

July 2025

# Chapters

Library News & Events

  
**CHILICOTHE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
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The library will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day.



**River Valley  
Big Band**

1:15-1:45 pm  
Beginners East Coast  
Swing dance lesson

2-4 pm  
Concert: listeners &  
dancers welcome

**July 19 @ Shore Acres Clubhouse**

**It's not ~~GAME OVER~~ yet!**



**LEVEL  
UP** AT YOUR  
LIBRARY

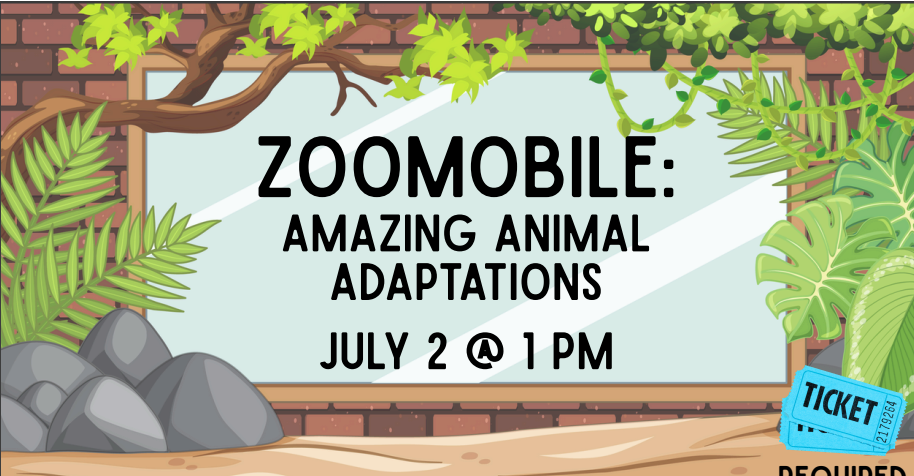
Keep reading  
and checking  
in for prizes  
until July 19!

**Do Art  
Productions**

**JULY 14 @ 3 PM**




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**ZOOMOBILE:  
AMAZING ANIMAL  
ADAPTATIONS**

**JULY 2 @ 1 PM**




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**Game Nights**

**Adults:**  
July 3 & 17  
@ 5:30 pm



**Family:**  
July 9  
@ 6 pm



## YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

### \*Youth Craft: Slime | Tue., July 1

Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm | Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

Come inside to cool off and make slime with us; it's a little messy and a lot of fun!

### Music & Movement Storytime

Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm; Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5

A place for little ones to explore music and movement as cornerstones of early literacy! Experiment together with songs, dances, and stories to develop foundational communication, music, literacy, and motor skills.

### Lego Club | Ages 4+

Thursdays @ 1-5 pm & 4th Saturdays (7/26) @ 1-3 pm

Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by during open hours to build a creation to put on display. New members are always welcome!

### Sign & Sing | Tue., July 8 & 22 @ 10:30 am | Ages 0-5

Join friends from Communication Junction for an ASL storytime with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

### Gaming-Themed Crafts | Sat., July 12 @ 1-3 pm

Make fun crafts based on your favorite games, including Pokémon, Sonic, & Minecraft! Registration encouraged.

### \*Lego Robotics Camp

July 14-16 @ 9 am-12 pm | Grades 5-8

This free 3-day camp provides an opportunity to learn basic coding and engineering design principles by designing and programming a robot for a Sumo Wrestling-like competition. Campers will be guided by high school members of local FIRST Robotics Team Robot Casserole and their mentors.

### \*Kids Cooking: Lemonade | Tue., July 15

Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm | Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

Did you know you can make this refreshing beverage in your own kitchen? We'll show you how!

### Tweens & Teens Retro Gaming Night

Wed., July 23 @ 6 pm | Ages 10-19

Throw it back with classic console games from before 2010! Bring a friend, come ready to play, and fuel up with pizza.

## Teen Programs | Teens Only

### Teen Craft: Slime | Wed., July 16 @ 3 pm

Who says only younger kids can play with slime? The same fun craft, but for teens.

## ALL AGES

### \*\*Zoomobile: Amazing Animal Adaptations

Wed., July 2 @ 1 pm | Find out how each animal has special tools and behaviors that help it level up to survive perfectly in its environment.

### Family Game Night | Wed., July 9 @ 6 pm

Come check out our collection of board games! Whether you want to try a new adventure or revisit a classic game, we have fun options for the whole family. Door prize donated by Just for Fun Games.

### \*\*Do Art Creative Assembly | Mon., July 14 @ 3 pm

Do Art brings interactive drawing, live music, comedy, juggling, a unicycle, and plenty of audience participation to this entertaining celebration of creativity!

