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# **Ohio Libraries At Risk**

Thank you for standing up for your library.

When we asked, you and thousands of people across Ohio sent emails, letters, and made phone calls to our state legislators to support quality library funding. In response, our legislators did not restore the Public Library Fund (PLF). Instead, the House passed their own budget, which still eliminates the PLF and moves public library funding to a yearly appropriation. An appropriation is a far more vulnerable funding mechanism that can easily be eliminated in a single budget—unlike the Public Library Fund, which is written into Ohio law.

This piece of law about the PLF states that libraries will be funded with a percentage of Ohio's annual revenue. This percentage might increase or decrease each year when state revenue fluctuates. In fact, in 2024, libraries received the same dollar amount as in 2000 because revenue was down. Despite the fluctuations, this method of library funding works. Ohio has used the PLF method for over 100 years with amazing results. In 2023, Ohioans visited their local libraries more than 44.6 million times (the equivalent of 434 sold-out Buckeve football games at Ohio Stadium). Those library visits keep increasing each year.

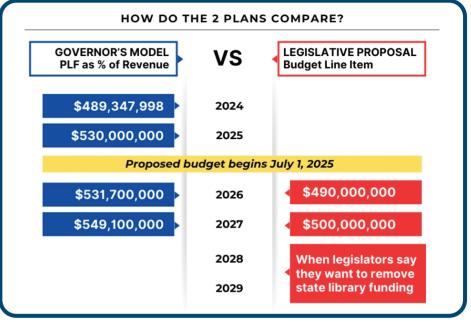
Why do legislators suddenly want to change

everything? Even if they do, there's still money for libraries, isn't there?

House The Senate want control over the funds given to public libraries. Their budget method gives them this control. A state representative told library leaders in Dover, Ohio, "The Legislature is trying to decouple the PLF from current funding models, offer an 'increase' this year, and cut funding altogether in two years.'

Will state legislators actually get rid of public library funding?

We don't know yet if this change marks the end of state funding but it's clear that some legislators are planning for that goal. If the House and Senate win the budget battle, we know that libraries will immediately be at the mercy of changing political agendas. The current agenda ties funding to censorship rules. If libraries don't comply, they lose funds.



What can we do?

You can continue to advocate for us with your state representatives. We will continue to implore the legislature to keep the PLF as Governor DeWine recommended. We will also keep working hard to give you access to the materials and services we can provide. It may be a very rough road ahead for all of us if state funding disappears, but we will continue to do the best we can with the funds we have.



#### Complete eight hours of reading and eight activities (one at each of the eight islands) to finish the challenge and claim your treasure!

June 6 through August 1 Check off each hour of reading and circle the activities you complete.

Claim a prize and one grand prize entry at our first-floor desk for each island completed.

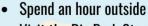
 Borrow a "hidden gem" book recommended by library staff.

- Talk to a librarian in your best pirate voice
- Attend our "Set Sail for Treasure <mark>Islan</mark>d" event on June 6
- Make an ocean-inspired drawing in a community notebook
- Attend a High-Seas-themed library program
- Read an author with a nautical name (e.g., Marina, Fisher, Sailor)

- Read an adventurous graphic novel
- Do the kids treasure hunt of the month
- Read a book with gold, yellow, or shiny things on the cover
- Read outside "on the deck"
- Borrow and use some of our exercise equipment
- Spend time on or in the water
- Draw your own pirate flag
- Write a "message in a bottle"
- Use a museum pass to see aquatic animals at the zoo



- Check out a cookbook and try something new
- Make a seafood recipe
- Attend one of our summer concerts
- Use our Roku device to watch a pirate movie
- Read a book with mythical sea creatures
- Read a book about real pirates or maritime history



- Visit the Dix Park Story Trail
- Take a hike with a Park Field Bag







# **EVENTS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES**

#### **Wander and Wonder**

Thursdays, 2:00pm to 3:00pm June 5, 12, 19, 26

Join us every Thursday in June at Dix Park for an exciting outdoor adventure where schoolage kids explore the beauty of nature. Limited to 12 participants with guardians

#### Pokémon Club

Tuesdays, 4:00pm to 5:00pm June 10, July 8, August 12 Trade cards, battle, or just talk about Pokémon at Pokémon Club! Anyone from elementary to high school and their families are welcome. Limited to 20 participants

#### **Under the Sea Craft Club**

Tuesdays, 5:00pm to 6:00pm June 17, July 15, August 19 Stop by the library each month for some crafty fun! Kids ages 5-12 will follow instruction to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Space and supplies limited to 15 kids.

