



Happy Independence Day!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

- Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

YOUTH SERVICES

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Email aedgar@dunlaplibrary.org for Zoom meeting invites to youth programs or with any questions.

Requests for registration links will be accepted until 60 minutes before program begins.

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KIDS

Book Babies

Mondays, 9:30a

No storytime on July 14.

This is a short storytime designed for parents and caregivers with babies 0-23 months old. Join us for some gentle baby bounces, songs, and rhymes. **L**

Storytime with Ms. Amy!

Wednesdays, 10:00a

Join us at the library each week for a new storytime theme with books, songs, rhymes, playtime, and a craft. **L**

LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:00p

Join us in the Children's Area where we will put out our collection of Legos! Free build or take our building challenge. **L**

Sign & Sing with Communication Junction

Tuesday, July 1 (outside!) & 15, 11:30a

Join Communication Junction for an in-person storytime at the library that is designed to engage your child and encourage their love of books. Each Sign & Sing is created around a theme and filled with stories, songs, movements, and new signs. **L**

Instrument Petting Zoo

Tuesday, July 1, 2:00p

Get hands-on with some string instruments from Suzuki School of Music from Youth Music Illinois! **L**

*Book Buddies

Tuesday, July 8 & 22, 6:00p

Saturday, July 19 & 26, 9:30a

Don't let those reading skills slip over the summer months! Register for focused one-on-one reading sessions between a child and a trained therapy dog. This program will be geared toward encouraging reluctant or beginning readers to practice their literacy skills on a non-judgmental listener (a trained therapy dog with its volunteer handler). Presented with the Peoria Humane Society. **Registration required.*** **L**

Music Sprouts with Ms. Lydia

Thursday, July 10 & 24, 10:00a

Join Lydia Nosbisch, music therapist and early childhood music instructor, for this 30-minute music class for babies and toddlers and their accompanying adults. Each class provides opportunities for movement, learning, and music exploration. **L**

Storytime at Wheels O' Time

Thursday, July 17, 11:30a

Join us for a special Storytime at the Wheels O' Time Museum in Dunlap. Meet at the Gazebo in front of the Museum and we will enjoy our Storytime at a different spot each month in the Museum. 1710 W Woodside Drive, Dunlap. **L**

*Bluey Pajama Storytime

Thursday, July 17, 6:30p

Come dressed in your pajamas for a bedtime story and a visit from Bluey! ***Registration required.** **L**

Christmas in July

Wednesday, July 23, 2:00-4:00p

It's hot outside so let's think about cold weather and celebrate Christmas in July! Join us to decorate cookies, drink hot chocolate, and make an ornament. For kids and teens. **L**



Pokémon Project

Thursday, July 24, 3:00-5:00p

Meet up with other Pokémon fans to trade your cards and do Pokémon activities while watching a Pokémon movie! **L**

Storytime with DHS Volleyball Team

Tuesday, July 29, 10:00a

The Dunlap High School Volleyball Team will be at the library to present a special storytime for kids! **L**

Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 29, 6:00p

Do you love to check out books to read at the Library? Or maybe you love to come here to play video games or make art projects with friends? If you're a kid between the ages of 9 and 12, we want you to join our club and share your ideas about how to make our Library even better. Come check out KAB! **L**



Luau with Lilo and Stitch

Thursday, July 31, 3:00-5:00p

We're having a luau at the Library! Join us as we make a lei necklace, an alien craft, and watch the original *Lilo and Stitch* movie. **L**

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TWEENS & TEENS

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Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 29, 7:00p

Do you want a say in the materials and programs offered by the library? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Middle and high schoolers welcome. TAB meetings and activities count toward student volunteer hours. **L**

