

Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter

Summer 2023

Summer Reading is for All Ages! Sign-up Continues through July

There is still time to participate in Summer Reading with challenges for every age group. Sign up now, on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app at

www.chathamlib.beanstack.org. New to **Beanstack**? Check out our tutorial on the right side of our website.



- **Rubber Ducky Club for birth through age 3:**
Read 30 books together and receive a rubber ducky.
- **Summer Reading for ages 4-8*:**
Receive prizes after each 100 minutes read.
- **Summer Reading for ages 8-12*:**
Receive prizes after each 150 minutes read.
- **Tween/Teen Summer Reading for ages 12-18* AND Adults:**
Receive a virtual ticket to enter a raffle for a gift card of your choice after every book read and be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing.

(*For children aged 8 or 12 choose the one challenge that best suits your child.)

Read and redeem prizes between June 1 and July 31.
Summer Reading ends Monday, July 31.

2023 Book Camp

June and July

Ages 4 years old through 6th grade
Registration is required.

Set sail for Book Camp! This year campers will make crafts, hear stories, and play games centered on the wonders of the ocean. We hope you can join us for a week this summer.

The Book Camp schedule is as follows:



Campers aged 4 – Kindergarten –

June 26, 28, and 30 OR July 10, 12, 14
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

1st and 2nd graders –

June 20, 21, 23 OR July 17, 19, 21
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

3rd and 4th graders –

June 12, 14, 16 OR July 24, 26, 28
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

5th and 6th graders – June 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

These grade levels are for the grade your child will be going into for the 2023-2024 school year. The cost for camp is \$5 (non-refundable). See our website and Facebook page for signup information. Signup space is limited, and registration is required.

Hey Chatham, are you ready to take this outside? The library is getting ready to grow beyond these walls and we need your help to make it happen. Learn more about the library's big backyard adventure at: givebutter.com/thebackyard.



Children's Programs

Summer Reading Kick-Off Activity



SWORDS AND ROSES

ALL AGES

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 10:00 A.M.

Tween/Teen Craft Drop-ins

Anyone aged 12-18

(Registration for Summer Reading required).

Fridays: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, and August 4, 2:00 p.m.

June 16 – Board Game Drop-in:

Bring your favorite board game or play one of ours.

June 30 – Tweens' and Teens' Voters'

Choice Movie: Free drinks and popcorn.

July 14 – Nailed It! Octopus Cupcake

Challenge: (picture courtesy of lifeissweeterbydesign.com)

July 28 – Tie Dye Beach Bag:

August 4 – Graffiti the Library:

Help paint bookends for the YA/Teen area!



END OF SUMMER SPLASH!

Families

Thursday, August 10

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All of your favorite end of summer activities: water games, Scoop du Jour ice cream, and back for a second year, the Mega Foam Blaster! Play in a mountain of quick-drying, non-staining, hypo-allergenic bubbles that are safe for kids and the environment. Can't wait to see you there!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten comes to Beanstack

Birth to Kindergarten

Give your little one a head start on the path to literacy. Our popular early literacy program is teaming up with our **Beanstack** online reading challenge format to make it even easier to keep track of your little one's progress. Caregivers and their young ones, 5 and younger, can participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten AND our Summer Reading Program through our **Beanstack** tracker.

For more information about **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**, just ask our children's staff.

Children's Programs

SHOWTIME

Movies at the Library

All Ages

June 6, July 5, and August 1

2:00 p.m.

Enjoy an ocean-themed movie along with unlimited popcorn and lemonade!



Tuesday, June 6 – *Strange World*

Wednesday, July 5 – *Moana*

Tuesday, August 1 – *Viewers Decide*

Mud Day

Ages 2 – 5

Thursday, June 29

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

It's OK to get dirty! We will be celebrating **International Mud Day** with a special Storytime followed by some awesomely muddy activities outside. Rain or shine. Wear clothes and shoes that can get muddy and wet – we'll hose off when done – and bring a **towel**.



Lego Day

All Ages

Saturday, August 19

10:00 a.m. – Noon

It's time for another awesome Lego day! Just bring yourself and your imagination (and a friend would be nice, too!) We'll provide the rest.



Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

For children newborn to 3 and their parents/caregivers
Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Join us for books, songs and fingerplays.

There will be no Baby and Toddler Storytime on June 20.

Family Evening Storytime

For children of all ages and their parents/caregivers
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited for stories the whole family can enjoy with a fun preschool level craft.

Preschool Storytime

For preschool children and their parents/caregivers
Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Storytime will not be held in June and July due to Book Camp. It will resume in August.

Bring your preschoolers for a fun time of stories and a craft that is just right for small hands.



Print Book, Meet Audio Book

We are thrilled to share a collection of VOX Books, located in our children's section, with our patrons. These books have a permanently attached VOX Reader that transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs – children simply push a button to listen and read. Some of our collection has two languages represented on the page. These titles will help traditional English speakers learn a new language, as well as non-traditional English speakers gain confidence in reading and speaking English.

