



Summer Reading Kickoff

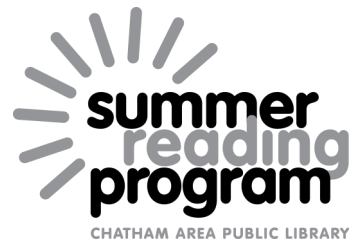
Yes, things are different this summer, and as much as we would like to, we cannot all get together. However, we can still “have lots of good fun that is funny!” So that is what we are going to do, and we invite you to do it too!

We always like to “kick-off” Summer Reading with an awesome program, but this year we have “kicked” it up a notch: you are invited to our **Tails and Tales Summer Reading virtual kick-off weeks!** Get ready for four weeks of wildly fun animal adventures with Page Turner, the intrepid Storyologist, and Kenny, her slap-stick sidekick. You will be able to join them virtually as they step into their *Once Upon a Time Machine* for professionally produced shows, stories, crafts, creatures, animated books, songs, games, recipes and more.

Beginning in June, Monday — Friday for 4 weeks, new content will be available **each day** on our website. All the fun will continue to be available until September 7. To join Page Turner and Kenny on their adventures, simply sign up for Summer Reading on **Beanstack** (<https://chathamlib.beanstack.org>) to get the password. Please see the Summer Reading article on this page for more information about **Beanstack**.

Tails and Tales Summer Reading

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner... and for our Children’s staff, summer means Summer Reading! And we are wild about this summer’s theme of **Tails and Tales** because it is guaranteed to bring out the tiger in you — or puppy, or monkey, or unicorn!



Here are the quick facts about Summer Reading 2021:

- Sign up begins May 1 on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app. (<https://chathamlib.beanstack.org>.) For help using **Beanstack**, there is a simple tutorial on the right side of our website.

- There are challenges for every age group: **(For children aged 8 or 12 choose the one challenge that best suits your child.)**

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: 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.

- Read and redeem prizes between June 1 and July 31. Summer Reading ends Saturday, July 31.
- The last day to pick up prizes will be Tuesday, August 31.

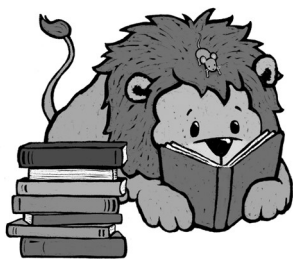
Stories from the Stacks

When Megan, our Community Engagement Librarian, was in high school, her AP History class was tasked with interviewing someone who played a role in or experienced an important world event. She interviewed her uncle, who volunteered to go into the Army during the Vietnam War. The interview was captured on a cassette tape, and Megan recently used the Library’s Memory Lab equipment to digitize the interview. Her

uncle passed many years ago, and because of the digital file, she was able to hear his voice after all these years and share that gift with her family members. To set up an appointment to use the Library’s Memory Lab equipment, you can call the Library at 217-483-2713.



Book Camp



Of all the things we missed last year, **Book Camp** might have been the one we missed the most. While we can't have Camp in quite the same way, we ARE offering a version of Book Camp this year. Introducing **BOOK CAMP IN A BAG!** When

you sign up for Book Camp this year, you will be able to receive all the camp crafts and activities along with the links to virtually join the Chatham Area Public Library Children's staff as we make crafts, play games, and hear stories together.

The Book Camp schedule is as follows:

Age 4 - Kindergarten – June 29, 30, and July 1

1st - 2nd graders – June 22, 23, 24

3rd - 4th graders – June 15, 16, 17

5th - 6th graders – June 21, 22, 23, 24

Camp will be on Zoom from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. for campers age 4 - grade 4, and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. for grades 5 - 6.

These grade levels are for the grade your child will be going into for the 2021-2022 school year. The cost for camp is \$5 (non-refundable). See our website and Facebook page for signup information beginning in May. **Signup space is limited and registration is required.**

Teen/Tween Crafts

Are your tweens or teens missing their book camp fun from days gone by? The good news is they can still participate in summer reading and have chances to win gift cards from numerous exciting places like *Target*, *Scoop Du Jour* and *Gamestop*. Participants will also be able to pick up and enjoy six different weekly crafts again this year! Our animal-themed crafts will let them try their hand at a puppy pot, a fun folded book hedgehog, and a craft to give a local shelter pet. Quantities will be limited. Be on the lookout for more details about how to register on our Facebook and website.



