



NORMAL
PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JUNE 2024
ACTIVITY GUIDE

2024 summer reading challenge
june 3–july 31

THE GOAL IS SIMPLE: READ EVERY DAY
Earn prizes for reading this summer! Read anything from magazines to books to cereal boxes!

TRACK YOUR READING ON BEANSTACK
You can use the Beanstack site or download the app for your mobile device. For more information, visit our website.

EARN TICKETS, BADGES, & PRIZES!!!
Start the challenge off right with a prize at registration. Throughout the summer you can earn prizes for reading, as well as prize drawing entries.

NORMAL, IL UKELELE FUN JAM

June 1 | 2–4 pm

The Coffeehouse

WRITING MEETUP

Submit to # of journals/agents. (choose your own number)

June 1 | 2–3:30 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

POETRY WALK

WITH NORMAL PARKS & RECREATION

June 3–21 | Carden Park

BABY WIGGLES & GIGGLES

ages 0–3 years

Mondays in June | 10–11 am

Normal Masonic Lodge Lawn

LUNCHTIME YOGA

Mondays in June | 12–12:45 pm

Normal Masonic Lodge

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

June 3 | 5–7 pm

Uptown Normal Plaza

Kick off summer reading with music and games. Nationally touring musician Little Miss Ann will perform a family-friendly concert from 5:30–6:15, and library staff will be on the plaza with fun activities from 5–7! Register for the summer reading program at the event!

GENEALOGY MEETUP

June 4 | 2–3 pm

In-Person: Normal Township Hall

At Home: on Zoom

CLAIM YOUR FUTURE: EXPLORING CAREERS

WITH ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

June 4 | 5:30–6:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

Explore education and training after high school, future careers, and money management with this interactive activity.

NPL KNITTING & CROCHETING CLUB

June 5 & 19 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

READY, SET, READ!

ages 3–5 years

Wednesdays in June | 10–11 am

Normal Masonic Lodge Lawn

POP-UP PARK AND POPSICLES

June 7 | 1–3 pm

Underwood Park

All are welcome to grab a popsicle and enjoy games at the park.

TEEN D&D CLUB

June 10 & 24 | 5–7 pm

Normal Township Hall

TINKERCRAFTING

ages 9–12 years

June 11 | 3–4:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

Come learn about the easy-to-use 3D design app, TinkerCad! You will have the opportunity to use TinkerCad to create your own 3D design to go along with that month's theme. At the end of the session, you can put your crafting skills to work and paint an already-made 3D printed item to take home. Your 3D design creation will be printed at a later date and available for you to pick up.

PAPER CRAFTING CLUB

June 12 | 10 am–12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

COMIC BOOK CLUB

ages 8–12 years

June 12 & 26 | 3–4 pm

Community Activity Center

A book club for all things graphic novels and comics! We will pick out a title to read each month, then meet up to chat about it, enjoy themed activities, and make friends! While reading the book is encouraged, it is not necessary to attend. Selected graphic novels will be available to pick up at NPL—ask at our temporary branch.

June 12 *Cleopatra in Space: Target Practice* by Mike Miahack

June 26 *Freestyle* by Gale Galligan

all ages event adult event • ages 18+ teen event • ages 13–18 tween event • ages 10–18 children's event

Registration is required. Register on our online calendar, at 309.452.1757, or at the Front Desk.

Virtual / NPL @ Home Event In-Person Event sponsored by the Normal Public Library Foundation



Lady Whistledown SPILLS THE TEA

JUNE 11 • 6-8 PM • EWING MANOR

Dearest Gentle Readers,

This author is compelled to impart the arrival of the most exciting social event of the summer. After feverish anticipation, one can confirm a celebration that is sure to be the talk of the ton. Finding oneself outside of this author's good graces will surely cause disaster and intrigue. Make haste to your nearest modiste so that you may dress for the occasion. Then, promenade with all the members of the ton while you enjoy a cup of tea, small bites, entertainment, parlor games and activities, as well as a test of wits to finish out the evening. And fear not, dear readers, if there is any scandal at said event, we shall discover it together.

Yours most truly,
Lady Whistledown



stranger than fiction:

NON-FICTION
BOOK CLUB

JUNE 12 • 6:30-7:30 PM
DESTIHL Brewery & Beer Hall



CRAFTERNOONS: EGG CARTON FLOWERS

ages 10-13 years

June 13 | 4-5:30 pm

Community Activity Center

ITSY ARTS: ON LOCATION

ages 3-5 years

June 14 | 10-11 am

Heartland Bank Community Room

SIGN & SING WITH COMMUNICATION JUNCTION

ages 0-5 years

June 14 & 28 | 10:30-11 am

Normal Masonic Lodge Lawn

GARFIELD BINGO

ages 3-12 years

June 18 | 2-3 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

Celebrate everyone's favorite lasagna loving cat with a few rounds of themed bingo! Small prizes for winners and light snacks for everyone!

