

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Summer Celebration

Sat., June 6 @ 12-2 pm

Grab your sunhat and water bottle and celebrate summer with us! Live music by the Water Street Stompers (co-sponsored by CEFCU), emergency vehicle interactions, face painting, art activity, bubbles, honey bee products & info, and more. Food and ice cream available for purchase. While you're here, sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge!

*Paws to Read

Mon., June 15 @ 2 pm

The Paws to Read program helps children develop their literacy skills by reading to specially trained therapy dogs. The children have fun petting a furry friend while improving their reading skills and boosting their self-esteem. Limited spots available, please call 309-274-2719 to register.



SUMMER READING 2026

Plant a seed, read

Registration opens May 26

Visit bit.ly/cpld26 for program dates and information.



Are you looking for a way to give back?
Consider donating to the library!

Information at chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations

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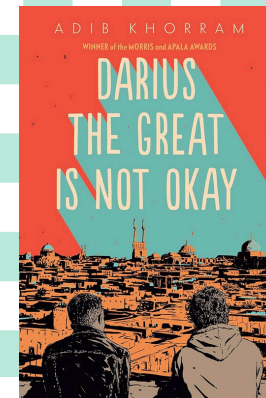
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T, W, Th: 9 am-8 pm
Sat: 9 am-4 pm

Sign up for our e-newsletter at chillipld.org.

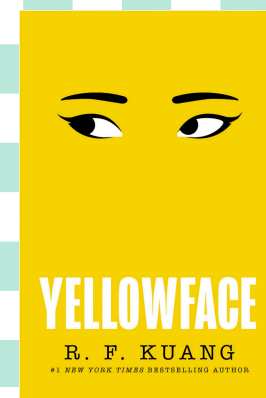
Keep up with us on social media!



Book Clubs



Read the Rainbow
May 8 @ 3 pm | Teens



Books & Brew
May 12 @ 6:30 pm | Adults



Graphic Novel Club
May 22 @ 3 pm | Ages 9-13




Live at the Library
The Nathan Taylor Band
May 9 @ 2 pm



**My Mother's Story:
Holocaust Survivor
Irene Kahn Poll**

May 28 @ 6 pm



**A Year in the
Life of a Beehive
with Luke Harvey**

May 20 @ 6 pm

Lego Robotics Open House
May 23 @ 10 am-12 pm

Learn about Lego robotics,
no experience necessary!
5th-8th Grade



YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Scavenger Hunt

Find all the clues hiding around the children's area of the library to earn a prize! New scavenger hunts are posted every other week.

Music & Movement Storytime

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 skills in music, motor skills, literacy, and communication.

Youth Craft: DIY crayons

Tue., May 5 @ 3:30 pm | **Ages 6-14**

Recycle old crayons into new ones in fun shapes and color combinations!

Half-day Hangout

Wed., May 6 @ 10:45 am | **Ages 8-18**

Looking for somewhere to hang out when school gets out early? Come chill at the library! We will have coloring pages, board games, and snacks available.

Lego Club

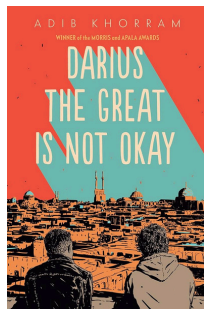
Thu. @ 3-5 pm & 4th Sat (5/23) @ 1-3 pm | **Ages 4+**

Bring your friends and your imagination—we'll provide the Legos! Stop by anytime during our open hours to build a creation to put on display in the library lobby. New members are always welcome—no registration needed.

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., May 8 @ 3 pm | **Teens**

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!



Homeschool Library Hour

Mon., May 11 @ 1 pm | **All ages**

Join us to connect with other homeschoolers in the community and explore the resources the library has to offer to support your family's educational journey!

Sign & Sing

Tue., May 12 & 26 @ 10:30 am | **Ages 0-5**

Join our friends from Communication Junction for an ASL story time filled with stories, songs, movement, and bubbles!

