



ROCK ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER GUIDE

JUNE/JULY 2024

- FREE events for all ages
- FREE All Ages Summer Reading Challenge
- Open to All!



SUMMER KICKOFF!



READ,
RENEW,
REPEAT

Thursday, May 30
4 pm to 6:30 pm

Quad City Botanical Center,
2525 4th Ave, Rock Island

Summer reading registration, play in
the gardens, and more.

FREE! ALL AGES RAIN OR SHINE!



ACTIVITIES FROM:

Rock Island Library & Quad City Botanical Center; Corps of Engineers, Metro, RI Parks & Recreation; RI Cty Soil & Water Conservation District, Scott Cty Waste Commission, Habitat Restore, QC Wild Ones, RIFD, Spring Forward, QC CAN, Artsy Bookworm, WQPT-PBS, Midwest Writing Center. Bring a refillable water bottle!

Read, Renew, Repeat! 2024 Summer Reading Challenge

Don't let summer slide away, enjoy a good book! We're challenging readers of all ages to read 1,000 minutes in 8 weeks. Just 16 minutes a day! Your reading will help smash our goal of 500,000 community minutes.

READ, RENEW,
REPEAT



June 1-July 31

How it works:



1. Register in Beanstack or pick up a paper log. (You can also print it off our website.)
2. Choose *either* Beanstack or paper.
3. Track minutes. It's OK to backdate reading!

Tips for Family Success:

- Count bedtime stories and storytimes.
- Reading the same story over and over? Count it each time!
- Reading to a preschooler? Sign up for 1,000 books Before Kindergarten, for credit in both challenges!



Beanstack

ONE challenge - all ages!

Read: June 1 to July 31

- **All reading counts!** Print, audio, ebooks, graphic novels, etc.
- **Earn rewards** for reading and completing activities in Beanstack.
- **Each Beanstack badge = 1 prize "ticket."**
- **Prefer print?** You'll earn badges for reading.
- **Finish** by July 31, 2024
- **Paper: Return logs by Aug. 1!** Staff will enter you in drawings.
- **Beanstack:** Enter your tickets by Aug. 1.
- **Prize drawing: Aug. 2. Winners will be contacted.**

DIY: Paper Making

Thurs, June 6

2 pm-5 pm

Downtown

Learn the fun & sustainable hobby of papermaking. Drop in anytime during class, projects take 15-30 minutes. You'll take home wet paper forms. All supplies provided.

For: Teens, adults, family



Registration helpful but not required.

Godzilla paint along



Fri, June 7,
4 pm-5:30 pm
Downtown
Teens (12-18)

Paint your own monster masterpiece. Boba/bubble tea and other light refreshments provided.

Sign Up:

309-732-7315 or online

Get Crafty at our Southwest Branch

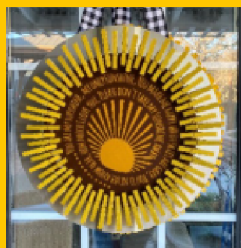
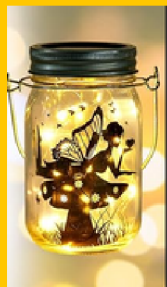
June 11: Decorate a Treat Box

July 9: Create a Fairy Light Jar

Aug. 13: Clothespin Sunflower Wreath

6 pm, Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Rd. All ages.

Free, requires registration



Duke Otherwise Returns!

The Duke Otherwise show returns:

**Monday, June 17
10:30 - 11:30 am**

Watts-Midtown Branch

Duke's act brings together playful lyrics, guitar, tap dance, and audience interaction for a show that's fun for all! Duke last appeared here in 2019.



Free, registration required.
**4 pm-7:30 pm on:
Thurs, June 20, Downtown
Thurs, July 18, Southwest**

Choose a project & create your own masterpiece. Fuel your creativity with D.I.Y. soft-drink creation stations!

All ages.



TAPESTRY farms
Gardening Night

**6 pm- 7 pm, Tues, July 9
Watts-Midtown Branch**

For gardeners age 10 & up. Free presentation on growing food, hydroponics, and their work as a nonprofit urban farm.

Wright Cycles Bike Clinic

**Tues.,
July 30
5-6 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch**



Free bike clinic with Wright Cycles. Learn basic bike repairs, and tips for keeping your bike in shape for summer and fall riding.

Free, all ages! No registration required.



For all ages!

CHERRY AND JERRY
Ragtime Music



**Tues., June 25th @1PM
Watts-Midtown Branch**



FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Summer Free Events for Kids!



WQPT Summer of Adventure



Friday, June 7, Tuesday, July 23,
10:30 am, Watts-Midtown Branch
Wednesday, July 24 at 11am,
Southwest Branch

Watch a PBS Kids show, listen to a story, and do a fun make-and-take craft! Each child receives a PBS Kids Summer activity booklet. Ages 5 & under.

Foam Blaster Parties!

