

The Ford Connection

The Thomas Ford Memorial Library



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SUMMER
2021

All programs this summer are virtual!

*Unless otherwise stated, registration is required
to receive a Zoom link.*



Please visit fordlibrary.org to register.



Summer Reading

We have exciting plans for all ages! There's the *Reading Colors Your World* Summer Library Challenge for kids, and a travel-themed reading challenge called *Read Around the World* for adults, teens, and tweens. We have prizes, virtual events, and a great collection of books, eBooks, and audiobooks for everyone. See inside for information about how the whole family can have a summer of fun reading!



YOUTH

Program registration opens online at fordlibrary.org on Tuesday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. for all programs. *Registration is required to receive a Zoom link.*

SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE: READING COLORS YOUR WORLD

Tuesday, June 1-Saturday, July 31
Birth through Grade 4

Sign up online or in-person, then visit the Library for your activity log and registration packet.

Guessing Jar and Scavenger Hunt:
June 7-26 & July 5-24

Prize Pick-Up:
Monday, June 28 - Saturday, July 3, and
Monday, July 26 - Saturday, July 31



Virtual Read to a Therapaws Pet

Mondays, June 7 or July 5

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades K-4

Beginning or independent readers love reading aloud to one of the pets from the Hinsdale Humane Society's Therapaws Pet Therapy because it's pressure-free! Reading time will be a one-on-one experience on Zoom with the therapy animal. Each child will have a 10-minute slot between 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Due to the popularity of this program we request you register your child on one day only.** When we send you the Zoom link, we will advise you of your time slot. Time slots will be allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Cat Kid Comic Club

Thursday, June 17, 4:30-5 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Straight from the pages of Dav Pilkey's best-selling book, take a cue from Li'l Petey and let's get busy creating! **Pick up an activity pack one week prior to the program in Youth Services.** We'll meet on Zoom to draw and share our creations. Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Spanish Storytime by Language Labs

Friday, June 18, 1-1:30 p.m.

3-6 years

Please join the charismatic Spanish Time Story Teller Ms. Alejandra Osorio of The Language Labs on a fun journey exploring her native language. She will engage your children with songs, props, and stories of the different colors in Spanish and how they color our world! **Pick up an activity pack one week prior to the program in Youth Services.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

The Lego Beehive: Built by Real Kids for Real Bees!

Tuesday, June 22, 10:30-11 a.m.

Grades K-2

Ever wonder what's in a beehive? Benny Data, age 6, and Mrs. Harris of Salt Creek Butterfly Farm will show you all the parts as they assemble the components of a real beehive in front of you. Learn why some of this hive was made out of LEGO®, and take a peek at the observation hive to see the busy bees on their honeycomb. **Pick up an activity pack one week prior to the program in Youth Services.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Miniature Room Makeover

Thursday, June 24, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Let your creativity soar as you design your own shoebox-sized space! We will share our creations during our program, read an excerpt from *The Sixty-Eight Rooms* by Marianne Malone, and discuss the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute. **All materials will be provided one week prior to the program.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

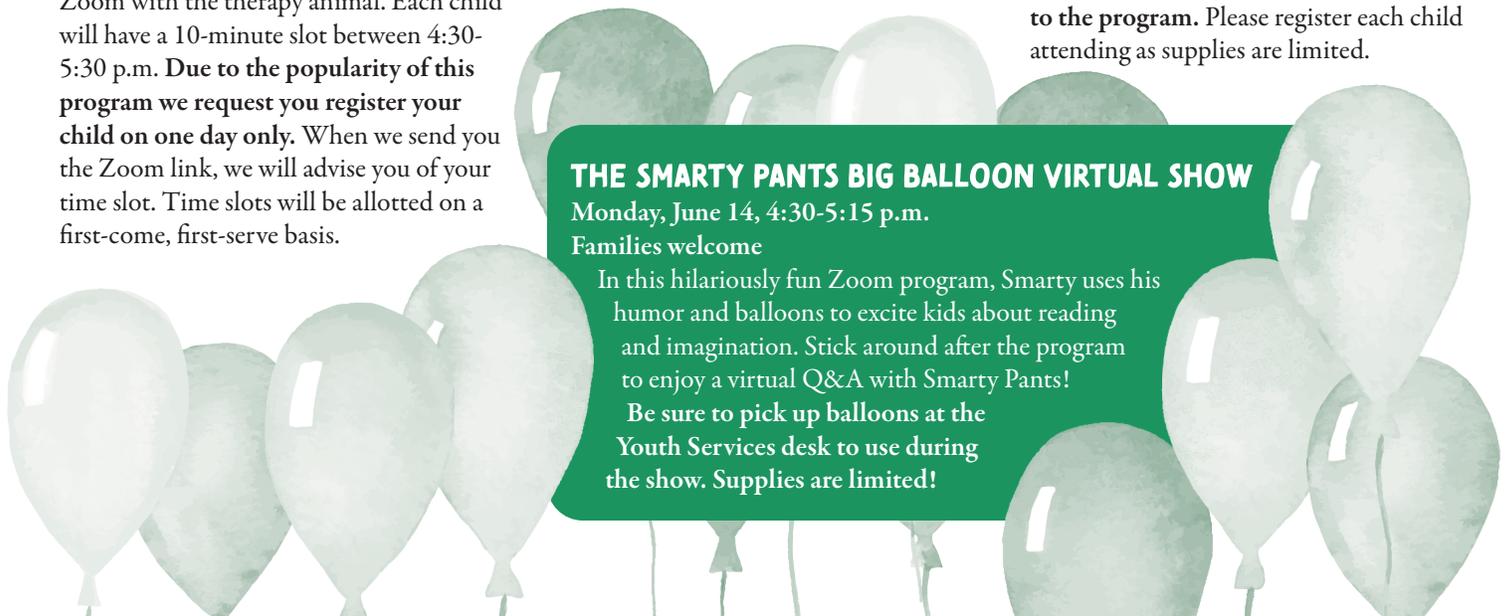
THE SMARTY PANTS BIG BALLOON VIRTUAL SHOW