Let's Taco 'Bout It

Tuesday, July 29, 7:30p

Join us at our YA book club as we talk about whatever we're reading. **L**

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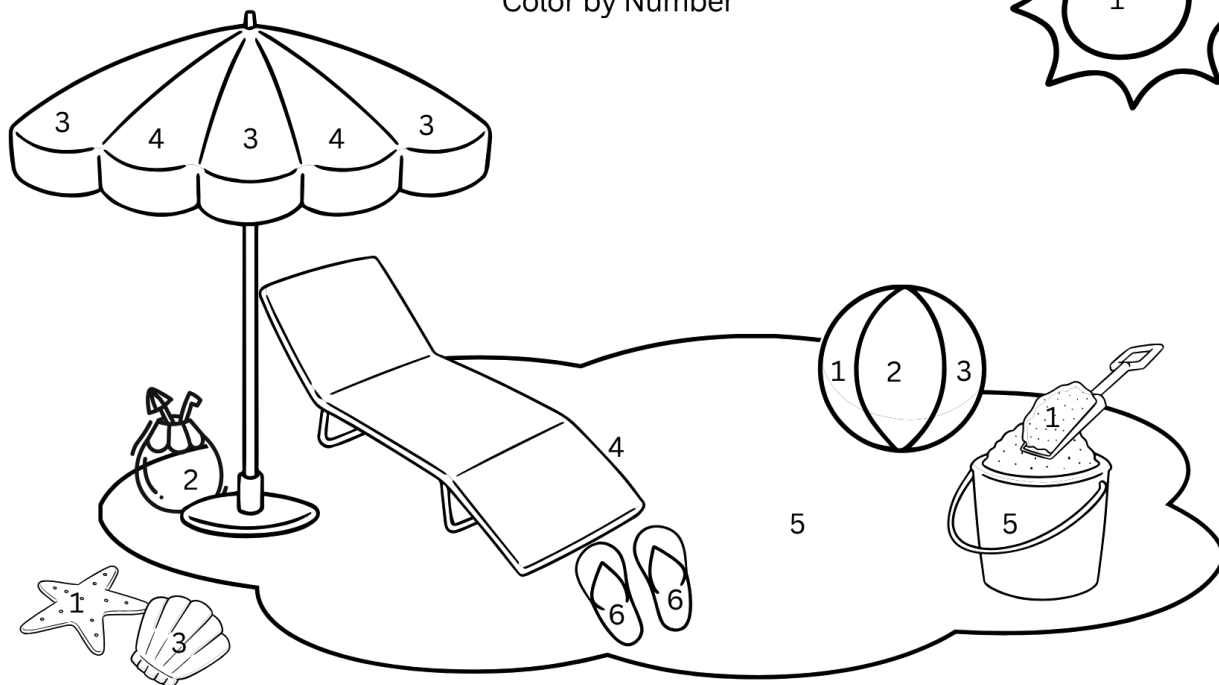
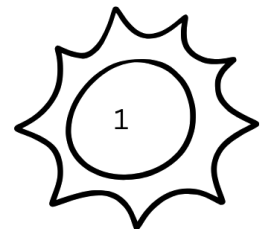
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Summer Fun

Color by Number



1- Yellow

2- Blue

3- Red

4- Orange

5- Brown

6- Green

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Read, Eat, Play!

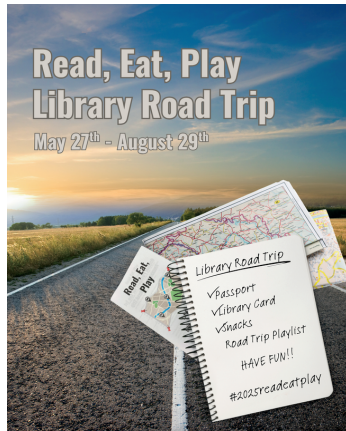
2nd Annual Library Road Trip Tuesday, May 27 -

Friday, August 29, 2025

We know you will have a great time exploring any or all of the 33 participating libraries as well as eateries, shops, and parks to be discovered along the way! Pick up a passport booklet at our Library. To complete the Road Trip and be entered into a prize drawing at your home library, collect stickers or stamps from your home library (the library that issued your library card) and at least 9 others listed in the booklet for a total of 10 different libraries between May 27 and August 29.

Return to your home library and drop off this Passport by September 5 to be entered into the prize drawing.

Not all libraries are participating. For complete details about the 2025 Read, Eat, Play Library Road Trip, pick up a Passport and read all about it. Let the library journey begin!



Mah Jongg Monday!

