

# 2023 SUMMER READING CLUB

# FIND YOUR VOICE!

MONDAY, JUNE 12 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Read and complete activities to earn prizes!

## PRESCHOOL

### For Babies – Preschoolers

Sign up at the Youth Services desk and pick up your reading log.

Earn prizes for completing activities designed to foster a love of books and reading.

Turn in your completed activity log by Sunday, August 6, to be entered in the grand prize drawing.

## GRADE SCHOOL

### For Entering Grades K – 5

Sign up at the Youth Services desk and pick up your reading and activity log.

Complete reading and activity challenge trails; earn a prize for each trail you complete.

Complete all four trails and earn a paperback book.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### For Entering Grades 6 – 8

Sign up at the Youth Services desk and pick up your bingo card.

Earn a prize for each bingo you complete by doing reading and activity challenges.

Complete four bingos to earn a paperback book.

## ADVENTURE JARS

### For All Summer Reading Club Participants

Each time you visit the Library, enter a drawing for a chance to win the adventure jar (full of fun stuff) of your choice! The winner of each jar will be drawn and notified in August.

## TEENS AND ADULTS, JOIN US FOR SUMMER READING TOO.

Register at the Information & Readers Services desk beginning Monday, June 12, pick up a bingo card, and get started.

HIGHLAND PARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
*Information & Imagination*

# SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS!

**R** Registration required. Register at [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events). **D** Drop-In. No registration required. **B** Bilingual Event English-Spanish **AR** Youth Services Activity Room **A** Auditorium **LL MR** Lower Level Meeting Room

## **D** Sensory Bins

**AR**

Explore sensory bins with your little ones! Sensory play allows kids to connect ideas with concrete experiences, strengthen neural pathways, and build motor skills. Plus, who doesn't like squishy, smooth, textured, crunchy, colorful, and smelly stuff?

**Saturdays**  
**June 3, July 1, August 26**  
**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**For babies – five-year-olds accompanied by a caregiver.**

## **D** Messy Monday

**AR**

Join us for messy fun! Be ready to explore, play, and get your hands dirty!

**Mondays**  
**June 5, July 31, August 21**  
**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Ages 5 and younger, accompanied by a caregiver.**

## **R** Toddler Crafternoon

**AR**

Join us for fun, hands-on art projects for your little ones. Dress to get messy!

**Wednesdays**  
**June 7, 21, July 5, 19**  
**1 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 3 – 5, accompanied by a caregiver.**

## **R** Paint-A-Long for Kids

**AR**

Learn how to paint a landscape in this companion to the adult Paint-A-Long series. Dress for mess. Materials provided by the Friends of the Library.

**Sunday, June 11**  
**2 – 4 p.m.**  
**Ages 9 – 12**



## **D** Pictionary en Español

**B**

**AR**

Play Pictionary with a twist... the clues are in Spanish! Make new friends and learn new words en español.

**Tuesday, June 13**  
**2 – 3 p.m.**  
**Ages 7 – 10**



## **R** Todd Downing's Tall Tales & Silly Songs

**A**

Join performer Todd Downing as he weaves tall tales into silly songs guaranteed to have the whole family laughing and dancing along!

**Wednesday, June 14**  
**11 – 11:45 a.m.**  
**Registration and tickets are required.**  
**Visit [hplibrary.org/events](http://hplibrary.org/events) for more details and to reserve tickets.**

## **R** Write a Random Story

**AR**

Do you love making up stories? Do you have trouble knowing where to start? Join us as we write random stories! We'll use the Story Engine card game to create unique characters, conflicts, and more.

**Monday, June 19, 3 – 4 p.m.**  
**Ages 11 – 14**



## **D** Drop-In Chess

**B**

**AR**

Drop by for chess! Bring a friend or play someone new! Pick up books and handouts to help develop your chess skills.

**Fridays**  
**June 23, July 28, August 25**  
**3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Ages 7 – 14**

## **D** Baby Bubbletime

**AR**

Babies and their caregivers can enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and BUBBLES.

**Saturdays**  
**June 24, July 22, August 12**  
**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**For babies – 24 months accompanied by a caregiver.**

## **R** Panel to Panel Graphic Novel Book Club

**AR**

Calling all graphic novel fans in grades 4 through 7! Join us to discuss a different graphic novel each month. This is meant to be a fun, safe space for everyone to share what they loved (or even hated!) about a book without judgement. We'll wrap up with a fun activity. Stop by to pick up a swag bag with a copy of the book!

**Tuesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.**  
**Entering grades 4 – 7**  
**June 27**  
*Stargazing*, by Jen Wang  
**July 25**  
*Dog Man*, by Dav Pilkey  
**August 22**  
*Yuzu the Pet Vet*, by Mingo Ito



## **R** Sábado Morning Stories

**B**

**AR**

Join us for a bilingual family storytime! Enjoy stories and songs in Spanish, English, or both!

**Saturdays**  
**July 8, August 5**  
**10 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**For families with children up to age 5.**

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## **R** Paint-A-Long for Kids

**AR**

Explore your artistic side by painting together at the Library. We'll explore artistic tools, art history, color theory, and more. Dress for mess. Materials provided by the Friends of the Library.

**Sunday, July 9**  
**2 – 3 p.m.**  
**Ages 5 – 8**



## **R** PJ Storytime

**AR**

Put on your jammies and head over to the Library for a fun family storytime featuring stories, songs, and more!

**Mondays**  
**July 17, August 21**  
**6:30 – 7 p.m.**  
**Stories are best suited for ages 3 – 5, but all ages are welcome!**

## **D** Secret Messages

**AR**

Sure, you know your ABCs, but what do you know about other ways to write messages? Discover Morse Code, hieroglyphics, and more.