Monthly Board Game Nights

Wednesdays, June 7, July 5, August 2

Ages 10 and Up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Heat frying your brain? Cool off in the library and grow those little grey cells by playing a fun and challenging board game at the library.

Adult Programs

Illinois Libraries Present!

Virtual Programs

Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) is a partnership with other Illinois libraries to have conversations with authors that single libraries would not be able to financially provide. Registration links to view these virtual author events are on the Library's events calendar.



Navigate Your Stars: A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward, June 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Braiding Sweetgrass: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer, June 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Passport Event

Adults

**Saturday, July 15
9:00 a.m. – Noon**

Now is the perfect time to update your passport! Passport agents from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's office will process passport applications from 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 15. Standard passport fees will apply, and applicants should receive their passports within 4-6 weeks, unless otherwise stated. This is a very popular event, so please plan accordingly.



If interested in obtaining a passport, please bring the following:

- Certified copy of your birth certificate and/or expired passport (no photocopies)
- Valid photo ID
- Approved passport photo (For \$10.00, they can provide you with a passport photo)
- Certified copies of court orders for name change, custody or adoption decrees
- Two checks or money orders to pay applicable fees

For details on the fees or if you have any questions, please visit the circuit clerk's website at www.sangamoncountycircuitclerk.org or call the circuit clerk's passport office in advance at 217-747-5183.

Genealogy Basics

Adults

**Saturday, August 19
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Discover the adventure of your family history! Join local history and genealogy librarian, Alanna Sablotny, as she teaches the fundamentals of building your family tree. She will introduce you to basic genealogy terms as well as a few online resources.

Friends of Genealogy

Adults

**Saturday, July 22
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in your family history? Have questions about how to break down brick walls you have encountered in your family history research? Join us for a Friends of Genealogy meeting where we will discuss all things genealogy and get tips and tricks on how to break the walls down.

Senior Crafty Creations

Adults

**Offsite at Ball-Chatham Senior Center
111 W. Mulberry Street
First Wednesday of the month
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Crafting is for grown-ups too, not just kids! Connect, create, and relax with other people in an easygoing environment. All supplies for our simple crafts will be provided – you just need to bring the conversation and imagination! To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.



**June 7
Topiary**



**July 5
Fridge Magnet**



**August 2
Terrarium**

Adult Programs

Computer Classes

No registration required

Organizing Your Google Drive

Adults

Saturday, June 24

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This class will teach participants to better organize their Google Drive. From search techniques to color-coded folders, participants will learn easy-to-apply strategies for Google Drive organization. For best practice, it would be beneficial that participants of the class have a GMAIL email address.

Bring your personal laptop if you'd like to follow along. A limited number of laptops will be provided for the class.

Weekly Card Games

Adults

Every Tuesday

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Join us for fun and cards every week this summer. We'll play a variety of card games like Pinochle, Phase 10, Uno, and whatever else people know how to play. Bring yourself and be ready to meet new people and have fun!

NEW Chat with a Librarian Service

The Library is excited to introduce real-time chat, a new service on our website!

What: Real-time chat will let you quickly and easily communicate with Library staff via instant messaging through our website.



Where: This new live-chat feature will be available at the bottom of every page on the Library's website.

When: During open Library hours

Why: Library patrons can use this fast service for reference questions, research help, assistance with online resources, book recommendations and more without having to pick up the phone or send an email.

How: Simply type your question into the Live Chat box to connect with a librarian who will be standing by. The Library staff looks forward to "chatting" with you soon!

For more information, go to chathamlib.org and use the online chat service during Library hours.

Tiny Art Show

Adults in High School and Older

Kits Available starting June 5 (while supplies last)

Drop-off before June 30. Pick up and drop off will be at the Adult Services Desk.

Attention all artists, high school age and above!

We're hosting our 2nd Tiny Art Show here at the library.

Each kit will contain a canvas and a set of paints but we will also allow the use of other materials on

your masterpiece. After you're done, drop your artwork back here by June 30 for our July exhibit. Please keep submissions appropriate for all ages. We're looking forward to seeing what you create!



Art Committee News

We hope you'll stop by the Library this Summer to see two outstanding local art shows!

June – July:

"Creative Minds – Discover the Artistic Talent of the Springfield Ceramics and Crafts Club"

Reception: June 9th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Public Welcome!

August – September:

"The Artwork of Kristin Diehl"

Opening Reception will be announced at a later date. Check out our website and social media for details.