Strolling and Stories

Our **Bookwalk** at the Library is a fun way to read and discuss picture books as a family while enjoying the great outdoors. Our **Bookwalk** and other fun activities are located on our Café/Bookstore windows and change regularly: watch for a new big book coming in May. Once you have read the stories, stroll on **into** the Library to pick out more books to enjoy together!

Virtual Storytimes



The Family Evening and Preschool Storytimes you know and love are back! Same great stories, same fun crafts, and same amazing storytellers, but in a brand-new format! Just sign up on our website, pick up the craft supplies at the Library and we bring the stories to your house via Zoom. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit our website and click on "Events," then "Calendar" to see storytimes offered on alternating Thursdays and Fridays. Click on the storytime name for times, weekly themes and sign up information.



STEM Craft Kits

With our STEM craft kits, we've discovered the science behind snowflake formation, figured how much room on the broom there is for candy pumpkins, and solved the mystery of what temperature of hot chocolate melts marshmallows to perfection. What will we learn next? Every month the Library is offering fun craft kits to get kids excited about science. Look for these kits in the library lobby.



The **TumbleBooks Library** is an online collection of electronic children's books accessible through the Library's website throughout the summer. **TumbleBooks** offers digital content with many options, including eBooks, read-alongs, videos, audiobooks and more for a range of grade levels. **Tumblebooks** also includes access to the Common Core Portal, quizzes and teacher materials/lesson plans!

LEGO DAYS

The Library is happy to report that Lego Days have returned! Of course, like most things they are in a slightly different format. Through Zoom, our Children's staff will share a story with you to give you inspiration for your build. Then you will have time to make your creation with your own Legos or any building material you have on hand. Before our time is up, you will be able to share your creation with your Lego Day friends. Please regularly check our website and Facebook page to find information about upcoming Lego Days.



Adult Programs

Our adult programs are free and open to all members of the public.
Find event registration information on the Library's calendar of events, www.chathamlib.org/calendar.

TELLING A PEOPLE'S STORY:

African-American Children's Illustrated Literature

The Library is honored to host this traveling exhibit. The exhibit offers a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of African-American cultural identity, while also shedding light on the long-neglected world of African-American authors and illustrators in the pantheon of children's literature. Stop in anytime **until May 7** to enjoy the display with a special interactive activity for all ages to enjoy.

Hooked on Books

The Tuesday Evening Book Group is changing its name...and when we meet! We will now meet the **second WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:00 p.m.** With that, we will now be known as "**Hooked on Books.**" We'd love to welcome new faces. We discuss a mix of fiction and nonfiction books and are sticking to meeting on Zoom for the time being. Information on how to register for this event can be found on the Library's website. Here's what we're reading next:

May 12 – The Jane Austen Society

by Natalie Jenner (2020)

Chawton was the final home of Jane Austen, one of England's finest novelists. Now it's home to a few distant relatives and their diminishing estate. With the last bit of Austen's legacy threatened, a group of disparate individuals come together to preserve both Jane Austen's home and her legacy.

June 9 – All Things Bright and Beautiful

by James Herriot (1973)

A Yorkshire veterinarian describes the adventures and experiences of his career as he tends to sick cattle, pregnant ewes, ailing dogs, and their eccentric owners, in a celebration of the relationships between humans and animals.

July 14 – The Lager Queen of Minnesota

by J. Ryan Stradal (2019)

A talented baker running a business out of a nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time that her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub.

August 11 – Founding Mothers

by Cokie Roberts (2004)

Intimate and illuminating look at the fervently patriotic and passionate women whose tireless pursuits on behalf of their families – and their country – proved just as crucial to the forging of a new nation as the rebellion that established it.

Become Involved with the new 2021 Chatham Community Garden

An informational session will be held **Tuesday, May 4 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** outside on the Library's south lawn. Social distancing and masks are encouraged per the CDC's recommended guidelines.

Will Tracy, Chatham resident and the garden founder, will present this educational session about the new Chatham Community Garden located at the northwest corner of Gordon & Magnolia. Learn how to sign up for a private plot or participate in the large Community Garden plot. Questions about the program can be directed to Betsy Tracy at 217-494-6429.



Local Writers' Group

The **Society of Midwestern Authors** meets monthly on the **first Tuesday of each month**. You can find this skilled, supportive group of writers at **6:00 p.m. on Zoom**. The scheduled dates are: **May 4, June 1, July 6 and August 3**. Join us for critiques, discussion, networking and special events. For more information or if you have any questions, please email pamcox@chathamlib.org.

