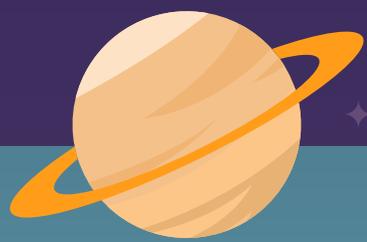


SUMMER 2018
ACTIVITY GUIDE

NPL



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SUMMER READING: READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE

May 30–August 6

AUTISM CAFE

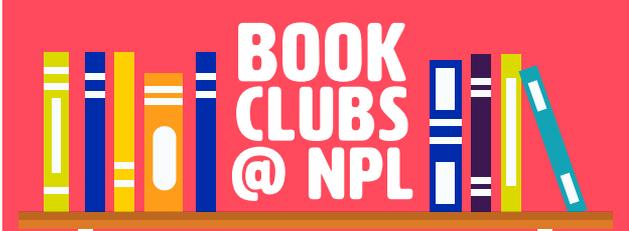
June 7 • July 5 • August 2
6:30 pm | Community Room

The Autism Cafe is a monthly activity-focused social gathering for adults on the spectrum to meet in a safe, quiet environment. Color Communication Badges will be available.

ANIME CLUB FOR ADULTS

June 19 • July 17 • August 21
4:30–6 pm | Board Room

Come join other fans of Japanese animation and comics as we watch and discuss our favorite anime TV shows.



BOOK CLUBS @ NPL

NPL BOOK CLUB

Join us every other month to discuss our books and share in the love of reading. All are welcome to join!

JULY 18 *Ask Him Why*
by Catherine Ryan Hyde

MILLENNIAL BOOK CLUB

Each month, twenty- and thirty-somethings are invited to come discuss what they've been reading.

JUNE 19 • JULY 17 • AUGUST 21

POETRY IS NORMAL: SUMMER SOLSTICE

teens & adults

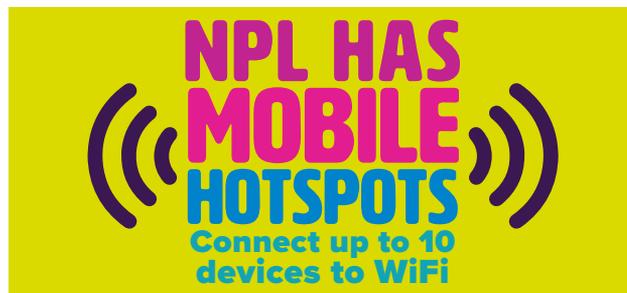
June 21 | 7:30–8:30 pm
Cafe

Join us to read aloud original poems or poems by writers you admire. Each month has a different theme.



KATHLEEN ROONEY & MARTIN SEAY 🍷 AUGUST 25 | 1–2 PM | CAFE

Our guests from Chicago will read poems and excerpts from their prose writings, which include the novels *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk*, by Kathleen Rooney, and *The Mirror Thief*, by Martin Seay, both available at NPL!



LEARN WITH NPL

TRADITIONAL CHINESE TEA CEREMONY WITH BEN ✓

ages 15 & older

June 12 | 11 am–12 pm
Art Gallery

Let's take a quick trip to China with Ben, our resident barista. Ben will be serving tea and teaching us about the Chinese ceremony and why it's performed.

INTRO TO GENEALOGY RESEARCH ✓

June 13 | 10 am–12pm
Cafe

Take the first step to discovering your family history by attending this introductory class on how to use our online resources for genealogy research. Bring along your personal laptop or a flash drive to ensure you are able to save all of your findings.

DIGITALLY PRESERVE PHOTOS ✓

June 16 | 1–2 pm
Cafe

Keep all of your favorite captured memories in a safe spot by digitally preserving them. Come to NPL to learn all you need to know to insure you will have those photographs for years to come. Bring along your photos and we will demonstrate how to best scan and save your images to your flash drive.

BUTTERFLY GARDENS WITH MILLER PARK ZOO

August 16 | 1–3 pm
Cafe

Did you know a group of butterflies is called a kaleidoscope? You can make your garden look like a kaleidoscope of color by attracting butterflies to your flowers and plants. Miller Park Zoo will be coming to talk all about butterflies and the gardens they choose to frequent. You can learn everything from what kinds of flowers attract specific butterflies to which butterflies are most common in our area.

NPL IS...CREATIVE

DIY DAY

ages 15 & older

June 2 • July 7 • August 4
12–4 pm | Cafe

Have a project you've been itching to start? Then drop in for our DIY Days, where you'll have space and tools to unleash your creativity. You bring the idea, we will provide some supplies and equipment, and then you will do the work! We will have a variety of craft supplies available as well as machines for sewing, scrapbooking and more!

