing, focusing on the Belt and Road Initiative and investment in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

## Tai Chi

**Tuesday, July 15, 7 PM**

Enjoy a relaxing evening with instructor Allison Deputy. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

# JUST FOR SENIORS



## Decoupage Sea Shell Dishes

**Monday, June 9, 2 PM**

Create decorative trinket dishes out of oyster and scallop shells, just in time for summer! All supplies provided. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## Game-O-Rama

**Tuesday, June 10, 2 PM**

Simple and fun games for 2 – 4 players – bring your friends! For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

## Senior Scrabble

**Wednesdays, June 25 & July 23, 1 PM**

Bring some friends and test your Scrabble skills! Five boards available for 2 – 4 players each. For those 65 and older. Register.

## Chair Tai Chi

**Wednesday, July 2, 10 AM**

Allison Deputy from MoonWillow Tai Chi & Wellness leads a fun and relaxing, head to toe workout via Zoom. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Virtual.



# TECH & MAKER TOPICS

Register with your BALibrary card. MakerLab except where noted.



## Laser-Etched Golf Tee Holder

**Tuesday, June 3, 2 PM**

Use Inkscape to personalize a golf tee holder to be etched by the laser cutter.



## Introduction to Inkscape

**Wednesday, June 4, 2 PM**

Learn the basics of Inkscape, a free digital illustration program, to kick-start your design talents.

## Monogrammed Rocks Glass

**Tuesday, June 10, 10 AM OR 2 PM**

Design a monogram to laser etch onto one rocks glass.

## Laser Etch Your Own Earrings

**Wednesday, June 11, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Create laser-engraved wood earrings—choose from one of three designs.

## Silhouette Machine Basics

**Tuesday, June 17, 2 PM**

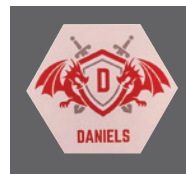
Learn about the machine that can cut vinyl decals, heat transfer vinyl, paper, and more! No project, no pressure!



## Custom Can Holder

**Wednesday, June 18, 2 PM**

Learn about the process of sublimation and create a custom can holder.



## Laser-Cut Butterfly With Flowers

**Tuesday, June 24, 2 PM**

Use text in Inkscape to decorate a laser-cut butterfly that you'll embellish with paper flowers.

## "Special Place in My Heart" Card

**Tuesday, July 8, 10 AM OR 2 PM**

Use Silhouette Studio and the snipping tool to make a card focused on a special place in your heart.

## DIY Sticker

**Wednesday, July 9, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Select artwork from an online clip art library and print your own die-cut sticker on our brand-new sticker machine.



## What is Microsoft OneDrive?

**Tuesday, July 15, 3 PM**

An exploration of Microsoft's cloud-based file storage system, and how it can help you. Conference Room.

## Leather Luggage Tag

**Wednesday, July 16, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Design a luggage tag to take on your summer travels.

## Soundwave Sign

**Tuesday, July 22, 10 AM OR 2 PM**

Learn how to turn a name or short phrase into a sound wave to etch onto a small keepsake sign.

## Introduction to Photoshop

**Wednesday, July 23, 2 PM**

Explore beginner level design skills in Photoshop.

## Sewing Machine: Bookmark

**Tuesday, July 29, 10 AM OR 2 PM**

In this beginner-friendly class, sew a fabric bookmark!

# FOR CREATIVE SPIRITS

## Craft Closet Clean-Up

**Thursday, June 5, 2 – 4 PM**

Drop by our table in the lobby and make something fun with our leftover craft supplies.



## Watercolor with Carol Keene

**Tuesday, June 17, 2 PM**

Create a beautiful watercolor landscape with artist Carol Keene. Register. Zimmerman Room.

## Floral Luminaries

**Thursday, July 31, 10 AM OR 2 PM**

Add some twinkle to your summer nights with these colorful floral luminaries. Mason jars, pressed



flowers, twine, and tea lights create a luminous setting! Priority registration for BALibrary cardholders. Meeting Room.





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### LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

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Independence Day

## FOR BOOK LOVERS

### Introducing our 2025 Beach Read!

Let's read *The Door-to-Door Bookstore* by Carsten Henn, translated by Melody Shaw, about a life-changing friendship between an elderly bookseller and a nine-year-old girl. Full of heart, humor, and meditations on the power of stories, this short novel is sure to sweeten your summer.



### Coming Soon: 100 Books After Retirement

Retired and chipping away at your to-be-read list? Get rewarded for it with our brand new, continuous reading challenge! Launching soon: sign up for Summer Reading and our new program for twice the fun!

### A History Lover's Guide to Chicago

Wednesday July 23, 7 PM  
Learn about our city's rich and wonderful history from author Greg Borzo as he shares highlights from his book, *A History Lover's Guide to Chicago*. [Register](#). Virtual.



### Cover To Cover

Discuss popular titles in an afternoon book club for adults. Register.

***Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 1 PM**

***The Rachel Incident***  
**by Caroline O'Donoghue**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 1 PM**



### LIT

Join Adult Services Librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

***Looking for Smoke* by K.A. Cobell**  
**Monday, June 9, 7 PM**

***Margo's Got Money Troubles***  
**by Rufi Thorpe**  
**Monday, July 14, 7 PM**

### Big Summer Books

**Monday, June 16, 2 PM OR 6 PM**

Join Adult Services Librarians Danielle and Liz to hear about some of the most anticipated summer releases. You might even go home with a free book! Register. Zimmerman Room.