Oceans of Possibilities
Summer Reading Program
June 1–July 31

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Register online between June 1-30 at mgpl.org/summer. After you register, stop by the Youth Services desk to pick up Summer Reading materials and your free book. Check in during June and July to earn prizes and enter the grand prize drawings. Weekly activities, online programs, and a printable reading log are available at mgpl.org/summer.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Front Porch Concert
All Ages
Friday, June 10, 6:30-8 pm
The Corner Boys play a fabulous variety of acoustic covers from Lyle Lovett to Michael Jackson. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy the music on the Library’s front lawn. We’ll have lawn games and fun crafts for the kids too. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held in the Baxter Auditorium.

Tie-Dye Your T!
All Ages
Wednesday, June 22, 5-7 pm
Saturday, June 25, 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday, June 30, 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday, July 14, 5-7 pm
Saturday, July 23, 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday, July 28, 10 am - 12 pm
After you earn your Summer Reading shirt, bring it to the Library for some tie-dye fun! Only official Summer Reading shirts will be tie-dyed. This program will be held outside on the Library’s front lawn (weather permitting).

End of Summer Reading Celebration
Family
Saturday, Aug. 6, 10 am - 12 pm
Meet us at St. Paul Woods (lot #3) for family fun with the Bubble Bus, a bus that pumps out massive amounts of bubbles! Dance, enjoy popsicles, bring a snack or picnic lunch, and have fun. Children under 13 years old must be supervised and accompanied by a parent or caregiver at least 16 years of age.

OUTDOORS
All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is not required.

Dance Party Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, June 6, 10-10:30 am
Stories and dancing on the front lawn! In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Baxter Auditorium.

Summer Storytime
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more as our Library staff bring storytime outside to the Library lawn. In case of bad weather, this program will be canceled.

Family
Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am (no storytime June 1)
Each Wednesday we’ll be at a different Morton Grove Park District park for a fun outdoor storytime. Check mgpl.org/events for specific park locations. In case of bad weather, this program will be canceled.

Water Babies
Birth to 24 Months with a parent/caregiver
Fridays, 9:30-10:15 am OR 11-11:45 am
(no program July 1)
Bring your baby and a towel for a splashing good time on the patio. In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Activity Room.
REGISTRATION begins May 15 for June events and June 15 for July events unless otherwise noted.

Sunshine Baby Massage
Birth to 24 Months with a parent/caregiver
Saturday, June 25, 10-10:45 am
Join us on the patio to explore the health benefits and techniques of baby massage, stretching, and aromatherapy with certified infant massage instructor Loredana Tomasello. This class will also include expanded information on toddler techniques and parental self-care. In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Activity Room. R

Yoga Storytime
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, June 27, 10-10:30 am
Bring your own mat or towel to the front lawn for this relaxing yoga storytime. In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Baxter Auditorium.

Fireworks Storytime
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Friday, July 1, 10-10:30 am
Kick off the holiday weekend with a bang at this storytime filled with stories, songs, and dance moves all about fireworks! In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Baxter Auditorium.

Little Mermaid Storytime
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Monday, July 11, 10-10:30 am
Join everyone’s favorite mermaid, Ariel, for stories, songs, and more! In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Baxter Auditorium.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Monday, July 25, 10-10:30 am
Read stories, share favorite books, and more at this storytime for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten participants. Learn more about 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at mgpl.org/1000books. In case of bad weather, this program will move indoors to the Activity Room.

IN THE ACTIVITY ROOM
All storytime participants should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required. R

Family Storytime
Birth to Age 5 with a parent/caregiver
Saturdays, June 4 and July 30, 10-10:30 am
Sundays, June 19 and July 17, 3-3:30 pm
Listen to stories, sing songs, and more at this fun family storytime. R

LGBT+ Pride Storytime
Family
Monday, June 13, 10-10:30 am
At this Pride Month storytime, we’ll read books and sing songs that celebrate all kinds of families. R

Let’s Potty! Storytime
Ages 2-4 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, June 16, 10-10:30 am
Let us help your toddler or preschooler get excited about the potty! Enjoy entertaining and engaging stories, songs, and other fun activities all focused on being a big kid who uses the bathroom, gets new underwear, and has no more diapers. R