June 17: Shark Banks July 15: Treasure Slime August 19: Jellyfish Oil Pastel Art

#### Minecraft Club

Wednesdays, 4:00pm to 5:00pm June 18, July 16, August 20

Play Minecraft together. Choose between using the in-house switch or connecting to the server via your own device.

Geared for kids grades 3-5. Limited to 8 participants

#### Reading with Willow the Dog

Saturdays, 11:00am to 12:00pm June 21, August 2 Whether you're just learning how to read. reluctant to read, or an experienced storyteller, Willow will be happy to listen. Please call or visit to secure a 15 minute session.

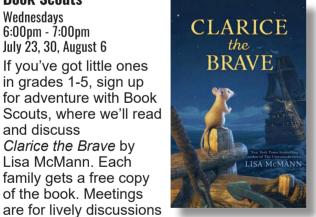
#### **LEGO Club**

Mondays, 5:00pm to 6:00pm June 23, July 21, August 25 Join our swashbuckling crew of young builders for a special pirate-themed LEGO adventure! Each month, we'll reveal a brand-new set plus plenty of fun challenges. Limited to 20 builders

#### **Book Scouts**

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm July 23, 30, August 6 If you've got little ones in grades 1-5, sign up for adventure with Book Scouts, where we'll read and discuss Clarice the Brave by Lisa McMann. Each family gets a free copy

of the book. Meetings



and hands-on activities. Please register by family, limited to 8 families

#### The Bubble Lady

Wednesday, August 27 6:00pm to 7:00pm

This high-energy performance is packed with laughter, amazement, and shipshape ideas for outdoor bubble fun to try at home.

#### **FREE Summer Lunch for Kids**

11:30am - 12:30pm June 2 through August 15 All children ages 1-18 are invited to join us in the Haymaker Room each weekday for a FREE lunch and activities. Lunch is provided by Community Action Council.



### A Summer Adventure on the High Seas

We're headed out to sea this summer and want you aboard! Sign yourself and everyone in your home up now for our island-hopping summer challenge. You have a challenge board in your hand (on the front page) and we have plenty more at the library for the rest of your crew. The challenge keeps you reading and having fun together all summer with plenty of treasure to earn!

Spend an evening at Treasure Island during our summer kickoff event with Ravenna Parks & Recreation in City Park. We're closing at 4pm that day to get ready for another fantastic evening of free, family fun. Wear your pirate costume for our fashion show (register early), be ready to walk the plank, race seahorses, make crafts, and have oceans of fun with the whole family.



At our summer events, learn about pirates on the Great Lakes and Ravenna's historical ties to Nantucket sea captains. Make crafts reflecting the sand and waves and even explore the high seas through a virtual reality experience. We have plenty of fun planned for your littles, from seafaring storytimes and lagoon adventures to splashy sensory play and more. Climb aboard and set sail. It's time for your adventure at the library to begin!

Parents: Did you know your child could lose up to two months of learning during summer vacation? When kids take a complete break from books, they often return to school having lost ground in critical skills. Children who participate in library reading programs not only maintain their skills—many actually improve over the break while developing a genuine love for reading. Fight this "summer slide" with our summer

challenge! It's free, fun, and one of the

smartest parenting moves you can make.

## UST FOR LITTLES

Events for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers accompanied by their favorite caregiver

#### **STORYTIME**

#### **Babies and Books - Wee Buccaneers**

Mondays, 10:30am to 11:00am June 9, 16, 23, 30 July 7, 14, 21, 28

We'll dive into a sea of fun with mermaid rhymes, pirate songs, under-the-sea stories, and interactive ocean-themed activities that will spark little imaginations. After storytime, stay docked for free play—a perfect time for young sailors to explore and for caregivers to connect.