### Junk in the Trunk

July 22 @ 9 am

Meet in the library parking lot with local homeschool families for a free exchange of homeschool books and educational resources!



### Summer Reading Celebration Pool Party

Sat., July 26 @ 10 am-12 pm | at Shore Acres Pool

Celebrate your reading achievements with a dip in the pool, followed by pizza at the pavilion! **Ticket from completion of Summer Reading Program required.**

*Sponsored by Chillicothe Park District & Casey's*

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., July 1 @ 6-7:30 pm | Dust off that guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. All ages are encouraged to come play, listen, and/or sing along.

### Knots of Fun | Wed., July 2 & 16 @ 3-5 pm

Stitch, chat, and create with us! All skill levels welcome. Bring a project (crochet, knitting, sewing, etc.), share tips, and enjoy some creative camaraderie. Facilitated by Amy Thompson of Evergreen Senior Living.

### Spanish Conversation Café

Wednesdays @ 3:45 pm | Practice your Spanish skills in casual conversation. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

### Adult Game Nights | July 3 & 17 @ 5:30-7:30 pm

Bring your friends or make new ones! On July 3, One for All Games will teach Magic: The Gathering, or you can play tabletop games from our collection. On July 17, Cabbages & Kings Games will offer a wide selection of games and instruction for any that are unfamiliar. Drop in any time. Snacks provided. Door prizes at every session, donated by Just for Fun Games.

## ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

### **\*Cooking around the World: India**

Thur., July 10 @ 6 pm | Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about Indian culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Visit [cpldcooking.weebly.com](http://cpldcooking.weebly.com) for recipes and photos from past programs.

**Accelerated Weeders** | Fridays @ 9-10 am  
Love to work in the garden? Come for an hour of camaraderie while helping to keep the library grounds beautiful. We'll supply tools and gloves, but you're welcome to bring your own. Can't come Friday mornings? Contact Catherine at 309-274-2719 or [cbarnett@chillipld.org](mailto:cbarnett@chillipld.org) to find a time to volunteer.

### **Press Play: Summer Movie Series**

Select Mondays @ 12 pm

#### **July 14—Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game**

(2022, NR, 1h 34m) Based on the true story of Roger Sharpe, a GQ journalist and real-life pinball wizard who, in 1976, helped overturn NYC's 35-year ban on pinball.

#### **July 28—Arthur the King**

(2024, PG-13, 1h 47m) In 10 days and 435 miles, a pro adventure racer forms a bond with a scrappy street dog named Arthur. As his team of fellow athletes are pushed to the limits of endurance in the Adventure Racing World Championship, Arthur redefines loyalty, friendship, and the meaning of victory. Based on a true story.

### **Dementia Caregiver Support Group**

Tue., July 15 @ 5 pm

This monthly support group, led by an Alzheimer's Association-trained volunteer, offers a chance for caregivers to develop support, learn about dementia, and build problem-solving skills. Open to caregivers and others who have loved ones with dementia. Call 800-272-3900 or visit [bit.ly/3MtEUcp](http://bit.ly/3MtEUcp) to register.

### **Books & Brew** | Tue., July 15 @ 6:30 pm

Enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bev.

#### **When the Emperor Was Divine, by Julie Otsuka**

A Japanese American family is forced into an incarceration camp in 1942. Two years later, they return to find their old neighborhood unfamiliar and inhospitable. Five points of view convey the emotional texture of their experiences.

### **Volunteer Opportunity** | Wed., July 16 @ 9 am-12 pm

Help restore the Root Cemetery! Dress for the weather and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Water, tools, and work gloves provided. Meet at Root Cemetery, a mile NW of Chillicothe on Ratcliffe Rd. For info, contact Dave Pittman at 309-573-2354 or [dvdgpittman@gmail.com](mailto:dvdgpittman@gmail.com).

### **\*What the Tech?! | Select Wednesdays @ 11 am** **July 16—QR Code Treasure Hunt**

Learn what QR codes are and how to scan them using your smartphone, then use your knowledge to participate in a treasure hunt!

### **July 30—Organize & Delete Email**

Learn how to declutter your inbox by organizing your emails with labels/folders and deleting what you no longer need. Make sure you know your email address and password so you can log in to your account at the library. Need help? Call to make a 1-on-1 appointment ahead of the program.

### **Bingo!** | Wed., July 23 @ 1 pm

Join us for some rousing rounds of Bingo, plus prizes and snacks.