Monday Morning Music
Ages 2-5 with a parent/caregiver
Mondays, June 20 and July 18, 10-10:30 am
Feel the rhythm, hear the rhyme; it’s Monday Morning Music time! R

Tots Dealing with Big Feelings
Ages 3-5 with a parent/caregiver
Thursday, July 14, 10-10:30 am
Learn how to manage feelings through stories, songs, and activities and leave this storytime with strategies to handle overwhelming emotions. This session’s theme: Friendly & Welcoming. R

ONLINE - FACEBOOK LIVE

Bedtime Stories & More (Online)
Birth to Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Monday, June 6, 7:15-7:30 pm
Wind down for bed with a story or two. Visit the Library’s Facebook page to watch live and on demand. (Facebook)

Events are held both online and in person. In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on guidelines from local and state authorities, so visit mgpl.org/covid19 for the most up-to-date information.
Anime Club
Grades 6-8
Thursdays, June 2 and July 7, 7-8 pm
A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation. We'll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. R

Family Movie Monday
All Ages
Mondays, 2 pm
June 6: Luca (2021, PG, 1 hr 35 min)
June 13: Aquamarine (2006, PG, 1 hr 43 min)
June 20: Shark Tale (2005, PG, 1 hr 30 min)
June 27: Dolphin Tale (2011, PG, 1 hr 52 min)
July 11: Moana (2016, PG, 1 hr 47 min)
July 18: Free Willy (1993, PG, 1 hr 51 min)
July 25: Atlantis: The Lost Empire (2001, PG, 1 hr 35 min)
Watch a different family-friendly movie each week on the big screen at the Library. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

Lawn Games
Grades 1-8 with a parent/caregiver
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am
June 9: Beach Towel Volleyball
June 23: Bingo
July 7: Flamingo Ring Toss
July 21: Obstacle Course Relay
This summer, we’re creating fun on the Library's front lawn with a wacky lineup of games for the whole family (weather permitting).

Nintendo Switch Gaming
Grades 3-6, 2-3 pm
Grades 6-8, 3-4 pm
Thursdays, June 9 and July 14
Play Nintendo Switch games with your friends at the Library. R

Crafty Saturday
All Ages
Saturdays, June 11 and July 9, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Drop into the Youth Services Department to make a seasonal craft while supplies last.

Idea Lab
Grades 1-3, Tuesdays, 2-3 pm
Grades 4-6, Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm
June 14: Water Bottle Flipping
June 28: Tides and Currents
July 12: The Water Cycle
July 26: Float Your Boat
Idea Lab is your summer space for ocean-based STEM thinking and creative tinkering at the Library. Each week we’ll tackle a different hands-on project. Sign up for each class individually. R

Online events are held using free Zoom software on your internet-connected device (computer, smartphone, or tablet) unless otherwise noted. An email with instructions on how to join the event will be sent to registrants the day before the event.

In-person events and mask requirements are subject to change based on Restore Illinois guidelines, so visit mgpl.org/covid19 for the most up-to-date information. Only registrants will be allowed in the Activity Room during programs.
Drop Everything & Doodle 
Grades 3-8
Wednesdays, June 15 and July 27, 3:30-4:30 pm
Create your own art after exploring the creative process and getting inspired by art and design history. 

DIY Family Game Night 
All Ages
Wednesdays, June 15 and July 13, 7-8 pm
Join us for an evening of zany homemade games in the Baxter Auditorium. Some assembly required! Games are geared toward school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grown-up.

LEGO Builders (Online) 
Grades K-8
Mondays, June 20 and July 25, 6:30-7:30 pm
Get out your LEGO or other favorite building materials and take the challenge to create something during our Zoom meetup. You can also show-and-tell any awesome creations you have been building recently. (Zoom)

Craftin’ Around Jr. 
Grades K-3
Tuesdays, 3-4 pm
June 21: Coral Beauty
July 5: “Stained Glass” Seascapes
July 19: Under the Sea Surprises
Join us for an afternoon of craft-tastic fun!

Drama Club 
Grades 1-8
Tuesdays, June 21 and July 19, 7-8 pm
Bring out your inner drama queen or king and get creative with acting, improv, and theater games.

Nature Exploration with Brookfield Zoo 
Grades K-5 with a parent/caregiver
Wednesdays, 3-4 pm
June 22: No Scrap Left Behind
Learn how to reuse common household items and clothes to create innovative garden resources that help save the environment.