#### Toddler Tuesday Storytime - Little Sailors \*two sessions available\*

 $1^{1}/2$  to 3 years

birth to 2 years

Tuesdays, 9:30am to 10:00am **OR** 10:30am to 11:00am June 10, 17, 24 July 1, 8, 15, 22 (9:30am only), 29 Toddler Tuesday is full of adventure, with engaging stories, songs, movement, crafts and activities encouraging the development of early literacy skills. Limited to 12 children

#### **Preschool Storytime** 3 to 5 years

Wednesdays, 10:30am to 11:00am June 11, 18, 25 July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

During this season's storytime, young sailors will dive into picture books, sing sea shanties and wiggle like jellyfish! Each session brings new adventures and wraps up with a fun, handson craft worthy of any little pirate or mermaid. Limited to 15 children

#### **MUSIC, PLAY, EXPLORE**

#### **Sensory Sensations: Sand and Waves**

2 to 5 years

Fridays, 10:30am to 1:30pm June 20, July 11

Set sail on a seaside adventure with Sensory Sensations, a drop-in sensory playtime featuring ocean-themed activities designed to spark curiosity and support early learning. Dress your crew in play clothes—things might get a bit splashy!

Cora's Playroom crawlers & toddlers

Thursdays, 9:00am to 7:30pm June 26, July 24, August 21 Fridays, 9:30am to 5:30pm June 27, July 25, August 22 **Saturdays**, 9:00am to 3:30pm June 28, July 26, August 23

Come to play or stay all day! The room will be set up with toys and gross motor activities for babies and toddlers. Preschool playthings will be available.

#### Music Makers with the Groovy Garfoose

birth to 3 years

Tuesday, July 22 10:30am to 11:00am

Join Bonnie Hayhurst, founder of The Groovy Garfoose, for a special music therapy class. Music Makers is inclusive and accessible. This program sponsored by Portage DD.

#### **Music and Motion: Ocean Commotion**

toddlers & preschoolers

Tuesdays, 10:30am to 11:00am August 12, 19

Set sail with ocean-themed music and movement. We'll dance like dolphins, sway like seaweed, and clap to the beat of cheerful nautical tunes. Limited to 20 small sailors

#### **Little Lagoon Adventures**

3 to 5 years

Wednesdays, 10:30am to 11:15am August 13, 20

Little Lagoon Adventures is a fun and educational ocean adventure. This event will offer a chance to explore the wonders of the sea through exciting activities and a creative craft. Siblings are welcome to join the fun. Limited to 15 participants

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# **EVENTS FOR EVENTS FOR** TWEENS/TEENS EVERYONE

#### **Teen Advisory Group**

Thursdays, 7:00pm to 8:00pm June 5, 19 July 3, 17, 31 August 14, 28

Plan teen events and activities, give recommendations for your Teen Room space, help finish end-of-the-day library tasks, and enjoy a snack. Come to one group meeting or come to them all! Grades 8-12

#### Animanga Meet-Up: Sails & Shōnen

Saturdays, 2:00pm to 3:00pm June 7, July 19, August 9 All aboard for an ocean of fun! Join fellow anime and manga lovers on deck as we set sail with Crunchyroll screenings of favorites like One Piece Film: Red and Ponyo while snacking on tasty Japanese treats! Whether you're a seasoned sea-weeb or just testing the waters, this nautical-themed meet-up is the perfect port for anime fans to anchor down, chill, and geek out together. Limited to 12 participants

#### The (not-so-secret) Order Of The Zine

Pickup Dates: June 9, 23 July 7, 21 August 4, 18

The Order Of The Zine is a program to support inner well-being through zine-making prompts that inspire reflection, self-compassion, expression, creativity, and connection. Members pick up assignments on Mondays and return two weeks later with a completed zine. It all begins Monday, June 9th when you pick up your assignment for the Zine of Introductions.