DIY PHOTO TRANSFER ART

June 14 | 10 am–12 pm | Patio
June 19 | 6–8 pm | Cafe

Bring along your favorite image and learn how to create your very own photo transfer artwork with a personal touch.

FOURTH OF JULY FLORALS WITH REBECCA

June 21 | 1–3 pm | Patio

Join Rebecca in the summer sun for an afternoon of all-American floral arranging! She will lead you in creating a patriotic centerpiece just in time to celebrate the Fourth of July. Come prepared to have a great time and get a little dirty. All necessary supplies will be provided.

DIY GARDEN WIND CHIME

July 12 | 10 am–12 pm
July 17 | 6–8 pm
Cafe

Summer is the best time to show your garden or patio a little TLC. What better way to do that than deck it out with a brand new wind chime you made yourself? We will provide a variety of new and recycled materials to create your one-of-a-kind outdoor masterpiece.

DIY HANGING TIN CAN HERB GARDEN

July 19 | 1–3 pm | Cafe

Love the idea of having fresh herbs on hand? Then join us as we combine recycling, crafting and gardening to make a three-tiered hanging herb garden. This little planter can hang anywhere you have a little sunshine and can be a home for almost any herb. Come prepared to have a great time and get a little dirty. All necessary supplies will be provided.

NATURE DRAWING: PRAIRIE FLOWERS WITH SUGAR GROVE NATURE CENTER

July 25 | 6–8 pm | Cafe

Come spend the evening with Jill Wallace from Sugar Grove Nature Center as she guides the group in drawing and sketching from nature. Jill will be bringing prairie flowers native to McLean County for each artist to reference. All necessary supplies will be provided.

All adult events are intended for ages 18+ unless otherwise stated.

ADULT LEGO CHALLENGE

ages 15 & older

July 26 | 6–8 pm | Cafe

Think you are a master LEGO builder? Come test your skills by entering our Lego Challenge! Encourage your friends to register and work as a team. Prizes will be awarded.

TEA & PAINTING WITH MARCUS

ages 15 & older

July 28 | 1–2:30 pm | Cafe

Join talented painter and library staff member, Marcus, to sip tea and enjoy a simple painting class. No experience necessary, just come ready to get creative! All necessary materials will be provided.

DIY PAINTED BRICK BOOKENDS

August 9 | 10 am–12 pm
August 14 | 6–8 pm
Cafe

Whether you need something to manage all of your books, bring something new to your mantle or highlight your favorite reads in your office, this DIY event is for you! Bring along two bricks of your choice and we'll show you how to turn them into fun and unique bookends that will bring some new pizzazz to your shelves. We will be painting, so make sure you dress accordingly!

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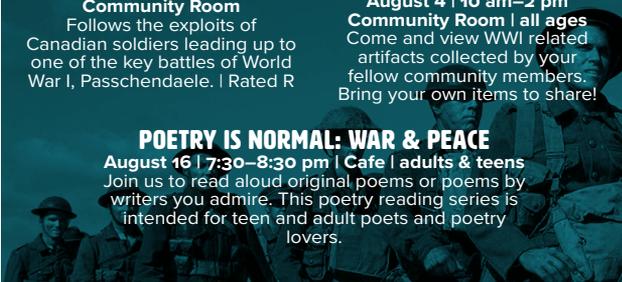
WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL

September 2017 – December 2018

<p>WWI FILM SERIES: BENEATH HILL 60 June 20 6:30–8:50 pm Community Room</p> <p>A weary platoon, aided by Australian miners, battles a powerful enemy in hopes of protecting a massive cache of explosives. Rated R</p>	<p>WWI FILM SERIES: THE WATER DIVINER August 15 6:30–8:30 pm Community Room</p> <p>An Australian man travels to Turkey after the Battle of Gallipoli to try and locate his three missing sons. Rated R</p>
<p>WWI FILM SERIES: PASSCHENDAELE July 18 6:30–8:30 pm Community Room</p> <p>Follows the exploits of Canadian soldiers leading up to one of the key battles of World War I, Passchendaele. Rated R</p>	<p>WWI ARTIFACTS FAIR WITH MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY August 4 10 am–2 pm Community Room all ages</p> <p>Come and view WWI related artifacts collected by your fellow community members. Bring your own items to share!</p>

POETRY IS NORMAL: WAR & PEACE
August 16 | 7:30–8:30 pm | Cafe | adults & teens

Join us to read aloud original poems or poems by writers you admire. This poetry reading series is intended for teen and adult poets and poetry lovers.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE

MAY 30–AUGUST 6

Earn prizes for reading and enjoy fun activities all throughout the summer. Register anytime at the library or online at rebrand.ly/nplssummer.