July 20: Deep Seed Adventure
When is a seed more than a seed? This interactive program offers fun, hands-on activities that reveal our connection to nature and how we can help the people and wildlife around us.

These programs are held on the front lawn. In case of bad weather, they will move indoors to the Baxter Auditorium.

This summer, visit our StoryWalk at Morton Grove parks. The pages of the book are arranged on numbered signs around the park. Take a stroll and enjoy the story at your own pace.

June: Austin Park
H.O.R.S.E.: A Game of Basketball and Imagination by Christopher Myers

July: Mansfield Park
I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.
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**Craftin' Around**  
Grades 4-8  
Thursdays, 3-4 pm  
June 23: Ocean Glitter Slime  
July 7: Beachy Windchimes  
July 21: Underwater Dioramas  
Join us for an afternoon of craft-tastic fun!  

**Mini Masterpieces**  
Grades 1-3  
Wednesday, June 29, 2-3 pm  
Use the work of a well-known artist as inspiration to create your own mini masterpiece. This session’s artist: Alexander Calder.  

**Family Engineering Night**  
All Ages  
Thursdays, 7-8 pm  
June 30: Air Jacks  
July 28: Magnetic Spinning Discs  
Once a month, we turn a STEM idea into an engineering project. Projects are intended for school-aged kids and above, though younger children might be interested in participating with a grown-up.  

**Red, White & Bicycle**  
All Ages  
Sunday, July 3, 2-3:30 pm  
Get ready to celebrate Independence Day with our annual bicycle-decorating extravaganza. Drop by to trick out your bike in red, white, and blue style. Don’t forget your helmet! This event will be held outdoors by the bicycle rack (weather permitting). Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.  

**Ocean Adventure:**  
**Meet the Whale Shark**  
All Ages  
Monday, July 11, 6:30-7:30 pm  
A whale? In the Library? Scientists and ocean explorers Karen and Wayne Brown treat you to an exciting, interactive multimedia presentation complete with a 25-foot long inflatable whale shark.  

**Mother-Daughter Book Club**  
Grades 4-7  
Wednesday, July 20, 7-8 pm  
Bring your mother (or favorite female grown-up) with you for a lively discussion and activities connected to the book of the month: Room to Dream by Kelly Yang. Register and pick up your free copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk starting June 1.  

**STEMonade Stand**  
Stop by the STEMonade Stand located at our Lincoln Avenue entrance for project kits to do at home. Each kit is sealed inside a zip-top bag with instructions and STEM connections. For more information and weekly updates on projects, visit mgpl.org/stemonade. When life gives you lemons, make STEMonade.  

**Short Creative Works**  
by/for YOU  
Visit the Middle School space to view the collection and learn how to submit your own zine.
**LitLoot**

Grades 9-12
June 1-13

LitLoot is a free literary subscription box filled with a custom selected library book and other free goodies. Subscribe to June’s box at mgpl.org/events. We’ll contact you when your box is ready for pickup at the end of the month. Subscriptions are limited, so register early. Library card required. R

**Anime Club High School**

Grades 9-12
Thursdays, June 16 and July 21, 7-8 pm

A fun-filled hour of anime appreciation for high-schoolers. We’ll watch and talk about your favorite shows, draw, and enjoy all things anime. R

**Tiny Art Show**

Adults and Teens (Grade 9 and above)

Show off your artistic talents in our first Tiny Art Show. Kits containing a 4” x 4” canvas, acrylic paint, and brushes will be available at the Info Desk starting July 1. (First come, first served while supplies last.) Return your completed artwork to the Info Desk by August 5 to be displayed in the Library until the end of August.

**Summer Reading Program**

June 1–July 31
Grade 9 and Older

Discover the possibilities of books, movies, and more with the Library’s Summer Reading Program! Complete a log (in-person or online at mgpl.org/summer) starting June 1 to let us know about:

- Books you read
- Movies and shows you watch
- Music you listen to
- Video games you play
- Library programs you participate in

**New this year:** Complete and submit your first log to be entered into the prize drawings and get a Summer Reading t-shirt! (While supplies last.)