Mondays, 1:00-3:00p

Let's play this ancient Chinese tile-based game! All skill levels welcome, including those who just wonder what Mah Jongg is and want to learn about it. We are now playing the 2025 National Mah Jongg League card. If you have a Mah Jongg set, please bring it along! **L**

Chair Yoga

Mondays, 3:30p and Wednesdays, 8:30a

Interested in trying yoga, but don't think you can do it? You may join us at the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. In-person: chairs provided, no mat needed, no registration. Joining our class from home: grab an armless chair and your device. If you have a strap/belt, block/books, and a ball/round object, we may use them during our practice. Instructor led. **L Z**

Outdoor Yoga

Tuesdays in July, 7:45-8:30a

Nature and yoga -- a perfect pair! Weather permitting, we'll meet outside on the Library lawn. Bring your yoga mat or towel, and a water bottle. Instructor led. **L**

Mental @erobics

Mondays, 12Noon

Time to stretch YOUR grey matter! Play a variety of brain games to stimulate your mind and have fun! **L**

Yoga

Note new time for Tuesday evening yoga!

Tuesdays, 4:30p and Thursdays, 8:30a

Enjoy the diversity of yoga. Join our yogi masters for a live yoga practice! You may join us in the library OR from the comfort of your home using Zoom. **L Z**

How the States Got Their Shapes: The Midwestern States

Tuesday, July 1, 11:30a-1:00p

We are so familiar with the map of the United States that our state borders seem as much part of nature as mountains and rivers. Yet you may be surprised how politics, wars, geological features, bad surveys, battles between states, and petty grievances played into how our states got their shapes. For example: Why are many of the northeastern states so small compared to the other states? Why is Vermont not considered one of the original 13 states? Why is there a West Virginia but not an East Virginia? Why does Oklahoma have that long skinny panhandle... wouldn't it make more sense for Texas to have that land? Why does Missouri have a boot heel on their southern border? And why did Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan gang-up and take land away from Wisconsin? Join us for this four-part in-person series of "How The States Got Their Shapes" for answers to these and other questions as we explore how all 50 states received their shapes. Learn how we struggled as a young nation to develop from over-sized territories to more equally sized states. **L** Our presenter will be Brad Keyes, amateur historian.

Tuesday, August 12 - The Louisiana Purchase

Tuesday, September 9 - The Western and Pacific Coastal States



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Health Check: Vision & Hearing Tuesday, July 8 8:30-10:30a

It's time for a well check! Wondering if you need hearing aids? Have a free hearing screening provided by HearingLife. Also, the Illinois Eye Center will be performing Visual Acuity Screenings. Visual acuity refers to how well a person can see clearly at a given distance which determines results such as 20/20, 20/40, etc. Their machine is similar to what is used at the DMV. It is preferable to wear the glasses or contacts that you usually wear as the screening will help to determine how well your current prescription is working. No appointment necessary. Just walk in. **L**



Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, July 18, 10:00a-2:00p

Help the Red Cross save lives by donating blood. Further dates in 2025: September 19 and November 21. **L**

Beyond Barriers: Employment Success for the Neurodiverse

Tuesday, July 22, 11:30a

Join us for this virtual presentation in which we will discover common struggles faced by neurodiverse individuals, discuss workplace accommodations, and learn how employers can understand and identify the best job fit for each client. Presented by Goodwill Industries of Peoria.

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Don't Get Scammed

Wednesday, July 23, 11:30a

Learn how to recognize and avoid common scams targeting seniors such as phishing, identity theft, and financial fraud in this in-person presentation. Provides practical tips on securing personal information, recognizing warning signs of fraud, and staying safe while banking online or in person. Presented by Better Banks. **L**

Rigid Heddle Weaving Rabble

Thursday, July 24, 11:00a-12:30p

Get out your loom, wind a warp, work on a project. If you don't know what all of this means, join us and we'll show you how we creatively use up our yarn stash. **L**

Lessons from 100 Years of Market History

Wednesday, July 16, 11:30a

Take a journey through the biggest moments in financial market history – and learn what they reveal about risk, resilience, and long-term success in this in-person program. Perfect for those looking to use the past to make smarter financial choices today. Presented by Alexander Southe of Edward Jones and Dan Peterson from Franklin Templeton. **L**

Coming Soon!