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ADULTS READING KIDS' STUFF
Grownups like prizes, too, right? Earn prizes for reading children's books!

BOOK BONANZA
Every child who finishes six Reading Logs will get to pick out a free book from our Book Bonanza. **July 10–August 6**

You do not have to be registered for Summer Reading to attend the activities this summer, but it is encouraged.

SUMMER STEAM CLUB

ages 5–12 years

June 4–July 17

Mondays 6–7 pm & Tuesdays 10–11 am

No STEAM Club on July 2 & 3

Community Room

Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics in STEAM Club! Each week will feature different experiments and activities based on STEAM principles. Dress to get messy!

SUMMER BOOK ADVENTURES

ages 3–5 years

June 5–July 18

Tuesdays 6–6:45 pm & Wednesdays 10:30–11:15 am

No Book Adventures on July 4

Community Room

Enjoy stories, songs and activities which children and the adults who accompany them can participate in together.

SUMMER BABY ROCK

ages 0–2 years

June 4–July 19

Mondays 6–6:30 pm | Book Nook

Thursdays 9:30–10 am & 10:30–11 am | Community Room

Our youngest patrons are invited to bring a grown-up and join us for short stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

JUMANJI AT THE LIBRARY

kids of all ages

June 8 | 1–4:30 pm

June 9 | 10 am–1 pm

Community Room

Stop in to play an interactive game of Jumanji at the library!

PLEASE NOTE: Children must be accompanied by an adult age 16 or older at all summer activities. If you have questions about supervision requirements, please ask. Thank you!

ADVENTURES OF A PLASTIC BOTTLE WITH ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER

school-age kids

June 11 | 10–10:45 am & 2–2:45 pm

Community Room

Come and experience the adventure of recycling sponsored and presented by the experts at Ecology Action Center. This event is intended for school-age kids, but all are welcome.

DOUBLE, DOUBLE WITH ILLINOIS SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

school-age kids

June 16 | 10–10:45 am

Community Room

Illinois Shakespeare Festival sponsors and presents this summer's Theater for Young Audiences show at NPL! This show is a new play by local author Nancy Steele Brokaw that reveals and celebrates the connections between young Abraham Lincoln and William Shakespeare. This show is best for school-age kids and their families, but all are welcome to attend.

FURRY FRIENDS 🐾

kids of all ages

June 27 | 4:30–6:30 pm

Community Room

Come and visit the fabulous Furry Friends Traveling Petting Zoo! You'll have a chance to see a variety of animals up close and learn a little bit about each one.

ART TIME! FAMILY STUDIO WITH THE ART STATION

ages 1 and up

June 28 | 4–7 pm

June 29 | 10 am–1 pm

Community Room

The Art Station will provide children, youth, and their families opportunities to engage in multiple art-making stations, guided by teaching artists.

NPL TAKES THE PARK

STORIES IN THE PARK

ages 3–5 years

July 5 | 6–6:30 pm

July 6 | 10:30–11 am

1 Normal Plaza

We're taking the stories and songs you love to the great outdoors! Even if it's raining, still come out, we will be meeting in the park's Community Activity Center. This event is intended for children ages 3–5 and their grown ups, but all ages are welcome to join!

STORY WALK

kids of all ages

July 12 | 5–7 pm

Anderson Park

Join NPL and Parks and Recreation as we discover a new and engaging way to fall in love with books! Come interact with a story through games, activities and a walk in the park. Your trek will last about 30–45 minutes from the time you begin.

ZOO MORNING 🐾

kids of all ages

July 13 | 9 am–12 pm

Children's Department & Community Room

Things are getting wild at NPL! We will have zoo crafts, scavenger hunts and escape-room-style challenges on the Children's floor all morning. At 9:30 and 10:30, educators from Miller Park Zoo will teach us about several different critters. The first 100 attendees will be admitted to each of the Zoo-To-You sessions in the Community Room.

BONUS PARTY! 🎉

4th–6th graders who completed Summer Reading

July 27 | AFTER HOURS 4:30–9 pm

Participants should arrive no later than 5:30 pm

Community Room

All our avid summer readers who received their ticket after finishing the reading program are invited to this after-hours party at the library! We'll start the night off with dinner and a mystery we will solve together. The rest of the night will be filled with movies, games, dessert and so much more! Special thanks to Avanti's for sponsoring this event.



PARTNERS IN READING

1st–6th grade

Registration begins: August 6

Sessions begin: the week of September 10

Children's Department

Partners in Reading pairs up college students with grade school students to read together and enjoy the library every fall and spring semester. The goal of Partners in Reading is to foster a lifelong love of reading and of the library. The pairs meet once a week for 45 minutes, anytime Monday through Thursday between 3:30 and 8 pm. In the spring, kindergarten students can join in too!

children's
discovery
museum
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CATCH US OUT & ABOUT!

