READ, RENEW, REPEAT! SUMMER READING 2024

Conservation as a movement focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. We encourage readers of all ages to upcycle, recycle, spark change, and get creative with FDL for the library's 2024 Summer Reading Program: Read, Renew, Repeat. From June 1 through July 31, kids, teens, and adults can earn badges and prizes for reading materials from FDL and for attending library events. Engaging programs for all ages are scheduled throughout the summer, such as recycling crafts, comic book workshops, a new "Chapter Craft" program, musical instrument petting zoo, PAWS to Read, and more! We’ll also have family favorites like story times and movie nights, as well as a lineup of exciting presenters to share animals, music, science, and fun!

Participants earn a variety of fun incentives for their reading achievements, and everyone who finishes the challenge is entered into raffles for stellar prizes, including games, gift cards, packages from local businesses, and more! Aside from all the fun, summer reading is especially important for students to prevent the "summer slide" so they don't fall behind when returning to school in August. Readers can register and track their progress online at fondulaclibrary.beanstack.org, on-the-go with the Beanstack app, or on a reading log from the library. Visit fondulaclibrary.org for event registration and details, and follow FDL on Facebook and Instagram for more updates and summer surprises!

2024 COMMUNITY PROJECT: NATIVE HABITAT REHAB WITH FON DU LAC PARK DISTRICT

We need your help for this summer’s community project: rehabilitating native habitats at Neumann Park. A native habitat is an environment in which plants and animals can exist as natural populations. They have the correct resources they need for survival, with plenty of space to live and thrive. The Fon du Lac Park District will match the library’s $500 pledge, but only if all of our summer readers help us hit our goal of 500,000 minutes read! That’s a lot of reading, but we’re positive that our readers are ready for the task! Track your progress June 1 through July 31 to help create a better environment for native plants and animals.
LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS
Mondays • 6 p.m.
June 24, July 29, & August 26
Visit fondulaclibrary.org for meeting agenda, minutes, and location. Recordings of meetings are available online at esctv.org.

FRIENDS of FDL QUARTERLY MEETING
Monday, August 5
6 p.m.
The Friends support the library’s mission through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism. Past and upcoming events are discussed and planned at meetings. Annual dues are only $5, and new members are always welcome.

BOOK SALE
The Friends’ ongoing Book Sale is open during library hours. Located on the 1st floor across from the elevator, great used books, music, & movies are available with suggested donations starting at 25¢.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY
The Friends of FDL group maintains a “Little Free Library” in the Reading Garden outside the library. Stop by and adopt a new book, courtesy of the Friends!

FDL AWARDED AMEREN CARES LOVE YOUR LIBRARY GRANT
This spring, the library was proud and grateful to have received $2,000 through the Ameren Love Your Library grant program. These funds were sub-divided into staff mini-grants, bringing to life their ideas supportive of the library’s strategic plan, including:

Artificial Creativity:
This program series allows youth to learn about new creative technologies, have opportunities to explore and gain a better understanding of their positive and negative impact on society, including how they’ve made it easier, harder, and more confusing to use imagination in the creative process.

Bridging Literacy and Playtime:
Pop-up books, uniquely both books and toys, will join our play area, adding a literacy component to playtime and helping kids explore their imagination and creativity while learning new vocabulary and information.

3D Upgrade:
In tandem generous donations in memory of Larry Paystian, grant funds provided for the purchase of a new Bambu Lab X1-Carbon Combo 3D printer to support the library’s popular programming and public 3D printing service.

Interested in having an item created on the 3D printer?
Visit fondulaclibrary.org/3d-printing for more details.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
Our annual school supply drive is back! The library will collect new, unused school supplies from July 1 to 31 to distribute to District 85 and District 86 schools. A box for donated supplies will be located inside the Youth Services department. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Access free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, park districts, and other cultural venues — all with your library card!
MOVIE NIGHT
Tuesdays
5:30-7:30 p.m
All Ages • DROP IN
Join us for a movie the whole family can enjoy! Visit our "Concession Stand," or bring your own snacks!
June 11 – The Super Mario Brothers
June 25 – The Little Mermaid
July 9 – Elemental
July 23 – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
August 6 – Wish
All movies are rated PG.

FAMILY FIELD TRIPS
Spring Creek Preserve
Tuesday, June 4
9:30 a.m. • Ages 5+
REGISTER
Experience a guided tour, learning about local ecology and Native American burial mounds.

HARRY POTTER READ 'N CRAFT
Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 2-4 p.m. • All Ages • REGISTER
Listen to the audiobook version of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone while enjoying crafts and snacks for the whole family. This program counts toward summer reading minutes, as well as the "Listen to an Audiobook" badge!

JUGGLING FUNNY STORIES
Friday, June 14 • 3 p.m. • All Ages • REGISTER
Laugh out loud as nationally-known family entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life using a unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling.

THE KINDNESS SHOW WITH MISS MAKE BELIEVE
Thursday, June 20 • 6 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN
Using handmade props, music, and magic, Miss Make Believe teaches children about the power of kindness.

FANTASTIC FOOD FIRSTS
Saturday, June 29 • 10 a.m. • All Ages • DROP IN
Chef "Al" Dente introduces the "firsts" behind fun foods like popcorn, cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream, and more!

BALLOON STORYTELLING WITH TWISTED BO-KAY
Wednesday, July 3 • 2 p.m. • All Ages • REGISTER
Patti Dee combines balloons with theater to create visual, comedic art that demonstrates how to make your own balloon creation, and you get to help tell a story!

ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD
Tuesday, July 9 • 10 a.m. • All Ages • DROP IN
Presented by Incrediblebats, Inc., meet native animals of North America, as well as exotic animals from around the world.

BACK TO HOMESCHOOL BRUNCH
Friday, August 2 • 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (2 sessions) • All Ages • REGISTER
Connect with other homeschooling families while enjoying free donuts and juice! Kids can enjoy crafts and games as you learn about library events and resources to help with your homeschool journey in the fall.
THE HIDDEN GIFTS OF VISUAL THINKERS WITH DR. TEMPLE GRANDIN
Tuesday, June 4 • 7-8 p.m. • Ages 13+  
REGISTER - VIRTUAL EVENT
Meet Dr. Temple Grandin, one of the world’s most accomplished and well-known adults with autism. Her memoir, *Emergence: Labeled Autistic*, was published in 1986. Dr. Grandin has been at the forefront of research and activism for autism and neurodiversity for decades. This program was made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP). This will be our last program from ILP! Thank you for your participation!

THE SHRED TRUCK RETURNS!
Saturday, June 8 • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Dispose of old documents, tax forms, bank statements, checks, etc. with the help of AAA Certified Confidential Security Corp. (CSC). Items are placed in locked bins, then shredded and recycled at the CSC facility. Please limit shredding to 5 boxes.

STICKER EXCHANGE FOR TEENS
Monday, June 10 • 3-4 p.m. • Ages 13-19 • REGISTER
Meet and trade stickers with other teens. One lucky participant will take home a basket of items to personalize!

GARDENING WITH WILDLIFE
Wednesday, June 19 • 6-7 p.m. • Ages 13+ • DROP IN
Deer, squirrels, rabbits, and other four-legged visitors to your garden can be entertaining as well as destructive. Explore what you can do to enjoy the animal antics without the destruction.

BRIDGERTON HIGH TEA
Tuesday, June 26 • 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Ages 18+ • REGISTER
Bridgerton fans will enjoy British tea, traditional hors d’oeuvres, as well as crafts and other activities. Costumes encouraged!

FAUX STAINED GLASS SUNCATCHERS
Tuesday, June 26 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER
Repurpose CD-ROM discs into colorful suncatchers. Draw your own image, or choose from designs provided.

DECORATING WITH CROSS-STITCH
Tuesday, July 9 • 1:30-3:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER
Bring a fabric item from home to "recycle" and use a unique cross stitch method to give it a fresh, new look.

ADULT BOOK CLUB
Mondays • 1:30 p.m.  
DROP IN
For adult readers interested in all types of fiction and nonfiction. Members select titles and lead discussions together. New members are always welcome, and copies of the club’s current selection are available at the library’s circulation desk.

June 17
*My Sister’s Keeper*  
by Jodi Picoult

July 15
*The Christy Affair*  
by Nina de Grament

August 19
*Before Green Gables*  
by Budge Wilson

TEEN TUESDAYS
Every Tuesday  
6-7:30 p.m.  
Ages 13-19 • DROP IN
Play games (video games and/or tabletop RPGs), drink soda, and discuss books or manga!

SWORDS & SORCERY ONLINE BOOK CLUB
Ongoing Discussion  
VIRTUAL
Love fantasy? Join the group online at  
facebook.com/groups/fdlsandssbookclub for ongoing discussion of all things fantasy! Share what you’re reading, talk about your favorites, and get recs for your next book from local readers and librarians!
PERMACULTURE PRINCIPLES
Wednesday, July 10 • 6-7 p.m. • Ages 13+ • DROP IN
Explore many ways to support the environment through topics such as food foresting, alternative construction techniques, ecosystem regeneration, and more.
Presented by local non-profit organization Diverse Metamorphosis.

UNIQUELY-ABLED: STAR TOTE BAG
Thursday, July 11 • 1-2 p.m.
For adults with intellectual disabilities • REGISTER
Decorate a tote bag with a patriotic star design. Program designed in cooperation with Tazewell County Resource Centers (TCRC).

NO-SEW FEED BAG TOTE
Saturday, July 20 • 1-3 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER
Transform a plastic pet food bag into a reusable tote that will help reduce plastic waste in landfills.

ROCK PAINTING FOR TEENS
Monday, July 22 • 3-4 p.m. • Ages 13-19 • REGISTER
Decorate a rock (or two or three) to showcase your personal style or favorite fandom. Take it home as a keepsake, decorate an outdoor space, or gift it to a friend!

COFFEE PAINTING
Thursday, July 25 • 5-7 p.m. • Ages 12+ • REGISTER
Use instant coffee and paintbrushes to create a design on a canvas panel. This is a beginner-level seminar, so no experience is required.

SOURDOUGH BREAD-MAKING
Monday, August 5 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+ • REGISTER
Andrea Kempf, owner/baker of Kneading Dough located in Eureka, demonstrates how to make a sourdough starter and finished loaf.

TAXES IN RETIREMENT
Wednesday, August 21 • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 18+ • REGISTER
Learn how to protect your assets by planning for taxes in retirement through various means, with the help of a professional financial advisor.

LASER-CUT SCRAP CHARMS FOR TEENS
Thursday, August 22 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13-19 • REGISTER
Pick your favorite pieces from a variety of Glowforge scraps to create a tiny set of charms, and see the Glowforge in action!

BUTTERFLY WING JEWELRY
Wednesday, August 28 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Ages 13+ • REGISTER
Use real butterfly wings, or butterfly images, to create unique jewelry pieces. A variety of tools and other materials will be provided.
(Butterflies were collected humanely after natural death.)
RAINBOW FAMILIES STORY TIME  
Monday, June 3 • 10 a.m. • Ages 2-6 • DROP IN  
Happy Pride Month! Everyone's family looks different, and this story time is here to celebrate with books, songs, and glittering rainbows!

CHAPTER CRAFTS  
Ages 4-12 • REGISTER  
Enjoy crafts & snacks, and listen to the audiobook versions of some favorite junior fiction novels. These programs count toward Summer Reading minutes, and the "Listen to an Audiobook" badge.

   Monday, June 3 • 2 p.m.: Mercy Watson  
   Wednesday, July 24 • 3 p.m.: Magic Treehouse

DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES  
Wednesday, June 5 • 5 p.m. • Ages 4-12 • DROP IN  
Presented by T-Rexplorers, get up close and personal with real fossils and experience what it is like to go on a real-life dino dig.

PAWS TO READ  
Saturday, June 8 • 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (2 sessions)  
Ages 5-14 • REGISTER  
Practice reading skills with registered therapy dogs, courtesy of the Peoria Humane Society!  

THE BUZZ ABOUT POLLINATORS  
Saturday, June 15 • 10 a.m. • Ages 5-10 • REGISTER  
Through crafts and games, learn about pollination and why it is important, as well as which animals pollinate plants. Then be prepared to take action during Pollinator Week, June 17 to 23!