Friday, June 28,
Watts-Midtown Branch
Two times for separate ages:
Littles (5 & under): 11 am
Bigs (6 & up) 12:30 pm



Foamy fun on our patio with the Mega Foam Blaster party by Absolute Science! Dry-stacking foam evaporates, and is non-slippery, non-toxic, non-allergenic, and biodegradable. (You may want to bring a towel anyway!) Age groups separated for safety. No bigs admitted during the littles time.

More Storytimes

Tuesdays/Fridays:
10:30 am, Watts-Midtown Branch

Most Wednesdays: 11 am, Southwest Branch, *except* during: **Petite Picassos messy art:** June 12, and July 17, Southwest, 11 am.

Monthly Family Storytimes: Wednesdays, June 5 and July 17, Watts-Midtown Branch, 6 pm.

MAGIC SHOW
WITH
Mikayla Oz!
10 AM
JULY 10



Family Magic Show:
Weds, July 10,
10 am, Watts-Midtown Branch

Experience the magical Mikayla Oz! Her show is packed with interactive magic and family-friendly comedy.

All Library events are free!

Stuffed Animal "Campout"



Dropoff:
5 to 6 pm, Fri, July 19
5:30 pm storytime
Pickup: Sat, July 20
10 am - Noon

Watts-Midtown Branch

Summer campout! The toys will camp out and enjoy all sorts of fun. Bring a toy or stuffed animal to leave overnight. Our camp leaders will take good care of your buddy!

FAMILY MOVIE

THE
LION KING



Tuesday, July 30
1:00 pm to 4 pm
Downtown Library

30th anniversary of the Disney Classic. All ages.

The World of "Whimsical Max"
with local author Allen McCaulley

Tues., July 16 at 11 am
Watts-Midtown Branch

Author shares books from the Whimsical Max series, inspired by his real-life dog!



Events for Teens - ages 12-18



Upcycled puzzle craft

Mon., June 10, 4-6 pm, Watts-Midtown Branch Teen Area
Drop in craft

Make wearable or frameable art out of upcycled puzzles. Earrings, bracelets, collages and more.

Framed LED Light Art

Fri., June 14, 5-6 pm, Watts-Midtown Branch

By drawing on the surface of the LED frame, you can create incredible art enhanced by light. Materials provided to experiment with. You'll take home a frame!



Registration required

Art with the Figge

- **Sat., June 29, Noon to 1 pm, Teens (12-18,)**Watts-Midtown
- **Mon., July 8, 10 am-11 am, School age/family/teens** Watts-Midtown

Art projects based on summer exhibits at The Figge.



Sharpie Art Mug

Mon., July 8, 4 pm-6 pm, Watts-Midtown

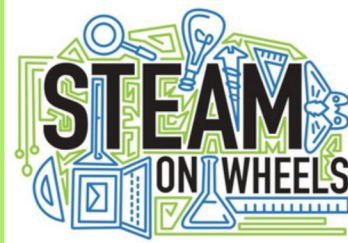


Customize your mug with Sharpie markers, then bake at home to make the design permanent. For teens.

Shark & Eye Dissection!

Tues., June 25, 6 pm-7:30 pm, Southwest Branch

Hands-on activity for ages 10-18! (10-to-12 year olds need an adult helper.) Andrea Martinez will show you how to dissect beef eyes and dogfish sharks. **Registration required.**



Three Dates!
4 pm to 6 pm:

- **Tuesday, June 18, Watts-Midtown Branch**
- **Friday, June 21, Downtown Library**
- **Friday, June 28, Southwest Branch**

Laser-cutting, 3D pens, and virtual reality. Part of Project Next Generation.

Registration required



Register: 309-732-7315 or www.rockislandlibrary.org

Events for Adults



Hidden History A Conversation

Thursday, June 20

2 pm to 3 pm

Watts-Midtown Branch

Join Eudell Watts, III, in a conversation about the parts of history that aren't always front and center. Eudell has long advocated for recognition of African-American and Native American stories in our shared history.



Eudell will speak about people of color in the American military. Check our calendar for more upcoming topics!

Seniors Read Banned Books

In this special summer series, senior citizens and other adults will discuss books that have ended up banned/or challenged book lists across the country. Discussions are for adults, and may feature sensitive topics.

2 pm, Downtown, on Mondays:

June 3: *George*, by Alex Gino

July 8: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, Sherman Alexie

Aug. 5: *Gender Queer*, Maia Kobabe



Self-Help

QPR Suicide Prevention Training: Thurs., June 13, 4:30 to 6 pm, Watts-Midtown

Intervention training for mental health/self endangerment. Involves discussion of self-harm/suicide.

Illinois Long Term Care



Ombudsman visits:
Tues., June 11, 3pm, SW
Wed., July 24, 3pm, Downtown
Thurs., Aug. 15, 6pm, Watts-Midtown

Overview from Illinois Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Documentary

Murder at City Hall:

The Killing of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk

Mon., June 24

2 pm-3:15 pm

Downtown



The murders of Milk, the first openly gay man elected to California public office, and Moscone rocked San Francisco and the nation.