POETRY IS NORMAL: OPEN MIC | HERITAGE

June 18 | 6:30-7:30 pm

on Zoom



Visit our website for the
most up-to-date event information
normalpl.org/events

PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN

June 19 | 6-7 pm

Normal Township Hall

Insects play an important role in flower pollination, but not all flowers are the best food source for pollinators. Plant flowers in your landscape that are beneficial to pollinators. This presentation from Master Gardener Jaci Dixon will offer simple tips to get you started.

WRITE NIGHT

June 20 | 4-5:30 pm

The Coffeehouse

PARTNER PROJECT: HAND SEWN STUFFIE

ages 8 & up

June 23 | 1-2 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

Do you love stuffies? Let's make ultra unique and individualized stuffies. We will learn how to hand sew while making something no one else has. Make sure to bring a grown-up; they will make one too!

adult reading challenge



june

read a climate fiction novel

book brunch

June 25 | 10-11 am

the coffeehouse

COTTAGECORE: EMBROIDERY

June 26 | 10 am-12 pm

Heartland Bank Community Room

However you create with a needle, you are welcome to come and share your time and experience with other needle workers. Bring whatever you are working on and visit with those who share a common interest. If this is a new area of interest, no worries! We will have some supplies to get you started.

BIKE BASICS

June 26 | 6-7 pm

West Bloomington Revitalization Project

724 W. Washington St., Bloomington

Join us at the Bike Co-op to learn about basic bike maintenance, how to change a flat tire, how to properly wear and adjust a bike helmet, and riding safely. Participants will receive a free bike safety light!

JAMMIE JAMBOREE

ages 0-5 years

June 27 | 6-7 pm

Community Activity Center



Romance Me BOOK CLUB

JUNE
27

6:30-7:30 pm

Normal Township Hall

POP-UP NPL Can't get to the library? We will bring the library to you!!

NORMAL ARC 10 AM	June 4 & 18 July 2 & 16 August 6 & 20
ADELAIDE APARTMENTS 1 PM	June 4 July 2 August 6
BLAIR HOUSE 10 AM	June 10 July 8 August 12
MERCY CREEK 10 AM	June 11 July 9 August 13
EVERGREEN VILLAGE 9:30 AM	June 25 July 23 August 27
EVERGREEN PLACE 11 AM	June 25 July 23 August 27



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201 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL 61761
309.452.1757
Children's: 454.4668
normalpl.org
ask@normalpl.org

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 NPLtweets

During library events staff may take photographs and/or video recordings for future publicity and promotional purposes. If you prefer to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these photographs or videos, please immediately inform library staff present at the event. Thank you!

where to find NPL during our **RENOVATION**

- The Coffeehouse**
114 E. Beaufort St.
Normal, IL
- Community Activity Center**
1110 Douglas St.
Normal, IL
- Heartland Bank Community Room**
4th Floor
1200 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL
- Normal Masonic Lodge**
614 E. Lincoln St. #1889
Normal, IL 61761
- Normal Township Hall**
304 E Mullberry St.
Normal, IL
- Temporary Branch**
201 W. College Ave.
Normal, IL

NPL out & about

MAKE MUSIC NORMAL
June 28–29 | Uptown Normal

PRIDE IN THE PARK
with Bloomington Public Library, Prairie Pride Coalition, and PFLAG Bloomington/Normal
June 29 | Miller Park



Normal Public Library Foundation connects people to our library through programs for readers, adventurers, and explorers. For more than ten years, we have offered programs that delight, enrich, and nourish curious minds.

We support Normal Public Library through fundraising, advocacy, and programs because we believe that our community library is essential to a strong community.

Even in a town that loves its library, public funding is not enough to provide all the important resources that our community seeks.

Your investment in a library that strengthens our community is essential. Join us in support today by making a gift in the way that works for you.

Normal Public Library Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization that works as a catalyst to strengthen and inspire our growing community library.

GIVE TODAY

normalpl.org/NPLF

Thank you to all of our donors for both investing and believing in the vision of Normal Public Library. Your support makes all the difference!

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY **FOUNDATION**

CREATIVE HARMONY:
AN AFTERNOON WITH
AUTHOR CANDACE FLEMING &
ILLUSTRATOR ERIC ROHMANN

JUNE 15 | 2 PM | ALL AGES
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

NPL VISITING AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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CLOSED ON JULY 4 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY