Dive into Summer Reading at the Palos Park Library! Join us for reading challenges and programs. Read for your chance to WIN amazing prizes!
A Message to Our Community,

One year ago my message was that the library was just returning to pre-COVID 19 operating hours with limited services and virtual events. It is with immense gratitude to the library team that I can now say we are back to full services, in-person programs, and will begin our biggest summer reading challenge to date on June 1st. In the coming months we will be conducting a community survey about services and ideas for the library. A postcard with information on how to access the survey will be coming soon to your mailbox.

Have a Happy & Healthy Summer!

Kathryn Sofianos
Library Director

SUMMER READING 2022

We are excited for this year’s Summer Reading Program! To participate simply sign up/log in to Beanstack, our digital book logging platform, at www.palosparklibrary.org or download the Beanstack Tracker app on your phone, tablet, or other mobile device. Starting June 1st you can begin logging the books you read or listen to from the library and from home. A Palos Park Public Library card is not required to join and the program is open to all ages!

Summer Reading Participants will earn digital badges, local coupons, and tickets for a chance to WIN amazing prizes donated by local businesses!

*Contact the library if you would like to join the adult reading program but are not able to use the online platform. We can provide you with a paper option.

SUMMER READING DONORS

All About Moi Day Spa in Midlothian
Baker's Creek Seed Co.
Beggar’s Pizza in Orland Park
Blades & Co. Barber Shoppe in Orland Park
Chic Salon in Palos Park
Chick-fil-A in Orland Park
Chipotle in Orland Park
Commissioner Morrison
Culver’s in Bridgeview
Culver’s in Orland Park
Dairy Queen in Orland Park
Duluth Trading Company in Orland Park
Emmerson Toys in Palos Park
Fox’s Pizza in Orland Park
Heights Cycle
Jewel of Siam Thai Restaurant in Orland Park
Kefi Greek Cuisine + Bar in Palos Heights
King Arthur Baking Company
McCord Gallery and Cultural Center
McDonald’s in Palos Hills
Nothing Bundt Cakes in Orland Park
Orland Park Bakery
The Plush Horse in Palos Park
Pop’s in Palos Heights
Raging Waves Waterpark in Yorkville
Republic Bank in Palos Park
Richard’s Bicycles in Palos Heights
Trader Joe’s in Orland Park
Twin Tails Market and Barkery in Palos Park
Walgreens in Palos Park
Wild Birds Unlimited in Palos Park
X-Golf in Orland Park
Japanese Marine Day: Honoring the Ocean
Monday, July 18th. 4:30 pm
Celebrate Ocean Day (Umi no Hi) which is the first national holiday of summer in Japan. Children will make their own paper lanterns to represent the lanterns lit along the Tokyo waterfront. (Recommended for ages 6-9)

Read to a Dog
Monday, June 13th. 4:30 pm
This program is designed to help children first grade and up to build self-confidence by reading aloud to a therapy dog.

Plant a Pizza Garden
Saturday, June 25th. 11:00 am
The library has two new raised garden beds and we need your help to fill them! At the end of summer we will harvest our crops and learn how to make a pizza with our ingredients. (Recommended for ages 6-9)

Ocean Scavenger Hunt
Monday, July 18th - July 31st
Explore the depths of the library and look for sea creatures from the five oceans. Kids who find all the hidden pictures will win a prize!

Ocean Diorama
Saturday, July 30th. 11:00 am
Create your own world by crafting an immersive ocean diorama. Children will use small 3D objects and their imagination. All supplies will be provided. (Recommended for ages 6-9)

Registration is required for all programs. To register, go to www.palosparklibrary.org, click on “Upcoming Events”, click on the event, fill out the registration information. Program details will be sent via email.

Little Red Schoolhouse Presents - Fish Facts and Fishing Tips
Wednesday, June 22nd. 11:00 am
Join a naturalist from Little Red School House to learn all about this special group of aquatic vertabrea and test your knowledge. Children will also learn about the sport of fishing. (Recommended for ages 6-9)

Undersea Adventure Cartooning
Saturday, June 11th. 2:00 pm
Join cartoonist Mark Anderson as he teaches you how to draw all kinds of fun and weird ocean life! (Recommended for ages 7-14)

DIY Dragon Egg
Saturday, June 18th. 2:00 pm
Make a dragon egg out of foam, push pins, and paint. Attend the program for a chance to WIN a dragon themed board game!

Shark Vs. Truck Cartooning
Saturday, July 12th. 2:00 pm
Join cartoonist Mark Anderson for some incredible fun. Sharks on one side, trucks on the other! What happens next? (Recommended for ages 7-14)

Crafty Monday - Beach Inspired Crafts
June 13th, 20th, and 27th. 2:00 pm
July 11th, 18th, and 24th. 2:00 pm
Each Monday tweens will create a beach inspired craft. Check our online calendar for more details.