**Prizes:** Complete and submit additional logs for a chance to win prize drawings on July 1 and August 1.

- Teens in Grades 9-12: Amazon gift cards
- Adults: gift cards to local restaurants and grocery stores

**Summer Reading Kickoff: Front Porch Concert**

All Ages
Friday, June 10, 6:30-8 pm

The Corner Boys play a fabulous variety of acoustic covers from Lyle Lovett to Michael Jackson. Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy the music on the Library’s front lawn. We’ll have lawn games and fun crafts for the kids too. In case of bad weather, the concert will be held in the Baxter Auditorium.
Senior Activity Kits

Stay busy and keep your brain active with Senior Activity Kits, which include fun and creative activities for seniors along with informational materials. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desk while supplies last.

Adult ESL Literacy Kits

Practice English with monthly ESL Literacy Kits for adults. Each kit may contain vocabulary puzzles, idioms, suggested activities, or a short reading exercise, along with an issue of Easy English News newspaper. Suitable for all skill levels. Available on the first of each month at the Info Desks while supplies last.

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(Grade 9 and above)

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Social Seniors

Join us for a variety of fun activities in the Baxter Auditorium. Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. R

Bingo
Wednesdays, June 1 and July 6, 10-11 am
Socialize as you play this fun game. Small prizes will be awarded to those who Bingo!

Arts & Crafts
Wednesdays, June 8 and July 13, 10-11 am
Tap into your inner creativity with a fun and easy craft project.

June: Seashell Decorative Pots
July: Oyster Shell Trinket Dish

Coloring & Brain Puzzles
Wednesdays, June 15 and July 20, 10-11 am
Relieve stress and stimulate your brain. Coloring supplies and puzzles will be provided.

Wits Workout
Wednesdays, June 22 and July 27, 10-11 am
Maintain and enhance your cognitive function and memory with this interactive program.

Civic Engagement Book Picks

Visit our Civic Engagement hub at mgpl.org/civics for staff-curated lists of resources related to a variety of topics.

Not sure where to begin? We’ve selected a few titles to help you get started.

Antiracism

On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed

Gender

Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender by stef shuster

LGBTQ

I Kissed Shara Wheeler by Casey McQuiston

Immigrants & Refugees

I Will Die in a Foreign Land by Kalani Pickhart
Chair Yoga is taking a summer break. Watch the calendar for pop-up yoga events.

Tai Chi (Online)
Mondays, June 6 and 20, July 11 and 18, 9:30-10:15 am
Certified tai chi instructor Erica Bough demonstrates Shibashi body movements, breathing exercises, and meditation to help restore balance, flexibility and reduce stress. All experience levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes. (Zoom) R

The Power of Self-Compassion
Saturday, June 4, 1-2:30 pm
Chris George, a Mindfulness and Compassion Facilitator, teaches practicing self-compassion to make positive changes in your life. Gain practical skills for handling difficult emotions and motivating yourself with kindness rather than criticism. R

Become a Dementia Friend (Online)
Tuesday, June 21, 11-11:30 am
Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people, think, act, and talk about dementia. This presentation by Wendy De Leon, AgeOptions Caregiver and Dementia Programs Specialist, will give you a new understanding of dementia and the small things you can do in your community to make a difference. R

Illinois Libraries Present: An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi (Online)
Wednesday, June 22, 7-8 pm
Top Chef contestant and James Beard award-winning chef Kwame Onwuachi discusses his cookbook My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef, which celebrates the cuisine of the African diaspora—"the world's wisest food." Onwuachi will share stories behind his family's recipes and the connections between cuisine, place, and culture. (Zoom) R

This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events.
Inside Chicago River Architecture (Hybrid)
Thursday, July 7, 7-8 pm
Hillary Marzec from Inside Chicago Walking Tours presents highlights from the Chicago River architecture tours and ventures beyond the boat to amazing interiors of well-known river tour buildings. R

Chicago’s Lost Restaurants (Hybrid)
Sunday, July 10, 2-3 pm
Author Greg Borzo serves up stories about the Windy City’s most beloved bygone restaurants, including sizzling steakhouses, tiki bars, ethnic eateries, and more. Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestreamed event from home. R

Test Drive the Oculus Quest
Saturday, June 11, 2-4 pm
Drop in for a hands-on demonstration of Oculus Quest 2, a high-fidelity virtual reality headset. We’ll have several programs available to experience.