Monday, June 14, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Families welcome

In this hilariously fun Zoom program, Smarty uses his humor and balloons to excite kids about reading and imagination. Stick around after the program to enjoy a virtual Q&A with Smarty Pants!

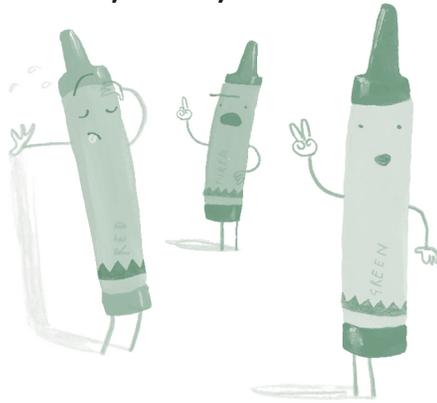
Be sure to pick up balloons at the Youth Services desk to use during the show. Supplies are limited!



COLOR MOODS:

ART WORKSHOP WITH DAN GOGH

Friday, July 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Grades 2-4



How are you feeling? You'll feel great after you learn more about color! This workshop focuses on one of the artist's most powerful tools—COLOR! You'll see how different colors can express all types of moods. Several excerpts of musical pieces will be played along with some finished artwork which will inspire your own color expression!

LOL Stories & Crafts

Monday, June 28 & July 26, 10-10:45 a.m.

Ages 4-6

Let's get silly! Need some fun activities to keep little hands and minds busy? **Pick up a themed bag one week prior to each month's program with a craft, jokes, activity ideas, and coloring sheets.** We'll meet each month on Zoom to share our creations and listen to a story full of laughs! Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Sweet Portraits

Tuesday, July 6, 1-1:30 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Let your imagination run wild and create your most colorful artwork using candy! We will sketch our masterpieces, then use candy to color them. **All materials will be provided one week prior to the program.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

ScribbleMonster's Broken TV Show

Monday, July 12, 4:30-5:15

Families welcome

Join Jim and Jayne of ScribbleMonster for music, games, and play in a LIVE online interactive show that YOU help bring to life! Register to receive a private YouTube link to view the show and play along. Additionally, if you log in with your YouTube account, your comments and ideas can be a part of the creative fun!

Candy Art Creations

Tuesday, July 13, 1-1:30 p.m.

Ages 4-6

Let your imagination run wild and create your most colorful artwork using candy! We will sketch our masterpieces then use candy to color them. **All materials will be provided one week prior to the program.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Movement, Mindfulness & Me!

Tuesday, July 20, 1-1:30 p.m.

Ages 4-6

After a short guided meditation, we will read *I Am Human: a Book of Empathy* by Susan Verde. We will wrap up our time together with dancing and creating self-portraits. **Pick up an activity pack one week prior to the program in Youth Services.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

Among Us Crafts

Thursday, July 22, 4:30-5 p.m.

Grades 2-4

Are you the imposter? In this program, you will create your very own personalized crewmate crafts, and share them in our Zoom program. **All materials will be provided one week prior to the program.** Please register each child attending as supplies are limited.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

June 9 - July 28

We are using Zoom to present these storytimes. *One registration per family (not per participant) is all that is required.* We will send a Zoom invite link to all the families that are registered.