Registration required: Adult Art Class

Saturday, June 8

Adult Art Class: Life's A Beach

Guided Oil Pastel Class Taught by Gloria Burlingame

Register:

www.rockislandlibrary.org

309-732-7341

11:30 am-1:30 pm, Saturday, June 8, Downtown.
Class limited to 25. Register online or call!

Genealogy

Tools of the Trade: Heritage Quest

- Mon., June 10, 2 pm, Downtown

Tools of the Trade: Heritage Hub

- Mon., July 1, at 2 pm, Downtown

The DNA Option, with Amber Lowery

- Tues., July 23, 2 pm, Downtown

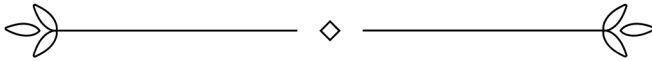
Find your Swedish Ancestry

Jill Seaholm, Swenson Swedish Immigration Center

- Mon., July 29, 2 pm, Downtown



History



The Meaning of Juneteenth:

Wed., June 12, 4:30 pm, Downtown.

Documentary



Rock Island Lines Railroad Documentaries:

- Tues., June 18: Live in the World of Rails Again
- Tues., July 16: Rock Island Rockets
- Tues., Aug. 20: This Was the Rock Island

All at 2pm, Downtown Library



Civil War Talks with Rock Island Arsenal

- Wed., July 10: Arsenal Established
 - Wed., Aug. 14: Camp McClellan
- 2 pm, Downtown, with ASC historians

Words Beneath the Words Performance by Deborah Dakin

**Wed., July 24, 2 pm-3 pm
Watts-Midtown Branch**

Dakin, the principal Violist of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, and Augustana College professor, presents a program of music and poetry.



2 programs on the importance of pollinators!

Bring Back the Pollinators

with XERCES Society

- Wed., July 10, 5:30 pm, Watts-Midtown

Native Bees

with Nahant March

- Tues., July 23, 5:30 pm, Watts-Midtown



Crafts (Act fast!)

- Rainbow Tassel Earrings & Keychain: Mon., June 24, 5:30 pm, Southwest
- Summer String Art: Tues., July 16, 5:30 pm, Watts-Midtown

Check calendar for openings.

Books, Movies & August Hug-A-Book!



ONE MORE FOR ADULTS & TEENS: Deadpool and Wolverine Trivia



- Fri., July 19 at 5pm, Southwest
- Tues., July 23 at 4 pm, Downtown
- 5 rounds of 5 questions
- Solo players & groups welcome!

Everyone's favorite unkillable mercenary has a new movie with his frenemy Wolverine. (Event questions will be PG-13.)

FUN FOR LITTLES

Hug a Book: CREATE Saturday, Aug. 10 10:30 am-Noon

Downtown Library

Splish-splash! It's an ocean-themed Hug-A-Book Create. Preschoolers ages 2 to 5 can try process art stations. Each child receives an apron and a book.



ONGOING EVENTS

Downtown Movie Club

- Thurs., June 13, *The Little Mermaid* (2023) All ages!
- July 11, *The Marsh King's Daughter* (Rated R, for adults)
- Aug. 8, *The Boys in the Boat* (PG-13)
- All at 1 pm, Downtown Library.

Knitting Circle

- 2 pm to 4 pm, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Downtown Library
- Bring a project & work on it with company!

Coffee Break Book Club

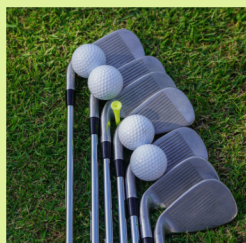
- 2:30 pm, Sat., June 8 (*Chain Gang All Stars*), July 13 (*Never Let Me Go*)
- Theo's Java Cafe, Rock Island

Death Talk Cafes

- 11 am-1 pm, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Watts-Midtown Branch
- Cake & honest conversation

Summer Fun with Your Library Card!

Library of Things collections offer plenty of ways to enjoy local Rock Island parks. Check out yard games, pickleball paddles, even golf clubs! (And don't forget our 3-day Whitewater Junction pass.)



Nonfiction Book Club



Thurs., 5:30 pm, Longview Park. Rain/excess heat option: Watts-Midtown Branch

July Book Sale

10 am to 1 pm: July 26 & 27

Downtown Library



4th Friday & Saturday of July and October. Proceeds benefit your library!

Midtown Readers



6:30 pm, Watts-Midtown Branch 3rd Tuesday of month

SOUTHWEST BK CLUB

4th Tuesday, at 4:30 pm, Southwest Branch. See calendar for selections

SUMMER CLOSINGS

- Memorial Day: May 27
- Juneteenth: June 19
- Independence Day: July 4
- Staff Inservice Day: Aug. 21
- Downtown only: Aug. 31



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LOCATIONS

- Downtown: 401 19th Street
- Southwest Branch: 9010 Ridgewood Rd
- Watts-Midtown Branch: 2715 30th St.
- Library2Go (see website for schedule)
- Online: www.rockislandlibrary.org