

Thomas Ford Memorial Library's 2017 Summer Library Challenge

Summer is back! The Youth Services department at Thomas Ford Memorial Library welcomes all readers birth - 5th grade to participate in this year's Summer Library Challenge, "Build A Better World."

We'll be making a difference in our community by building relationships, caring for our environment, and learning to make useful things.



How to participate

Sign up for the Summer Library Challenge at the library or at fordlibrary.org starting Wednesday, June 7. You'll need a library card (yours or a family member's).

New this year

Choose your own challenge by selecting either a reading or activity log. Use the log to keep track of your reading minutes and the activities you complete.

Also new this year

Build your own reading goal by choosing how much you want to read, and how often.

Levels

There are three levels in this year's challenge. When you finish 10 activities on your log, check in at the library for your prize. The next levels are at 20 and 30 activities. Simple, right?

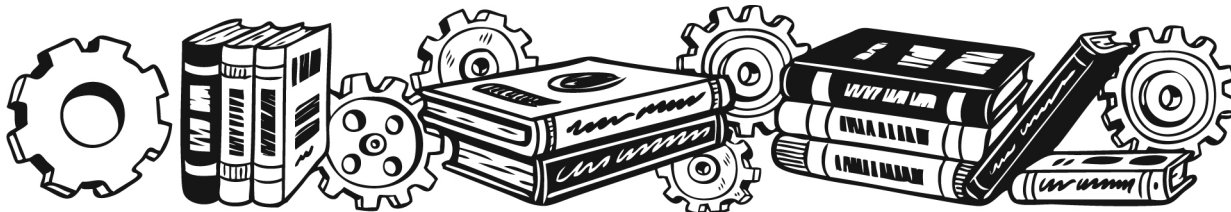
Bonus levels

Each bonus log looks exactly like our reading logs. They work the same way, too! Once you finish 10, 20, and 30 reading challenges, come check in at the library.

Important Dates

- **Monday, June 5:** Sign up for programs and storytimes begins
- **Wednesday, June 7:** Sign up for the Summer Library Challenge begins
- **Monday, June 12:** Contests and prize distribution begins
- **Friday, August 4:** Last day to collect prizes (check in ends at 4:30)

Remember: comics, graphic novels, magazines, audiobooks, ebooks, and regular books all count towards your reading goals.



Prizes, Weekly Showdown, & the Hidden Book!

Weekly Showdown

The showdown is back! After you check in each week at the library, vote for your favorite object in the Weekly Showdown. Tacos vs. Pizza is just the beginning.

Hidden Book

Every day beginning Monday, June 12 a special book will be hidden somewhere in the Youth Services Department.

New this year

Each child that finds the book will get to take home a prize from our mystery prize box!

Prizes

The **first level** that you complete will earn you a discount pack from businesses in and around Western Springs.

The **second level** prize is a custom Thomas Ford Memorial Library water bottle.

Finally, once you finish your **third level**, you'll get a grand prize raffle ticket and a book that's yours to keep!

BONUS!

This year, the Western Springs Library Friends will donate money to BEDS Plus for every 10 activities you fill out in your bonus log. Your reading helps those in need!



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Help Build a Better World at Thomas Ford this summer

Children's Drive: Quality = Dignity Monday June 5 - Friday June 16

Bring brand new school and art supplies to the children's department and we will donate your items to Cradles to Crayons, a Chicago charity.

Register for programs starting Monday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. online, in person, or by calling (708) 246-0520. First preference is given to Western Springs residents.

***Registration is required**

See the Show! Become a Pro! with Jason Kollum

Tuesday, June 6

7-8 p.m.

**Venue: McClure Junior High Gym,
4225 Wolf Road**

Families welcome

No registration

Help us kick off our Summer Library Challenge with an interactive circus arts show and workshop! This event will have you on the edge of your seat!

*R.E.A.D. to the Dogs @ the Library

**Tuesdays, June 13, July 11, and
August 8, 7-8 p.m.**

Did you know that once a month we have dogs at the library? It's true! The Hinsdale Humane Society's Pet Assisted Learning dogs are here to listen to kids practice their reading. Sorry, no parents or siblings allowed.*

*STEAM Club: Paper Roller Coasters

**Wednesdays, June 14, 28, July 12, 26
11:45-1 p.m.**

Grades 4-8

Paper and tape is all you need to build a marble-run roller coaster! We'll plan, build, test, tweak and play at this four week session! Bring a lunch. Drinks provided!*

*Bike Basics with The Wheel Thing

June 15, 1-2 p.m.

Grades 4-9

Two wheels are all you need to get around town, but what happens if you get a flat or your gears go funny? Learn the basics of bike maintenance with Kevin from The Wheel Thing.*

*Passport Fun

June 17 (France)

July 15 (Kenya) 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades K-3

Travel around the world without leaving home! Come learn fun facts, sample food, hear the language, and explore the culture of a foreign country with members of our Teen Board. If you have attended a previous Passport Fun program, bring your passport back for a new stamp!*

*Build a Better World: Friendship City

Tuesday, June 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-3

What would the world look like if we could all get along? Build a city dedicated to diversity, friendship, peace, and justice. Use recycled materials, patterned papers from around the world, mini flags, jewels, and more.*

*Young Engineers

Tuesdays, June 20, July 25, and

August 1.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5

"Build a Better World" by working in small teams to solve engineering challenges. Along the way, we'll discover and learn important scientific concepts that power big engineering projects in the real world. Each class will have a different theme.*

*Mad Science Event: Icky, Goopy, Bubbly!

Wednesday, June 21

2-3 p.m.

Grades K-2, parents welcome

Explore chemical reactions that will make colors change before your eyes – untouched by human hands! See things melt, discover how to make water "disappear," and much more!*

*Better Together: Adult and Kid Painting Night

Thursday, July 6

6:30-8 p.m.

Ages 5-10 with adult

In this process art program, parents and children will work together to use tape or a stencil on canvas. We'll then paint over our stencil or tape creations. The finished product will be a painting worthy of any wall. Canvas and materials will be provided.*

*Book-To-Art Club

Tuesday, July 11

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 1-3

We'll read together and discuss *Plant a Pocket of Prairie* by Phyllis Root. Then create our own insect hotels to attract beneficial insects to our gardens.*

Junior Lego League

Saturday, July 15

1-2 p.m.

Grades K-3

Drop-in event; no registration required

Build with our LEGOs and participate in a Saturday edition of Lego League. Once you've finished your sculpture, it will be on display in the Youth Services Department for all to see!

*"Butterfly Birthday" Story Hour and Craft

Friday, July 21

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ages 5-9

Local Author/illustrator, Lori Harris, will read her book *Butterfly Birthday*. Blend your observation skills with personal creativity in the accompanying craft segment!*

*"Build a Better World" Finale with Frankie Ace

Friday, August 4

7-8 p.m.

**Venue: Grand Ave. Community Center,
4211 Grand Ave.**

All ages

For over 20 years, Frankie Ace has been performing high energy, family friendly, audience interactive comedy magic. Lots of gasps, laughter, and FUN!*