#### **Explore Your World**

Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 7:00pm June 11, July 9, August 13 Work through bestselling author and illustrator Keri Smith's Wreck This Journal and How to Be an Explorer of the World. We'll provide copies of both books, and no artistic experience is required. With hands-on activities, this event is designed to unleash your inner explorer and embrace imperfection. Limited to 15 explorers

#### **Venture Society**

Mondays, 6:30pm to 7:30pm June 16, 23, 30 July 7 Designed for kids, Venture Society lets children ages 8-12 get a first taste of what RPGs are all about. Each session will feature a new adventure, so participants can come to one session or come to them all. Join the Venture Society to go on fun adventures & help others! Limited to 6 participants

#### **Artist Studio**

Thursdays, 6:00pm to 7:00pm June 19, July 17, August 14 Learn new creative techniques from local artists this summer.

June 19th: Bob Fleishman, String Art Weave together strings to create a unique geometric art

July 17th: Bob Fleishman, Stepping Stones Design your concrete stepping stone with smoothed marble glass.

August 14th: Stephanie Brewer, Star Repair Learn to blanket stitch a star patch for mending and



#### **BLOOD DRIVES**

Thursday, June 12 11:00am to 5:00pm Thursday, July 10 11:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday, August 19 11:00am to 5:00pm

Donate blood to ensure adequate supplies for emergencies and ongoing medical needs. Walk-ins welcome or schedule at redcrossblood.org, code: Ravenna

#### **Chess Club**

Tuesdays, 7:00pm to 8:30pm June 3, 10 July 1, 8 August 5, 26

Although primarily for chess enthusiasts, tabletop board games, role playing games, and collectible card games are also welcome. Limited to 15 players

#### **Puzzle Exchange**

2nd Saturday of the month, 9:15am to 11:30am June 14, July 12, August 9

Bring in your old puzzles on the day of the exchange and take home new challenges.

## **EVENTS FOR ADULTS &** TEENS

#### **How to Make a Short Film**

Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 8:00pm June 4, July 2, August 6 We'll guide you through the process of developing captivating narratives, creating engaging characters, and structuring your stories for maximum impact. Connect with fellow film enthusiasts and begin your journey into the world of cinematic storytelling.

June 4: Course I Introduction July 2: Course II Screenwriting Essentials August 6: Course III Let's Get Filming Registration is required, limited to 12 participants.

#### **Create Your Own Pirate Comic: A Guide to Comic Creation**

Thursday, June 12 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Using Scott McCloud's "Making Comics" as our reference, we will explore the fundamentals of storytelling, panel layout, character development, and more through the lens of the high seas. This program will provide you with the tools and inspiration to create your own comics. Limited to 10 people

#### **Knit, Crochet and Needlecraft Club**

Thursdays, 6:30pm to 8:00pm June 26, July 24, August 28 Craft, learn, and share skills and ideas with others who love working with yarn, thread, hooks, and needles. Limited to 15 participants

#### **Pirate Treasure Hunt**

Thursday, July 10 12:00pm to 2:00pm

X marks the spot! Join us for a pirate-themed geocache scavenger hunt. Follow the clues, find the treasure, and have a swashbuckling' good time. This fun and interactive event is perfect for families, friends, and anyone who loves a good treasure hunt. Limited to 15 people

#### Content Creator 101: YouTube & TikTok

Wednesday, July 16 5:00pm to 6:30pm

This workshop covers planning, filming, editing, & building your online presence. Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve your skills, this program will empower you to connect with YouTube & TikTok audiences and express yourself online. Limited to 15 participants

#### **Explore The High Seas in Virtual Reality**

Thursday, August 14 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Using VR technology, you can experience adventures beyond your wildest dreams. Discover new landscapes, interact with virtual environments, and immerse yourself in a world of endless possibilities, including a virtual pirate ship. Limited to 15 people



Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy some free summer music at our outdoor pavilion. We'll have a food truck near the back entrance with tasty treats. The summer concert series is generously sponsored by our Friends of Reed Memorial Library.

Silver Strings Trio Sunday, June 15, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Babies in Black

Sunday, July 13, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Back Alley Relics Sunday, August 10, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Joanie Calem Sing Along Sunday, September 7, 2:00pm to 4:00pm



# LOCAL

All walking tours are dependent on the weather. Please dress accordingly and wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours that are offered more than once have identical content.