For more detailed information about each show, please check out our website: www.chathamlib.org/exhibits

Later this Summer, we will be sharing information regarding our annual Call to Entry art show, held this fall! If you would like to be considered for our Call to Entry show, please email arts@chathamlib.org to be placed on the mailing list. Those on the list will receive the application in July. We will also share the applications in the library and on our website.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

Hooked on Books

Second Wednesday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming Reads:

June 14 – *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult

July 12 – *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery

August 9 – *The Only Woman in the Room*

by Marie Benedict

Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

June 21 – *Life on the Mississippi : an epic American adventure* by Rinker Buck

July 19 – *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

August 16 – *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*

by Lori Gottlieb

Outer Edge Book Club

Third Monday of each month

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Outer Edge Book Club reads a variety of books ranging from sci-fi, fantasy, and horror. We hope you'll join us for our next meeting!

June 26 (Rescheduled) – *The Disasters* by M.K. England

July 17 – *Middlegame* by Seanan McGuire

August 21 – *Into the Mist* by P.C. Cast

Board Game Exchange

All Ages

Week of June 26 – 30

All Day

Have board games sitting around collecting dust? Bring your COMPLETE board games to exchange for something new. Whether an easy or complex game, find a trading partner to freshen your collection.

Local Writer's Group:

Society of Midwestern Authors

Adults

6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

First Tuesday of each month:

June 6 and August 1

There will be no Writer's Group on July 4.

If writing is your passion, check out this supportive group of local writers for critiques, networking and lively discussions. The group is very welcoming to newcomers, so feel free to come and share your work and ideas. For more information, email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for some fun evenings of crafts and conversation. These free events are open to adults in high school or older and registration is required for each event.

There will be no Craft Night in August.

Wood Block Firecrackers

Thursday, June 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

Paint wood blocks to look like firecrackers for Independence Day decor.



Painted Tote Bag

Thursday, July 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

Use painter's tape to create blocks of color for a unique tote bag.



Leadership Book Club

Adults

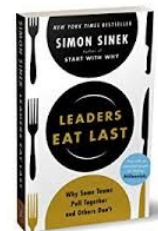
Tuesday, August 22

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Offsite at Scoop Du Jour

95 Plummer Boulevard

Registration required



This book club will be a networking opportunity to share and learn about different leading styles and experiences. This quarterly book that we are reading for discussion is **"Leaders Eat Last"** by Simon Sinek.

Adult Programs

Book Bike News

Bikelangelo, our book bike, has already started rolling out to places near you! Be sure to check out the website or our Facebook page to find out all the upcoming stops.

What the Book Bike delivers (in addition to smiles). Library staff members who have been trained to safely operate the bike, will pedal it to scheduled community events and outreach locations. The bike's cargo hold is stocked with books and other fun items to share.

Visitors can learn about library services and programs, pick up a free book, and apply for a library card. We wheelie can't wait to see you this summer!



Friends' Café & Bookstore

Our wonderful Friends of the Library volunteers are offering great reads as well as serving drinks and treats! All proceeds help support the Library's programming and services. For more information, including hours and book donation guidelines, see our website at <https://www.chathamlib.org/support-your-library>.

Open Hours and Donation acceptance times (Pending Volunteer Availability) are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please note: The Friends Bookstore will NOT be accepting donations from June 3rd – 31st due to preparations for their annual Booksale. They will welcome back donations on August 1st.

Library Board News

Board Members

Michael Roubitchek – President
Christine Westerlund – Vice-President
Vacant – Secretary
Vanessa Ross – Treasurer

Trustees

John Moore, Dianne Roberts and Jenny Vaughn.

At the April Consolidated Election, incumbents Christine Westerlund and Jenny Vaughn won seats on our board, as well as new trustee, Dianne Roberts. Congratulations to all elected trustees, and welcome Dianne!

One open seat on our board has yet to be filled, and will be appointed by the Library Board at their June meeting. More information, including how to apply is located on our website at <https://www.chathamlib.org/about-us/board-trustees>.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

Library Board meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated. The meetings this quarter will be held **June 19, July 17, and August 21.**

Back by popular demand: Our Little Garden Table

Two years ago, we started a new tradition by providing a space for community members to bring their surplus fruits and veggies



from their gardens. We were so fortunate to have so many share their bounty with their neighbors that we are bringing the table back out again. Starting at the end of June and running through Labor Day, please feel free to drop off your surplus items for others to enjoy.

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Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Holiday Closings

Juneteenth

Monday, June 19

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

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Friends of the Library Sweet Corn Book Sale

Saturday, July 22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the **Sweet Corn Book Sale** before you head off to the festivities at the park. Enjoy bargain prices for a large assortment of items.

Special Perk – Friends Members are invited early for a “Power Hour” from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Not a member? You can join that morning!

Also, the **Bargain Sale opens for everyone at 2:00 p.m. for a donation of \$2.00.** What a deal! (Please note: no advance stockpiling of books allowed.)

Want to volunteer? We can always use help to set up and take down the sale. Contact friends@chathamlib.org if you or your group is interested in assisting.

**Thanks to outgoing Library Trustee Leslie Ross and her husband, Levi, for sharing this great picture of reading between the ears!*