Home Cheesemaking
Sunday, July 24, 2:30 pm
Gardener and cheesemaker Mark Lyons shows how to make a simple soft cheese and shares the ingredients, equipment, and techniques for making your own cheese at home. R

Spy vs Spy: Espionage in the Second World War (Hybrid)
Thursday, July 28, 2-3 pm
Learn how each major participant in the Second World War attempted to fathom the actions of its enemies (and even its allies) through the sublime and ridiculous endeavors of total war espionage. Attendees can register for limited in-person seating or watch the livestreamed event from home.

Exploring Spices (Online)
Explore spices from around the world in this flavorful monthly program. Pick up the spice of the month and then discover the taste by making any dish you choose. At the end of the month, we will meet over Zoom to share results and experiences. R

Tan-Tan Moroccan Seasoning Spice
Sunday, July 31, 2-3 pm (pickup starts July 1)

TUESDAY MOVIES @ MGPL
Seating is limited, so guarantee your spot by registering ahead of time. R

Encanto
Tuesday, June 7, 10-11:45 am
House of Gucci
Tuesday, June 14, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Queen Marie of Romania
Tuesday, June 21, 10-11:45 am
King Richard
Tuesday, June 28, 10 am - 12:30 pm

The Courier
Tuesday, July 5, 10 am - 12 pm
Land
Tuesday, July 12, 10-11:30 am
Funny Thing About Love
Tuesday, July 19, 10-11:30 am
Belfast
Tuesday, July 26, 10-11:45 am

Explore MGPL’s Library of Things
Saturday, July 16, 10 am - 12 pm
Discover all the fun and useful gadgets, tools, games, and equipment you can borrow from our Library of Things collection. Bring your MGPL card as items will be available to check out.

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GET INFORMATION AND REGISTER: mgpl.org/events or 847-965-4220
COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

**Tech Talk: AirTags & Other Trackers (Online)**
Thursday, June 2, 2-2:30 pm
Learn about the different types of Bluetooth trackers available, such as AirTags, Tile, Chipolo, and more. R

**Android Photography**
Thursday, June 9, 2-3 pm
Learn how to take, edit, and share photos with your Android phone or tablet. R

**iPhone & iPad Photography**
Thursday, June 23, 2-3 pm
Learn how to take, edit, and share photos with your iPhone or iPad. R

**Introduction to Microsoft OneDrive (Online)**
Wednesday, July 27, 2-3 pm
Learn about this free online cloud storage and how to access free versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. R

BOOK TALKS

Registration is required. Bring your library card as books will be available for checkout. R

**Pride Month**
Wednesday, June 1, 1-2 pm
Kick off Pride Month with some new books that celebrate the LGBTQ experience.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Between the Lines (Online)**
Between the Lines is now held at two different days, either in person or on Zoom. Registration is required. Titles are always available on hoopla, as well as other library ebook platforms. For online sessions, registered patrons will receive an email the day before the program with the meeting ID and password for joining the event. New members are warmly welcome! R

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Honey Girl
by Morgan Rogers
Thursday, June 23, 10-11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, June 28, 7-8 pm (Online)

The Soul of an Octopus
by Sy Montgomery
Thursday, July 21, 10-11 am (In Person)
Tuesday, July 26, 7-8 pm (Online)

Lawn Boy
by Jonathan Evison
Wednesday, June 8, 7:30-9 pm

Winter Counts
by David Heska Wanbli Weiden
Wednesday, July 13, 7:30-9 pm

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**BOOK A LIBRARIAN**

Want to learn a technology thing? From learning the ropes on a new smartphone to figuring out how to perform a specific task in a piece of software (like VLOOKUP in Excel), we are here to help. Morton Grove cardholders can make an appointment to meet with a librarian. Fill out a request at mgpl.org/book-a-librarian or call us at 847-965-4220 to get started.

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**Book Picks**
Looking for your next great read? Fill out the form at mgpl.org/book-picks to receive a customized list of suggested books from our librarians. Don’t have a computer? No problem—we are happy to give suggestions over the phone or in person as well.
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Patrons needing special assistance should call 847-965-4220 or email info@mgpl.org.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS
Events are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to confirm scheduled events.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
Monday, July 4 for Independence Day

Many thanks to this year’s Summer Reading Program sponsors, whose generous donations towards program materials, events, and prizes qualify them as Champions of Literacy!

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