Fishy Friday - Color to Help Save the Sea
June 3rd, 10th, and 17th. 3:00 pm
July 8th, 15th, and 22nd. 3:00 pm
Join us for some relaxing coloring and conversation. Learn about marine environmental issues and action steps to protect our oceans. Grab a friend and learn something new each Friday.

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Planning for Your Financial Future
Tuesday, June 7th. 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm
Prepare yourself financially for whatever comes your way. This program will explore dealing with the loss of a spouse, unexpected medical costs in retirement, volatile stock markets, beneficiary readiness and more.

The Ready to Assemble Dream: Sears Homes
Saturday, June 11th. 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
More than 70,000 Sears, Roebuck and Co.’s kit homes were sold between 1908 and 1940. Illinois is second to Ohio in the number of kits sold by state. Learn about these unique homes, and local highlights, with presenter Lara Solonickne.

Intro to Mahjong
Monday, June 13th/20th/27th.
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Join this exciting three-part class on the basics of Mahjong, a tile-based game developed in 19th century China. All levels of expertise are welcome.

Homebuying 101
Thursday, June 16th. 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
A local mortgage lender, real estate agent, and home inspector will walk attendees through the steps of buying a house. This program is for first time home buyers, those downsizing, and everyone in-between. A Q&A session will follow.

An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi (Virtual)
Wednesday, June 22nd. 7:00 pm
Born on Long Island and raised in Nigeria, Chef Onwuachi will discuss his first cookbook which celebrates the cuisine of the African diaspora and explores the connection between cuisine, place, and culture.

Wits Workout
Monday, July 11th/18th/25th.
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Work out your brain for a change! Participate in interactive brain teasers, games, and puzzles to keep your mind sharp, all the while meeting new people. Recommended for older adults.

The Inky Sea: Tattoos and the Navy
Wednesday, July 13th.
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Naval history is rich in the culture and tradition of tattoos. Discover how tattoos and Naval culture intertwine, how they are part of Navy traditions, and what stories they tell.

Skipper 101: Maritime Flags & Survival
Thursday, July 14th. 6:30 pm
Everyone knows the Jolly Roger, but what do other flags flown from ships mean? Learn about the history and use of maritime flags before creating your own coded message and testing your sea survival.

Mamma Mia Movie Night
Thursday, July 21st. 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Celebrate the music of ABBA during this Mamma Mia movie night. Channel you inner Donna and the Dynamos for a night of crafts, singing, and great music. Appetizers provided by Kefi Greek Cuisine + Bar.

Tiny Art Show
June 1st- June 30th.
Create a miniature work of art. Artists age 6 and up are invited to decorate a tiny (3x3") canvas. Submit completed work by Thursday, June 30th. Art pieces will be on display in July before community members vote for the winners.

Follow us on Social Media for library updates and more fun activities.
Adult Book Discussions

Book Discussions are hosted in the Community Room. Those unable to attend in person are welcome to join via Zoom. A Zoom invitation will be emailed the day before the program.

Wednesday, June 29th, 11:15 am-12:15 pm
The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell- Robert Dugoni

Wednesday, July 27th, 11:15 am-12:15 pm
The Stationary Shop- Marjan Kamali

Spring Nature Walk
Saturday, June 18th. 10:00 am
Please join Librarian Jessica Rock and Palos Restoration Project's Jan Pietrzak for our last walk of the season at Mc Claughery Springs Woods. Here we will investigate the variety and creativity of what summer has to offer! Directions and a map to the location are provided in the calendar on our website. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

The Beatles: 4EVER4
Exhibit: August 9th- August 17th
In August 1962, the Beatles played together for the first time captivating the attention of the world. Republic Bank of Chicago is pleased to present 4EVER4, a photo exhibition with excerpts from The Beatles movies, concert posters, tickets, antics of stage, and more.

"60 Years of the Beatles"
Tuesday, August 9th. 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
To commemorate the anniversary of the Beatles, John F. Lyons examines the impact of the Beatles on the Chicago metropolitan area through music, video, and unseen photographs from the 1960s.

Adult Gentle Yoga Program (Virtual)
Wednesdays, June 1st-July 27th. 10:00 am
This yoga practice will tap into your inner and outer flexibility, coordination, and strength while creating a peace of mind and ease in your spirit. Only a yoga mat is needed for this 60 minute class. Props optional.

Movies @ the Library- Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
Twice a month, watch new releases, documentaries, hidden gems and more. Check our online calendar for more details.
Residents of incorporated Palos Park that are 6 years old and over are eligible for a library card. Applying is easy! Bring in two forms of ID (one should be a picture ID) that includes your name and current address. A resident card is valid for 3 years and may be renewed upon proof of continued residency.

Your library card can be used at 100 SWAN libraries in the Chicagoland area. You can also use your card to access free ebooks, audiobooks, music, magazines and more on our website.

If we don't have an item in the SWAN library system, ask the front desk how you can access those materials.

Visit us today at 12330 Forest Glen Blvd. to apply for a library card. Learn more about our services by visiting www.palosparklibrary.org.