From the Herb Garden to the Table

Tuesday, August 19, 6:30p

Virtual program. Presented by Fr. Dominic, the Bread Monk. **Z**

DyeTime

Friday, August 22, 9:30a

Bring an item (or two) made of 100% cotton (t-shirt, fabric, yarn, etc) and dye it! Wear clothes that you won't mind getting dye on! **L**



*Offsite Adventure: Fired Up

Thursday, September 18, 6:00-8:00p

Let's get creative! Adults night out! We're going to meet at Fired Up Studios in Peoria Heights to paint a 6" square tile. *Registration is required and will open in late August. Ages 18+ **L**

BOOK CLUBS

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M = Email mweyeneth@dunlaplibrary.org for the Zoom invite or with any questions.

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Cozy Little Book Club

Wednesday, July 2, 11:00a

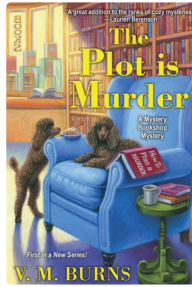
Do you like a light and entertaining read?

We do too! This month's cozy book is

The Plot is Murder by V.M. Burns. On

August 6 we will discuss ***Dog On It***

by Spencer Quinn. **M Z**



"Who Picked This?" Book Club

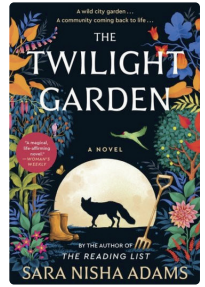
Tuesday, July 15, 10:00a

This month we will be discussing

The Twilight Garden by Sara Nisha Adams.

Our book for August 19 will be ***The Great***

Divide by Cristina Henríquez. **M Z**



Page Turners Book Club

Thursday, July 3, 1:00p

Join Dunlap Library's longest running

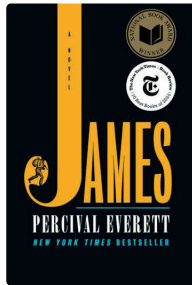
book club and the only one that meets

in-person in the Library! This month

we'll discuss ***James*** by Percival Everett.

Our title for August 7 will be ***The Briar***

Club by Kate Quinn. **K L**



Afternoon Delight Book Club

Wednesday, July 16, 1:00p

Romance is the theme for this virtual

book club. Our title this month will be

Love in Bloom by Jenny Proctor.

On August 20 we will discuss ***The Sister***

Effect by Susan Mallery. **M Z**



Inside Out Book Chat

Wednesday, July 9, 10:00a

What have you been reading? There

are so many books out there - it's time

to share! You'll have a chance to talk

about your recent reads...good, bad,

or mediocre. **M Z**



Walk-n-Talk Book Chat

Tuesday, July 22, 9:30a

We will gather in the library parking lot and

then walk the trail* while we talk about

what we've been reading, listening to, or

watching...whatever comes to mind!

*Weather permitting. **M L**



*Artful Reads with Creative Soul

Wednesday, July 9, 5:00p

Creative Soul Gallery in Dunlap and the

Library are joining together to discuss

"arty" reads. This month we will be

talking about ***Stars in an Italian Sky*** by

Jill Santopolo. Email to receive the Zoom

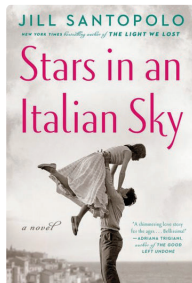
invite to attend virtually or to be added to

the in-person discussion. Please indicate how you wish to

attend and include your phone number if attending in-person.

On August 13 our read will be ***The Stolen Child*** by Ann Hood.

M L Z



Stranger Than Fiction

Thursday, July 24, 10:00a

Let's get down to the facts. Our next

nonfiction title will be ***What an Owl Knows:***

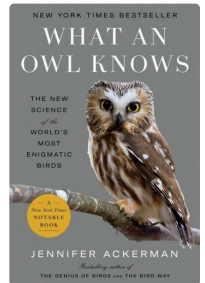
The New Science of the World's Most

Enigmatic Birds by Jennifer Ackerman.