Art Flower Garden

Help us create a beautiful, collaborative art display in the North windows this May. Color, paint, or use whatever medium you'd like to make one fourth of a flower. Turn it back into the library and we'll join 4 pieces together to make a unique flower. The more flowers, the more beautiful our 'garden' will be. **Paper and guidelines can be picked up starting April 19. Turn in completed artwork by May 3.**



Adult Summer Reading

The **Tails and Tales Adult Summer Reading Program** will begin **Monday, June 14th** and run for **6 weeks**. Using **Beanstack**, our free online reading platform, you can log books or audiobooks, and each log earns an entry into the weekly drawings. Download the **Beanstack** app on your device or sign up for a **Beanstack** account through our website at <https://chathamlib.beanstack.org>.

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Our adult programs are free and open to all members of the public.
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All Booked Up

Love to read? Join our book discussion group that meets on the 4th **Monday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom.** Participants should read the book in advance.

Copies are available at the circulation desk or electronically. Information on how to register for this event can be found on the Library's website.



April 26 – *The Warmth of Other Suns*

by Isabel Wilkerson

Author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

May 24 – *The Mountains Sing*

by Phan Quế Mai Nguyễn

The multigenerational tale of the Trần family is set against the backdrop of the Việt Nam War. Trần Diệu Lan, who was born in 1920, was forced to flee her family farm with her six children during the Land Reform as the Communist government rose in the North. Years later in Hà Nội, her young granddaughter, Hương, comes of age as her parents and uncles head off down the Hồ Chí Minh Trail to fight in a conflict that will tear not just her beloved country but her family apart.

June 28 – *The Book of Lost Names*

by Kimberly Harmel

Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small town, where she forges identity documents to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis.

July 26 – *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Johnson

A talented American musician documents the astonishing 2009 theft of an invaluable collection of ornithological displays from the British Museum of Natural History, tracing the author's years-long investigation to track down the culprit and understand his motives, which were possibly linked to an obsession with the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying.

August 23 – *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

When editor Susan Ryeland is given the manuscript of Alan Conway's latest novel, she has no reason to think it will be much different from any of his others. Yes, there are dead bodies and a host of intriguing suspects, but the more Susan reads, the more she's convinced that there is another story hidden in the pages of the manuscript: one of real-life jealousy, greed, ruthless ambition, and murder.

OUTER EDGE BOOK CLUB

The Outer Edge Book Club is Chatham Area Public Library's science fiction and fantasy book club. We read and discuss classic and modern titles alike. **The Outer Edge meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m via Zoom.** Information on how to register for this event can be found on the Library's website. The library will order several copies of each book and have them waiting for you at the front circulation desk. Come grab a copy of this month's choice today!

April 19 – *A Journey to the Center of the Earth*

by Jules Verne (1864)

An adventurous geology professor chances upon a manuscript in which a 16th-century explorer claims to have found a route to the earth's core.

May 17 – *Gods of Jade and Shadow*

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (2019)

The Mayan god of death sends a young woman on a harrowing, life-changing journey in this one-of-a-kind fairy tale inspired by Mexican folklore.

June 21 – *The Everything Box*

by Richard Kadrey (2016)

A thief named Coop — a specialist in purloining magic objects — steals and delivers a small box to the mysterious client who engaged his services. Coop doesn't know that his latest job could be the end of him — and the rest of the world.

July 19 – *The Bone Witch*

by Rin Chupeco (2017)

Tea can raise the dead, but resurrection comes at a price... Her gift for necromancy means that she's a bone witch, a title that makes her feared and ostracized by her community. Tea puts all her energy into becoming an asha — one who can wield elemental magic. But dark forces are approaching quickly, and in the face of danger, Tea will have to overcome her obstacles...and make a powerful choice.

August 16 – *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*

by V.E. Schwab (2020)

France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

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Virtual Presentation **Black Hawk's View of Illinois History** **Thursday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m.** *Registration is required*

Imagine sitting around a campfire with Ma-ka-tai-me-she-kiuk-kiuk, Black Hawk, listening to the stories of creation and the legends of his grandfathers. Storyteller and historian Brian "Fox" Ellis uses his family's personal history, the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from their ancestral homeland along the Trail of Tears, and a deep knowledge of Native American history to bring the audience on a journey back to those dark days of American History with both humor and real insight, drawing strength from the resilience of the people. Weaving true history with folklore to create a tapestry of symbolic language, he draws the audience into the world view of this respected leader of his people. Celebrate the First Nations of Illinois and see the world through Native eyes.