#### **Sea Captains of Ravenna**

Sunday, June 1, 2:00pm - 3:00pm Saturday, July 12, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Two opportunities to walk downtown and learn about the seafaring history and stories of Ravenna. This Sea Captains tour focuses on the Nantucket sea captains that moved to Ravenna over 150 years ago. Reference Librarian Kevin Gray will lead this tour. Please meet in front of the library. Limited to 20 people

#### Maple Grove Cemetery Walk with the **Portage Park District**

Saturday, June 14 2:00pm to 3:00pm

This tour will focus on the natural wildlife that lives in the cemetery as well as some of the historic burials. Holly Stoneberg from the Portage Park District and Reference Librarian Kevin Gray will lead this tour, which is approximately 1.25 miles. Meet for the tour at the cemetery chapel. Please register at portageparks.org to participate

#### Ravenna Hangings

Saturday, June 21 2:00pm to 3:00pm Wednesday, August 27 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Enjoy a walk downtown while learning about the stories and history of the three hangings that took place in Ravenna. The walk is approximately 1.25 miles and will last about an hour. Please meet in front of the library. Limited to 20 people

#### **Ravenna During the Civil War**

Tuesday, July 15, 5:00pm to 6:00pm Saturday, August 2 2:00pm to 3:00pm

This tour, led by Reference Librarian Kevin Gray, will focus on Ravenna during the Civil War. The walk is approximately 1.25 miles and will last about an hour. Limited to 20 people

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# BOOK EVENTS FOR ADULTS

#### **MID-DAY MYSTERIES**



**Partners in Lime** by Bree Baker Wednesday, 6/4 2:00pm to 3:00pm



Mrs. Plansky's Revenge by Spencer Quinn

Wednesday, 7/2 2:00pm to 3:00pm

The Big Four by Agatha Christie Wednesday, 8/6 2:00pm to 3:00pm



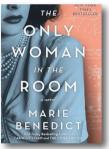
#### **EVENING BOOK DISCUSSIONS**



The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn Thursday, 6/12 7:00pm to 8:00pm



**Vanishing Treasures** by Katherine Rundell Thursday, 7/17 7:00pm to 8:00pm



The Only Woman in the Room

by Marie Benedict Thursday, 8/21 7:00pm to 8:00pm

We secure multiple book copies to borrow well in advance of each discussion. Call us to reserve your copy. 330-296-2827 x200

#### CHAPTER BY CHAPTER

#### **An In Depth Book Discussion** The Brothers Karamazov

Wednesdays, 6:00pm to 7:15pm June 18, July 23, August 20

Are you interested in the classics and want to talk about them? Join us for a chapter-by-chapter discussion of The Brothers Karamazov, Fyodor Dostoevsky's final novel. "The Brothers Karamazov is a murder mystery, a courtroom dra-

ma, and an exploration of erotic rivalry in a series of triangular love affairs involving the 'wicked and sentimental" (description from Amazon)

Pick up your free copy of the book and register to join us at this in-depth discussion.

Registration required



#### Jeanne Bryner, In Velvet: New & Selected Poems

Saturday, June 7 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Jeanne Bryner's family was part of Appalachia's outmigration, and she grew up in Newton Falls, Ohio. A retired board certified emergency room nurse, Bryner's work has been adapted for the stage nationally and also the 2005 Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Limited to 30 participants

**Go Native: Planting for Pollinators** 

Sunday, June 8 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Jill Halligan, from the Ohio State Extension Office in Portage County, will explain the importance of planting native plants to support pollinators. Jill will explore good plant choices, where to find native plants and which pollinators you want to protect. Limited to 30 participants

#### **Circle of Poets**

Thursdays, 6:30pm to 8:00pm June 12, July 10, August 14 Open to writers and authors interested in learning new techniques, networking with other authors, sharing work and feedback. Each writer will get a chance to read their work and receive feedback. Limited to 15 writers