**Tuesday, July 18**  
**11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
**Ages 6 – 10**



## **D** STEAM Stations

**AR**

Join us for some scientific fun. We have a station for everything: science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

**Tuesdays**  
**July 11, August 15**  
**12 – 1 p.m.**  
**Entering grades K – 5**



## **R** "Find Your Art" Magic & Art Show

**AR**

Join variety artist Dan Gogh as we wander down the path of artistic creativity. Discover magic, puppets, storytelling, and more!

**Wednesday, July 12**  
**11 – 11:45 a.m.**  
**For families with children of all ages.**  
**Registration and tickets are required.**  
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## **R** Perler Bead Keychains

**B**

Get creative and make a personalized keychain.

**Thursday, July 20**  
**4 – 5 p.m.**  
**Ages 11 – 14**

## **R** Tiny Art Studio

**AR**

Get creative on a tiny canvas! We'll provide the materials, you provide the inspiration!

**Wednesday, July 26**  
**4 – 5 p.m.**  
**Ages 9 – 14**



## **R** Fairy Tales Redone

**AR**

Have you ever read a fairy tale and thought that they didn't handle the problem very well? Now you get a chance to do better. Join us for a different fairy tale each time and activities to see who can solve the problem better, you or the characters.

**Fridays**  
**July 14, August 11**  
**12 – 1 p.m.**  
**Entering grades K – 5**

## **R** Roar! Wild Voices

**LL MR**

**Drawing Workshop**

Did you know that elk bugle, mice scream, deer roar, walruses whistle, and cheetahs chirp? Learn to draw all sorts of animals, then hear the actual sounds they make. Add speech bubbles and imagine what your drawings are saying.

**Thursday, July 27**  
**Entering grades K – 3**  
**1 – 1:45 p.m.**  
**Entering grades 4 – 8**  
**2:30 – 3:15 p.m.**



## **R** Dino Dig

**AR**

Come and pretend to be a Paleontologist! Explore various sensory stations to dig for toy dinosaurs and their bones.

**Monday, July 31**  
**6:30 – 7 p.m.**  
**Ages 5 – 8**



## **R** T-Rexplorers

**LL MR**

Explore the world of dinosaur science and paleontology with an experienced dinosaur fossil hunter! T-Rexplorers will bring real fossils from numerous species, including triceratops and tyrannosaurus rex, for this hands-on adventure straight from the Cretaceous period.

**Tuesday, August 1**  
**6:30 – 7:15 p.m.**  
**Ages 5 – 12**

## **R** Middle School Zines

**AR**

Curious about what DIY zines are and the history behind them? Create your own and trade them.

**Thursday, August 10**  
**4 – 5 p.m.**  
**Entering grades 6 – 8**

# SUMMER STORYTIMES

Raise a Reader. Storytime sessions feature activities designed to foster pre-reading skills.

**B** Bilingual Event  
English-Spanish

**AR** Youth Services  
Activity Room

**R** Registration begins Monday, May 1 – Sunday, May 7, for Highland Park and Highwood library cardholders. Registration begins Monday, May 8, for those without a Highland Park Public Library card or a Highwood Public Library card. Register in the Youth Services Department or by calling 847-681-7030. A library card number will be required.

## Baby Booktime

### **R** Summer Baby Booktime

**AR**

Babies and their caregivers can enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs.

**1st & 3rd Fridays**

**June 2, 16**

**July 7, 21**

**August 4, 18**

**10 – 10:30 a.m. or**

**1 – 1:30 p.m.**

**For babies up to 18 months old accompanied by a caregiver.**

## ROCK & READ

### **R** Summer Rock & Read

**AR**

Let's rock! Join us for a musical storytime where you can make lots of noise. Explore instruments, listen to stories, and sing along!

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**

**June 1, 15**

**July 6, 20**

**August 3, 17**

**10:30 – 11 a.m. or**

**11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**For 18 months – 3-year-olds accompanied by a caregiver.**

## Storytime Live!

### **R** Summer Storytime Live!

**AR**

Read stories, sing songs, and more.

**2nd & 4th Mondays**

**June 12, 26**

**July 10, 24**

**August 14, 28**

**10 – 10:30 a.m.**

**For ages 3 – 5 accompanied by a caregiver.**

## GRAB & GO CRAFTS

Pick up your kit at the Youth Services desk while supplies last.

### **B** 3D Pumpkin Craft

Make your own paper polka-dotted pumpkin inspired by the sculptures of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama! You will need scissors and glue at home.

**Monday, June 12 –**

**Sunday, June 18**

**Ages 5 – 14**

### **B** Shark Craft

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water! Celebrate Shark Week by creating your own cardboard shark.

**Monday, July 10 –**

**Sunday, July 16**

**Ages 5 – 14**

## ONGOING BOOK CLUBS

### **R** 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading aloud to children from birth helps to strengthen language skills and build vocabulary. Pledge to read 1000 books to your child before they start kindergarten. There's no required reading list — any book counts. Earn prizes along the way.

**Sign up at the Youth Services desk to get started.**

### **R** Children's Choice Book Club

Join our Children's Choice Awards book club! Earn prizes for reading books on the Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill Award lists for 2024. All books are available at the Highland Park Public Library.

**Entering grades 3 – 8.**

**Register at the Youth Services desk to receive a reading log.**

### **R** 100 Books Before High School

Pledge to read 100 books before your first day of high school. There's no required reading list — any book counts! Earn prizes along the way.

**Entering grades 4 – 8.**

**Register at the Youth Services desk to receive a reading log.**