### **Concert: The River Valley Big Band**

Sat., July 19 | *at Shore Acres Clubhouse*

The River Valley Big Band brings traditional big band sound to music from the 1920s through today.

1:15 pm—Beginners East Coast Swing dance lesson (optional)

2-4 pm—Concert (listeners & dancers welcome)

*Sponsored by Jon Young Dance, Inc. and Chillicothe Park District*

### **Book Sale**

Fri., Jul 25 @ 9 am-4 pm & Sat., Jul 26 @ 9 am-3 pm

Books, media, and more, just \$0.25 each.

Want to volunteer? Call Lisa: 309-274-2719.

### **Remember When...**

Fri., July 25 @ 1:30 pm | *at Evergreen Senior Living*

Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. This month, we'll talk about summertime.

### **\*Let's Taco 'bout It: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles—Transportation Now & Next**

Tue., July 29 @ 6 pm

From taxis to cargo ships to personal cars, learn about current vehicle trends, technologies, and innovations being developed around the world. Rich Radochia, a retired structural engineer with 41 years in the power generation industry, will be behind the wheel. Tacos served, courtesy of Taco Bell. Register to let us know you'd like a taco.



#### **\*Registration Required**

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit [bit.ly/3uX9G4w](http://bit.ly/3uX9G4w) to register.

#### **\*\*Ticket Required**

Pick up a free ticket at the library or call 309-274-2719.



**VISION:** Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

**MISSION:** The library enriches lives, builds community and encourages success by bringing people, information, and ideas together.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### \*Youth Craft: Friendship Bracelets

Tue., Aug 5 | Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm & Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm

Celebrate National Friendship Day (Aug 3) by making friendship bracelets at the library! Bring a friend or make new ones while you're here.

### \*What the Tech?! Generative AI Basics

Wed., Aug 6 @ 11 am

Explore some AI tools for text and image generation, and get tips for using them.

### \*Youth Cooking: Chocolate Chip Cookies

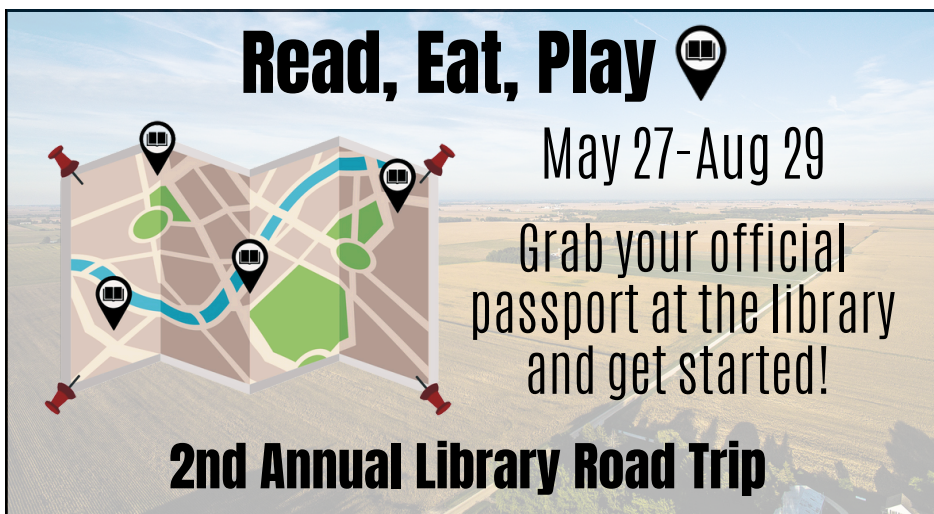
Tue., Aug 19 | Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm & Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm


Learn how to make classic, delicious chocolate chip cookies!

### Live at the Library: emily the band

Sat., Aug 23 @ 2 pm

Enjoy indie-alt pop anthems at the library from emily the band, a three-piece queer girl group, based in Illinois!



**Read, Eat, Play** 

May 27-Aug 29

Grab your official passport at the library and get started!

**2nd Annual Library Road Trip**



**EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS**

**PLAN YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!**



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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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or visit [chillipld.org](http://chillipld.org).

Keep up with us on social media!




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>All Month:</b> Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt - new every week!	<b>1</b> *Youth Craft: Slime Ages 10-14 @ 2:45 pm Ages 6-9 @ 4 pm 6 pm Old-Time Folk & Country Jam	<b>2</b> **1 pm Zoomobile 3-5 pm Knots of Fun 3:45 pm Spanish Conv. 5:30 pm Music & Movement	<b>3</b> 1-5 pm Lego Club 5:30-7:30 pm Adult Game Night	<b>4</b> LIBRARY CLOSED	<b>5</b>	
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