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Cinema Under the Stars

Join the library on our south lawn and enjoy some outdoor movies. Movies will start once it gets dark (around 8:30 p.m.). Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs, and snacks.



Social distancing and masks are encouraged per the CDC's recommended guidelines.

Friday, June 25 - Jurassic Park
Friday, July 30 - Field of Dreams
Friday, August 27 - Hook

Virtual Trivia Night **Fridays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Join fellow patrons for a weekly Virtual Trivia Night every Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Check our website and Facebook page for weekly details.

Genealogy Programs *Registration is required*



Virtual Genealogy Chat **Saturday, June 12, 2:00 p.m.**

Meet with other genealogists and discuss your family history search, obstacles, or exciting new discoveries.

Virtual Class: Finding Female Ancestors **Saturday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.**

Women are often hard to research due to the laws, social norms, and record keeping practices of times past. In this class, you will learn about sources and strategies to find your female ancestors. Presented by Jake Eubanks, Assistant Manager of the St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department.

Information on how to register for these events can be found on the Library's website.

Genealogy Resources

Researching your family history? Check out these electronic resources to help.

- ◆ **Ancestry Library Edition** has billions of records in census data, vital records, and more and is available to use in the comfort of your home until June 30.
- ◆ **Fold3** provides access to U.S. military records including stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served.
- ◆ **HeritageQuest Online** offers a treasury of American genealogical resources.

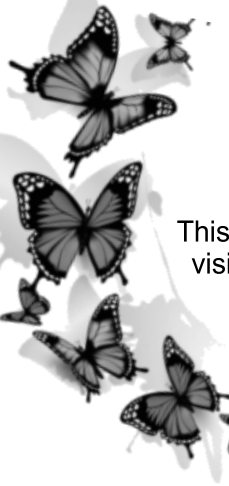
Find these and more at www.chathamlib.org/databases

Stay Crafty

Keep your hands busy and your creative juices flowing with these take-and-make crafts for adults. Available to pick up in the Library's foyer during library hours. New crafts will be twice a month for as long as supplies last. Here are the upcoming themes:

April - spring
May - flowers
June - patriotic
July - summer
August - jewelry





Grants Awarded for Monarch Butterfly Waystation

This spring, the Library will welcome new visitors to its property. These visitors are the millions of butterflies, including monarchs that migrate through our area each year.

**Thanks to Master Gardeners
Karla Frank, Loretta Mabie
and Cindy Kvamme and
with direction from Jennifer
Fishburn, the Library will have a space to support
the needs of these important species.**

The garden will also support local Illinois plants and provide educational opportunities to members of our community. The construction of the garden is made possible by the **Central Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society and the Springfield Civic Garden Club.**

CHATHAM AREA IN FOCUS

One Community, Many Stories

Community Photography Exhibition

The public was invited to submit photographic snapshots of their lives this past year. All ages and skill levels were invited to participate, and now it's time to share those visual stories! The Chatham Area In Focus exhibit will be on display at the Library and in a virtual gallery on our website at <https://www.chathamlib.org/2021-photo-exhibit>. We hope you stop by (either in-person or virtually) to enjoy the moments shared by your neighbors.

Explore More Illinois: Sightsee and Save Money

"Explore More Illinois" is a new, free service offered to Chatham Area Public Library adult cardholders to access discount offers from cultural centers, museums, and other attractions.



Go to the "Explore More Illinois" link on the library's website and log in by using your library barcode and PIN. Choose the attraction and date of your planned visit and submit your request. You will receive an email confirmation with details specific to the attraction. There are several partnerships with museums and attractions that are pending at the time of this newsletter's printing, so check back periodically.

BORROW BEFORE YOU BUY

Our Library of Things Collection is expanding, which means you have even more opportunities to check out and use a variety of items without spending a dime. All you need is your library card!

Take a look at how much you save by checking out our:

Caring for the Caregiver - Watercolor Kit:

contains a paint set, paper, four books, and one video disc.



Light Therapy Lamp:

contains a therapy lamp, power adapter, and user guide.



Caring for the Caregiver – Yoga Kit:

contains a DVD, yoga block set, and a set of resistance bands



White Noise Sound Machine:

contains a sound machine, wall charger, power cord, and user guide.



These Library of Things items and more have been purchased through a generous grant from the **Rotary Club Springfield – Chatham**. Stop by and check them out today!