Our title for August 28 will be ***The Best***

Strangers in the World: Stories from a

Life Spent Listening by Ari Shapiro. **M Z**



I Like Big Books & I Cannot Lie

Book Club

Friday, September 12, Noon

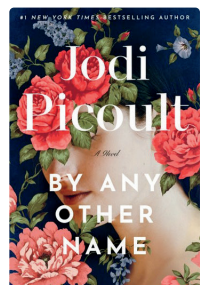
Join us to discuss books with 500+ pages

in this triannual virtual book club. We will

be discussing ***By Any Other Name*** by

Jodi Picoult. Our title on January 9 will be

King: A Life by Jonathan Eig. **M Z**



An Hour to Kill Book Club

Monday, July 14, 6:30p

Mystery, suspense, thriller - fiction or

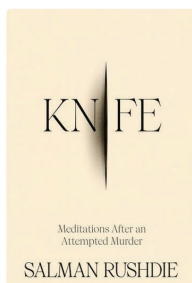
nonfiction! No cozy titles here! Join us

to discuss ***Knife: Meditations After an***

Attempted Murder by Salman Rushdie.

On August 11 our title will be ***We Solve***

Murders by Richard Osman. **K Z**



A Note from the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library



The Results are In! Guess Right and Win a Prize!

The Friends were busy in June! The Friends:

- Helped fund the Summer Reading Program Kickoff and passed out ice pops at the Summer Reading Program and Foam Party.
- Funded and helped at the Community Shred Day.
- Created an exciting new event: Library of Legends: A Dungeons & Dragons Game Night.

We financially supported these and other events through funds raised via membership dues, donations, and fundraisers. Friends members volunteered their time to either organize and run or assist with the running of events.



As usual, the Summer Reading Program was a **huge** success! Think you know how many children and adults participated in the program? Bring and submit your best “guesstimate” of the number of participants in the Summer Reading Program to our upcoming July General Membership Meeting on July 10 at 6 pm at the library. The person closest to the total wins a prize!

A virtual meeting option is available; contact us at friends@dunlaplibrary.org at least 24 hours in advance for more information. Folks using the virtual option can still participate in the contest.

At the meeting, we'll learn behind-the-scenes details and the results of these programs. This is also an opportunity to hear an update on our efforts and those of organizations like the American Library Association to reverse the executive order to dismantle the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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Please visit our space on the Library's website (www.dunlaplibrary.org) to learn more about joining the Friends of the Dunlap Public Library group, and how you can provide support to the Library through volunteering and fundraising.



Continuing to Advocate for Libraries

Of continuing concern for Dunlap Public Library District and all libraries across the country is the executive order that was signed by the President in March to eliminate the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS), which represents .003% of the federal budget. The IMLS is the only federal source of funding for libraries. Please continue to show your support for our library in several ways:

- **Contact our local representatives in the House and Congress.** Show Up For Our Libraries, <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/show-up-for-our-libraries>, makes it easy to call or email our local representatives and share your concern.
- **Post a “In This House, We Support Libraries” sign**, available at the Circulation Desk in the Library.
- **Share the DPL “Protect Library Funding” bookmark** with friends and family. The bookmark is also available at the Circulation Desk.
- **Donate to the Friends of Dunlap Public Library.** Every donation helps. If this legislation is not overturned, the library will need our financial support more than ever. Donate on the Friends webpage at <https://www.dunlaplibrary.org/mission/>

Please join us at our next Board meeting on August 4 at 5 pm. All are welcome.

Questions? Contact friends@dunlaplibrary.org

- The Friends of the Dunlap Public Library

Library News

- The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.
- Food Truck Wednesday in the Library parking lot! July 23: Ruby's Brickoven Pizza and Kamaela's Creamery.
- The Youth Services department will be very appreciative of any donations of prepackaged snacks and/or juice boxes to be made available during our programming. Thank you!
- Beginning on July 1, Hoopla borrows for Dunlap Library patrons will be 3 a month due to rising costs and erasure of IMLS funding and grants.
- We are hiring! We are looking for a High School page. See the library website for more information.

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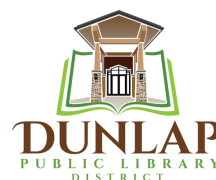
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Saturday

9:00a-12Noon

ADA Requests

We welcome patrons of all abilities. To request accommodations, please call us at 309.243.5716.



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