SAFE SITTER ESSENTIALS  
Thursday, June 13 • 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Ages 11-14 • REGISTER WITH STAFF  
Learn how to be safe, whether you're home alone, with younger siblings, or babysitting. Practice some rescue skills and how to handle emergencies. Students will receive educational materials and a certificate of completion. Participants should bring a sack lunch. The cost of this program is covered by grant funding from the Hult Center.

DISNEY LORCANA MAGNETS  
Monday, June 17 • 10 a.m. • Ages 8-14 • DROP IN  
Recycle used Disney Lorcana cards to create some cool magnets! This program is designed for ages 8-14, but everyone is welcome!

PERCY JACKSON SOLSTICE PARTY  
Thursday, June 20 • 11 a.m. • Ages 7-14 • REGISTER  
Based on the mythology of the Percy Jackson series, test your knowledge of Greek mythology and feast on the foods of Mount Olympus.

RECYCLED UNICORN PLANTERS  
Friday, June 21 • 2:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER  
Transform a plastic bottle into an adorable unicorn planter!
KIDS

TECH FOR KIDS

CREATING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
Tuesday, June 4 • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER
Presented by Do Art Productions, explore software and Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) programs and how they can be used to enhance creative projects. (Pizza provided to help the creative process!)

EXPLORE VIRTUAL REALITY
Monday, July 8 • 6 p.m. • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER
Using the library's new Meta Quest 3 headset, explore the basics of navigating a virtual world through popular apps in V.R. and A.R.

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO
Tuesday, July 2 • 4 p.m. • All Ages • DROP IN
Instructors from the Suzuki School of Music encourage self-expression through music as they present instruments for kids to try out themselves.

POKÉMON CLUB
Friday, July 5 • 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 5-14 • REGISTER
Do you want to be the very best? Join in an afternoon of Pokémon Trading Card Games. Bring your TCG cards to battle and trade with other trainers.

COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP
Monday, July 15 • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 8-18 • REGISTER
Do Art Productions is back to help design the artwork to create your own six-panel comic.

DESIGN A KEYCHAIN FOR 3D PRINTING
Tuesday, July 23 • 3:30-5:00 p.m. • Ages 8-18 • REGISTER
Using Tinkercad, design a simple keychain made from PLA, an eco-friendly, biodegradable material. Finished designs will be printed for pickup at a later date.

S.T.E.M. MARBLE TRACK RACING
Monday, August 5 • 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (2 sessions) • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER
Work in teams to build a marble track from common household supplies. Then compete for the honor of "Most Creative" and "Longest Track."

BUG BONANZA!
PRESENTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE EXTENSION OFFICE

INSECT HOTEL • Thursday, June 27 • 10 a.m. • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER
Construct insect hotels from natural materials while learning about pollinators and other helpful bugs.

VERMICULTURE 101: MAKING DIRT WITH WORMS
Thursday, July 18 • 2 p.m. • Ages 8-14 • REGISTER
Build a self-contained vermiculture ecosystem to take home, then watch the process of creating soil to help your plants.

ART IN THE AFTERNOON
Wednesdays
1-2:30 p.m. • Ages 5-14
DROP IN
Things could get messy, so dress accordingly!

June 5:
Paint Collage
June 19:
Watercolor & Crayon Resist
July 10:
Button Snail
July 24:
Potato Masher Art

TULLE MONSTERS
Wednesday, June 26
4 p.m. • Ages 5-14
REGISTER
Make a monster wreath out of tulle material.

SENSORY CRAFT 'N PLAY: ELEPHANT & PIGGIE!
Friday, July 12
10 a.m & 11:30 a.m. (2 sessions)
Ages 2-6 • REGISTER
Celebrate our friends Elephant & Piggie with crafts, games and sensory bins to explore.

CD FISH
Friday, July 26
11 a.m. • Ages 3-8
DROP IN
Transform an old CD into a fancy fish!

PIXEL ART
Tuesday, August 13
5:30 p.m.
Ages 8-13 • REGISTER
Use a pre-made design or your own imagination to create a picture from Perler beads.
SUPER SUMMER READING
FOR GRADES 3-6
Courtesy of NovelList K-8 Plus

Willowdeen
by Katherine Applegate

The Wild Robot Protects
by Peter Brown

Two Degrees
by Alan Gratz

Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers
by Celia C. Perez

Rescue on Turtle Beach
by Izzy Burton

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