#### **Let's Learn to Draw**

Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm June 11, July 9, August 13 Have you ever wanted to learn how to draw but didn't know where to start? Join us to learn all about the basics of drawing and get the ideas in your head down on paper. Join us for a series of programs on drawing where you'll learn about contour, composition, perspective and more. Supplies are provided, limited to 15 participants

June 11: Contour and Value July 9: Perspective and Figure Drawing August 13: Free Drawing and Discussion

#### **Outdoor Yoga - Summer Yoga Series**

Saturdays, 10:00am to 11:00am June 21, July 12, August 2 Perfect for anyone who would like to start their weekend with a little movement and relaxation. Lora Gray is a registered instructor with Yoga Alliance and teaches at local schools and studios, including One Love Yoga in Kent. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Limited to 20 participants

#### **Reed & Write Writers' Group**

Open to writers and authors interested in learning new techniques, networking with other authors, sharing work and feedback. Each writer will get a chance to read their work and receive feedback. Limited to 15 writers

#### **Seashell Windchime Craft**

Tuesday, June 24 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Participants will create a functional windchime to take home using natural materials. Supplies and tools provided. Limited to 15 people.

#### An Adventure in Food: Spicy Mango Salsa

Wednesday, June 25 11:00am to 12:00pm

Watch and learn how to make Spicy Mango Salsa with Darlene. There will be samples to try and other tropical recipes to continue your food adventure at home. Space is limited to 15 participants.

#### **Design Basics for Your Business**

Thursday, June 26 6:00pm to 7:30pm

This hands-on class will teach you the fundamentals of graphic design for small businesses. Learn how to create eye-catching business cards, effective flyers, and professional brochures. We'll cover design principles, layout, typography, and basic design tools to empower you to produce your own marketing materials. Gain the skills to elevate your brand and make a strong impression! Limited to 15 participants

#### **Word Games**

Monday, July 14 2:00pm to 4:00pm Monday, August 25 10:00am to 12:00pm Thursdays, 6:00pm to 8:00pm July 31, August 14 Join other word enthusiasts as we try out some of the library's word games; Scrabble, Bananagrams, and Boggle. Limited to 14 adults

#### **Paper Ship in a Bottle**

Monday, July 14 6:00pm to 8:00pm

You'll put together a cute paper ship in a bottle that even the saltiest of sailors will enjoy! This craft will take some dexterity and patience. We will be using card stock, clear film, Hot Glue, Precision Craft Glue, and wooden skewers. Limited to 8 people.

#### **Mocktails and Masterpieces**

Thursday, July 17 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Join us for an evening of art and mocktails. We will have a guided painting session where you'll learn how to paint a fun beach picture while sipping on a cool, refreshing non alcoholic drink. Limited to 15 participants.

#### **Adventures in Crafting**

Saturdays, 10:00am to 12:00pm

New to using a Cricut? Here are simple projects with Darlene to learn the basics and then embark on your own adventures with more advanced Cricut projects on your own or at the library. Limited to 4 crafters

July 19: Make a beach-themed tile August 9: Make a beach-themed mug

#### MakerCart Monday

Mondays, 6:00pm to 8:00pm July 21, August 11 Do you have something you need to sew? Are you ready to try out the Cricut? Do you love buttons and magnets? Come on in and experiment using our Mobile MakerCart!

#### **Perler Bead Adventure**

Monday, August 4 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Whether you're a crafty corsair or just testing the waters, you'll dive into the world of Perler Beads — also known as fuse beads — to craft bold, pixel-perfect designs inspired by the tropics and high seas. Limited to 10 crafters

#### Taste of Gluten-Free: Baking Bread - A Live **Demonstration**

Wednesday, August 20 6:00pm to 7:30pm Join us for a gluten-free bread baking demo! Learn new recipes and enjoy fresh-baked samples. Limited to 15 participants

#### **Piracy on the Great Lakes**

Tuesday, August 26 6:00pm to 7:15pm

From timber runners to bootleggers, pirates prowled the Great Lakes since before the founding of the country. Join us while we discuss this raucous period of local American history. Limited to 15 attendees



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#### **Board Meetings**

Wednesday, June 18 5:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday, July 16 5:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday, August 20 5:00pm to 7:00pm

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