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Welcome to our live virtual storytime on Zoom—fun for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. Ms. Sarah, Ms. Catherine, and Ms. Uma will be presenting a Family Storytime with books, rhymes, and songs. One registration per family (not per participant). Please email youthservices@fordlibrary.org if you are unable to attend, and we will email you the recording.



READ AROUND THE WORLD

**Summer Reading Challenge
June 1 - August 16**



This summer we are traveling through books! Register online and receive a raffle ticket. Pick at least two activities/reading challenges from the three Continent Missions: Europe, Asia, and Africa. Receive one raffle ticket for each continent completed. Complete all three continents and receive a completion prize. Receive additional raffle tickets by signing up for our awesome virtual programs!

Crafting Around the World

Second Wednesdays:

June 9, July 14, August 11

4:30 p.m.

Each month let's explore a new country's culture by creating artwork! Register to receive craft supplies. Instructional videos will be posted on our Teen/Tween Instagram and our Youtube Channel.

June: DIY Henna

July: DIY Koinobori

August: DIY Mancala

TEEN/TWEEN

Teen & Tween programs are open to those in grades 5-12.

Cultural Cooking

Fourth Thursdays:

June 24, July 22, August 26

4:30 p.m.

Each month let's travel to a new country by trying out a new recipe! In June, we will travel to China and make veggie stir fry! In July, we will travel to Italy and make mini pizzas! In August, we will travel to Brazil and make brigadeiro, a dessert similar to a chocolate truffle. Sign up to receive the majority of the ingredients. Please list any allergies or dietary restrictions. Instructional videos will be posted on our Teen/Tween Instagram and our YouTube channel.

Travel Trivia

Monday, July 5, 7 p.m.

How well do you know different countries? Now is your chance to test your knowledge and compete against your friends! Join us for a virtual trivia game and win awesome prizes! This is a Zoom event! Registration required.

Battle of the Books: Library Edition

Sign up by June 30

Competition: Monday, August 2, 11 a.m.

Join us for our second annual summer edition of Battle of the Books between the La Grange, La Grange Park, Brookfield, and Thomas Ford Memorial libraries. Once registration is complete, we will place you in a team of five. Read the five books listed on our website, then in August, compete virtually against your peers for the chance to be crowned champion!

Candy Sushi

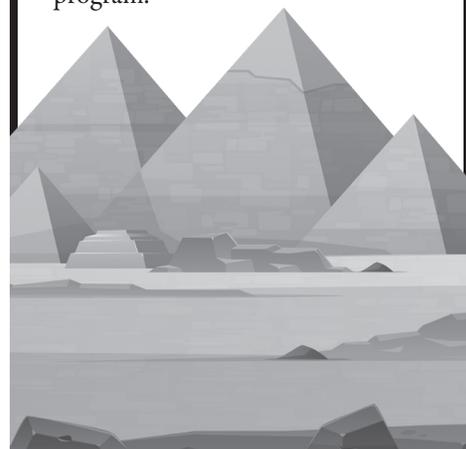
Monday, August 16, 5 p.m.

One of our most popular programs is now a take & make! Sign up and pick up all the supplies you need to make your own candy sushi at home! Send us a picture of your creations to gianna@fordlibrary.org. Please list any allergies or dietary restrictions.

THE NILE MURDER MYSTERY

MONDAY, JUNE 14
7 P.M.

We are archaeologists who have traveled all the way to Egypt and now there's been a... *murder*. Lady Carmathen has been found dead on the cruise. Has she met with the Curse of Tutankhamun, the Egyptian pharaoh, whose tomb was plundered by the archaeologists? Perhaps she simply got in someone's way. However, her rubies are missing and the letter 'T' has been smeared in lipstick on the mirror in her cabin. Climb aboard! It's time to uncover the truth. This is a Zoom event! Registration Required. Must have full registration to run the program.



Teen/Tween YouTube Channel: TFMLYA

Teen/Tween *Instagram:* @tfmlyla



Follow us for virtual programs and activities!

ADULT

READ AROUND THE WORLD

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 1 - August 16

See the world through books! You probably haven't had the chance to collect many stamps in your passport this last year, but Thomas Ford has got you covered. Head to fordlibrary.org, sign up for our Summer Reading Program, then let the adventure begin. You'll get a raffle entry for every book you read, a participation prize when you hit 5 books, and bonus raffle entries for visiting different continents or regions as you read.

World Coffee & Tea Take Home Kit

Kits available Monday, June 7

Enjoy an assortment of international coffees and teas and a sweet treat to go with them! Kits will be available for pickup starting Monday, June 7. While supplies last. No registration required.