What has three wheels and will roll out to a location near you later this year?

Our new book bike! Book bikes are human-powered, mobile libraries that take resources outside of the Library to you, the community. Thanks to the Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library, we have been able to purchase a book bike which will arrive and roll its way through Chatham later this year. Believe us, we are wheelie excited!



New Resource!

Last summer we added **hoopla**, a new platform in which to get ebooks, e-audiobooks, comics, movies, and music. **Hoopla**



offers a wide variety of electronic material for all ages, children through adult. The best feature of hoopla is that items are available with no wait list! Download the app from your App Store and login with your library card number and PIN and start enjoying today!

WE'RE FINE-FREE!
*The Chatham Area Public Library
is now Fine-Free!*

2020 WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS!

With uncertainty all around in 2020, the Chatham Area Public Library was still the place people came - whether in person or online - to get answers, access credible information and to have fun.

As we closed our doors back in March 2020, we migrated quickly to enhance our digital services, boosted our Wi-Fi to be accessible outside our building, purchased more copies of eBooks, and started offering virtual events.

Our programs, which regularly saw packed rooms filled with smiling faces were suddenly virtual. Our programming Librarians worked hard to become video production experts: creating and delivering amazing content virtually including weekly trivia nights, storytimes and so much more. Hundreds of you watched and participated and we felt connected to our community despite the distance between us.

We found new and innovative ways to bring the Library into your homes, including developing a system for Curbside Holds Pickup which allowed us to safely provide access to our collection of physical materials in a no-contact way. Thousands of items have circulated through our system this way.

We also safely engaged with our patrons by utilizing our library grounds by creating an outdoor activity course, large window displays and monthly book walks.

We also took this time to rearrange our interior spaces in the Library. We utilized our current shelving to increase space for many of our most popular collections without spending additional dollars.

At the start of 2021, we were able to offer in-person browsing back to our collections. We look forward to additional service offerings throughout the year as we continue to adapt and shift in response to safety requirements and our community's needs. We will keep using our mission to guide us as we move forward through continued unprecedented times.

Sincerely,
Amy Byers,
Library Director

IN 2020, WE...

...created **98 e-cards** to ensure that those without a physical card could access our e-resources

...provided **1,519 craft and incentive kits** for the Summer Reading Program



...had a **24% increase** of active participants in our Summer Reading Program compared to 2019



...gave out **29 weekly adult craft kits** and **24 weekly youth craft kits** to a **total of 1,433 patrons**



...offered **104 adult programs** with a total of **2,011 participants**

...shared **91 story time videos** and held an additional **17 youth programs**

CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT


600 E. Spruce Street
Chatham, IL 62629


Library Hours

Mon. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wed. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thurs. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

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Library Holiday Closings

HOLIDAY

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday, July 5

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 6

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21st Annual Murder Mystery

Last March, the Friends of the Library hosted its 21st Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser online. Thanks to everyone who tuned in to watch ***Sociopathic Distancing: Nightmare at Six Feet Apart*** in their homes. With your support, the Friends of the Library Board was able to purchase a Book Bike for the Library. Special thanks go to our playwright, Ryan Byers, our graphic designer Sarah Suits, our editor and director Greg Bishop, the paramedics from the Chatham Fire Department, as well as our wonderful cast members: Meghan Harmon, Greg Bishop, Julia Kimsey, Dave Kimsey, Tom Klein, Dixie Williamson, Megan Freeman, Geoff Pettys and Laura Mitkos.

Friends of the Library Bookstore Update

The Friends of the Library's Bahlow Bookstore will be returning this May for limited hours **and will be resuming limited book donations in mid-May**. Please check our website or call the library for more information.

Library Board News

Four CAPLD Trustee positions were on the ballot for the April 6th 2021 consolidated election. Incumbents Michael Roubitchek, John Moore, Eric Bolinger and newcomer Vanessa Ross were elected for four year terms that start in May. Welcome Vanessa!

Trustee Chelsey Moore did not run for reelection. Chelsey has served on our Library Board since 2015. The Library Board thanks Chelsey for her service to the library and the community.

Library Board Future Meetings:

May 17th at 7:00 p.m.

June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members (as of April 2021)

Michael Roubitchek, *President*

Christine Westerlund, *Vice President*

Leslie Ross, *Secretary*

Eric Bolinger, *Treasurer*

Trustees

Dan Holden, John Moore, Chelsey Moore