Looking for even more summer fun? Check out these events and be sure to come visit us, say hello and get some fun giveaways! Hope to see you there.

MILLER PARK ZOO BIRTHDAY PARTY

June 9 | 12–3 pm
Miller Park Zoo

CHILDREN'S GARDEN PARTY

June 23 | 9–10:30 am
ISU Horticulture Center

SUGAR CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL

July 14 | 10 am–5 pm
July 15 | 11 am–4 pm
Uptown Normal

BACK TO SCHOOL ALLIANCE

August 9 | Grossinger
Motors Arena



All teen events are intended for students in 6th–12th grade

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GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

June 4 • July 2 • August 6

4–5 pm | Board Room

Presenting NPL's first teen book club! Join us to discuss a different graphic novel each month. All participants will receive a copy of each book.

June 4:

Ms. Marvel vol. 1 by Willow Wilson, Adrian Alphona and Sara Pichelli

July 2:

Fullmetal Alchemist vol. 1 by Hiromu Arakawa

August 6:

Pride of Baghdad by Brian K. Vaughan and Niko Henrichon

MANGA ANIME CLUB

June 5 • July 3 • August 7

4:30–6 pm | Board Room

Come join other fans of Japanese animation and comics as we watch and discuss our favorite anime TV shows.

TEEN CRAFTERNOONS

June 7 • July 5 • August 2

3–4:30 pm | Community Room

Get ready to let your creativity shine this summer as we try our hand at paper crafting and journaling.

June 7:

Japanese Suminagashi paper marbling

July 5:

Decorative notebooks

August 2:

The art of bullet journaling

TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP

June 11 • July 9 • August 13

3–4:30 pm | Board Room

Learn more about the craft of fiction and share what you're working on with other teen writers. This summer we'll be focusing on a different aspect of writing each month including character creation, writing dialogue and plotting your story.

TEEN MAKER WEDNESDAY

June 13 • July 11 • August 8

4:30–6 pm | Cafe

Get the opportunity to try your hand at some exciting craft and tech-based activities.

June 13:

Homemade catapults

July 11:

Design a 3D printed object with Tinkercad

August 8:

Wearable circuits: light up bracelet or pin

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 14 & 28 • July 12 & 26 • August 9 & 23

4:30–5:30 pm | Board Room

If you want to help plan and volunteer for teen events at NPL, this is the place to be! Join us twice a month for food, fun and a chance to have your say.

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

July 13 | AFTER HOURS 5:30–8 pm

Community Room

There's been a murder at the library, and it is up to you to solve it! Come examine the scene, find clues and discover the culprit.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTE TEST

July 24 | 3–4:30 pm

Community Room

Come try all kinds of unique snacks from around the world! Can you guess what each food item is? Which ones will be your favorites? (Note: foods that contain common allergens will be clearly labeled. If you have any allergy concerns, please contact Teen Librarian, Kristi Cates.)





MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

June 23
11:00: No Worries Uke Band
1:00: The Ukeladies
2:30: The Coneflowers

KIDS MAKING MUSIC

June 22 & 23
10 am–3 pm
 Make musical instruments, learn something fun about music and from 10 am–12 pm try out instruments provided by The Music Shoppe.

FLOATS & FUNNIES

July 19 | 5–8 pm
July 20 | 10 am–3 pm
Community Room
 No one's too old to enjoy classic cartoons on the big screen and a delicious root beer or sherbet float.

LIBRARY WORLD FAIR

July 25 | 11 am–7 pm
Throughout the library
 Close out Summer Reading right with an around the world party! Drop in for games, presentations, a scavenger hunt and so much more!

MOVIE NIGHT: JUMANJI

July 31 | 6–8 pm | Community Room
 Allow Summer Reading to take you everywhere...and by everywhere we mean the jungles of Jumanji! Wear your most comfy, movie-watching clothes and even bring along some pillows and blankets to enjoy snacks and this fun film! All are welcome, but children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

IS IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO LEAVE YOUR HOME, BUT YOU'D STILL LIKE TO USE THE LIBRARY?
 Call us at 452-1757 to inquire about library services to your home!

BOOKS ON THE GO LET NPL COME TO YOU!

NORMAL ARC
 June 5 & 19
 July 3 & 17
 August 7 & 21

MERCY CREEK
 June 12 • July 10
 August 14

EVERGREEN VILLAGE
 June 26
 July 24
 August 28

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Normal Public Library Foundation works to ensure every person builds a life-long relationship with learning and libraries, giving them access to all the tools needed to succeed in life.

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- Community Activity Center
- Schnucks on Bradford

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