Henna with Amatullah Innovation

Tuesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

Asma Bohra of Amatullah Innovation will teach us about the history of henna and show us how to use it to create lovely designs. Everyone registered can pick up their supply kit beginning Tuesday, June 22.



Machu Picchu: Lost City of the Incas

Wednesday, July 7, 7 p.m.

Machu Picchu reveals much about Inca royal traditions while retaining enough mystery to inspire the imagination. In this virtual slide lecture, professor Jeff Mishur discusses Inca building practices, sculpture, and decorative arts.

Virtual Tour of St. Petersburg

Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Take a virtual visit to St. Petersburg, a city of majestic canal views and onion-shaped domes. Experience the Hermitage Museum, the beautiful cathedrals, and breathtaking views with tour guide Olga Cardamone.

Mediterranean Cuisine

Wednesday, July 21, 7 p.m.

Spend the evening with Chef Susan Maddox exploring the Mediterranean. The program will feature grilled zucchini & pepper fattoush, seared salmon with provencal essence, Mediterranean couscous, and citrusy lemon & raspberry pot au crème with caramelized Italian meringue.

The Village Read PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

*Our third annual Village Read will whisk you
away to Regency England!*

We're encouraging the entire village to read, discuss, and explore *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen. We will be presenting programs, activities, and a book discussion. **Free paperback copies will be available while supplies last.**



The Great British Baking Tour

Thursday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Join UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show." Learn about making a proper cup of tea, regional specialties, their origins, and the particular parts of the UK they hail from. She'll translate the trickiest parts of British recipes for Americans so you can try them in your own kitchen.

A Visit with Jane Austen

Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m.

Join us for a virtual visit with Jane Austen, author of our Village Read selection *Pride & Prejudice* and one of the most beloved and intriguing novelists of the 19th century. Drawing from her letters and novels, actress Debra Miller delves into the loves and losses that shaped Jane's life and informed her perception of the world.

Regency Embroidery Kits

Kits available Thursday, July 1

Embroider a beautiful floral design from the Regency Era! An instructional video will be available on our YouTube page. Kits will be available first come, first served at the Reference Desk starting Thursday, July 1. While supplies last!

Rosings Park: A Jane Austen Murder Mystery

Thursday, July 15, 7-9 p.m.

A crime of great proportions has rocked Rosings Park! As one of Jane Austen's beloved characters can you put the clues together and discover the killer? This will be a live murder mystery game played over Zoom. There must be 10 registered participants in order for the event to go ahead, or else it may be cancelled. **Character booklets will be available starting July 8, either by pickup or email.** Costumes or props are encouraged, but not required.



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9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Closed

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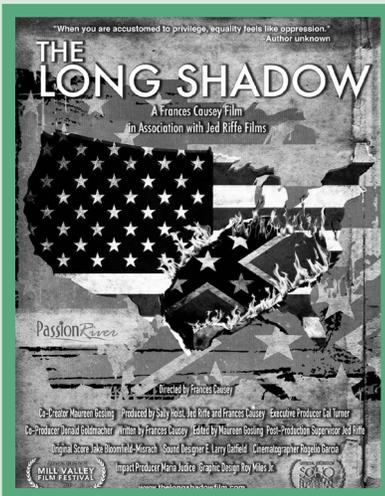
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The Long Shadow Film Screening and Q&A

Movie available June 21 - 28

Q&A on Thursday, June 24, 7 p.m.

From New Orleans to Virginia, Mississippi and Canada, the PBS film *The Long Shadow* follows two white Southern filmmakers as they travel the roads of oppression and suppression to reveal the connections of slavery and strong-arm Southern politics to the current racial strife in America. The film is a disturbing story about the lingering human cost of ignorance, intolerance, and inaction in the US, casting a long shadow over our national identity and imperfect democracy.

You can watch the film for free online from June 21-28. Then join us for a live online conversation and Q&A with Emmy-Award winning director Frances Causey on June 24 at 7 p.m. Visit thelongshadowfilm.com/illinois-libraries to watch the film and to register for the Q&A.

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Annie Tandy is the owner and creator of Kidlist, a resource for kid-friendly activities, events, and classes in Chicago's western suburbs. The site has an audience of over 800,00 and celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Find out more about Annie Tandy and Kidlist on our website in the summer edition of "The Ford Member Connection."

BOOK BOXES BOOK CLUB

For Teens/Tweens grades 5-12

Avid reader? Looking for some good recommendations? Join our Book Boxes Book Club! Fill out the form on our website to tell us a little bit about what you like to read and each month get two books and some other cool stuff! Return the books and your custom box (which you can and should decorate!) to receive your next month's recommendations, but keep the other items! An email will be sent when your next book box is ready to be picked up!