Kids Cooking: Garden Flower Graham Crackers

Tue., May 19 @ 3:30 pm | **Ages 8-14**

Make a piece of springtime art that's also a healthy snack!

Chess Club

Wed., May 20 @ 3:30 pm | **2nd-8th Graders**

Do you like to play chess? Come practice with other kids at the library! All skill levels welcome.



Tween Graphic Novel Club

Fri., May 22 @ 3 pm | **Ages 9-13**

Each month, we will read and discuss a different graphic novel. Bring a friend or make some new ones! This month's book will be *Stargazing* by Jen Wang. Copies are available at the circulation desk.

Lego Robotics Open House

Sat., May 23 @ 10 am-12 pm | **5th-8th graders**

Interested in learning about Lego robotics? Stop by during our monthly open house to try out building and coding with Lego's newest robotics kit! No experience necessary.

Storytime @ Wheels O' Time Museum

Thu., May 28 @ 11-11:50 am

Join us at the Wheels O' Time Museum for a free storytime!

Movie: *Minari*

Mon., May 4 @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack. (2021, PG-13, 1h 55m) A tender and sweeping story about what roots us, *Minari* follows a Korean-American family that moves to an Arkansas farm. Amidst the instability and challenges of this new life, their home changes completely with the arrival of their grandmother.

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., May 5 @ 6 pm

Dust off your guitar, fiddle, banjo, or other acoustic instrument and bring it to the library for a jam session on 1st Tuesdays. Come play, listen, and/or sing along!

ADULT PROGRAMS

***What the Tech?!** | Select Wednesdays at 11 am

May 6: Computer Basics

Learn how to navigate the Windows desktop, open & close applications, and resize & move windows.

May 27: File Management

Learn how to save and delete files and manage and organize files and folders.

Knots of Fun

Wed., May 6 & 20 @ 3 pm

Bring your crochet, knitting, sewing, or other project, 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 Night

Thu., May 7 @ 5:30-7:30 pm

Bring your friends or come make new ones, as you play an assortment of tabletop games from the library's collection. Snacks provided.

Live at the Library: The Nathan Taylor Band

Sat., May 9 @ 2 pm

From classic roots songs and delta blues to early jazz and Nathan Taylor originals, the band offers soulful spins on the old styles, transporting listeners to simpler times.

Adult Craft: Origami Cranes

Mon., May 11 @ 11 am

Learn how to fold a classic paper crane. Registration appreciated.

Books & Brew

Tue., May 12 @ 6:30 pm

Discuss books while enjoying the company of other readers and your favorite brew. We'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs.

***Yellowface*, by R. F. Kuang:** Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American—in this chilling novel that satirizes the publishing industry and grapples with questions of appropriation and the alienation of social media.

Bingo!

Wed., May 13 @ 1 pm

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

*Cooking around the World: Pakistan

Thu., May 14 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about world culture and cuisine and sample some recipes! Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., May 19 @ 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 to register.

*Babel-On with R.F. Kuang

Wed., May 20 @ 7 pm

Online: register at bit.ly/ILPKuang

Late registrations (after 5 pm on May 19) will have access to the recording after the event.

R.F. Kuang's genre-bending fiction broaches ordinarily serious topics from a satirical and fantastical perspective. Her most recent novel, *Katabasis*, joins her other bestselling titles, *Yellowface*, *Babel*, and *The Poppy War* trilogy. *This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.*

A Year in the Life of a Beehive

Wed., May 20 @ 6 pm

Celebrate World Bee Day with beekeeper Luke Harvey (Riverview Road Apiary), as we explore life inside a honey bee hive.

*Let's Taco 'bout It: Journalism & Public Media in 2026

Tue., May 26 @ 6 pm

What sets public media apart from commercial outlets? Why does local journalism matter? Hear from WCBU's Eric Stock (News Director) and Lauren Warnecke (Deputy News Director) about how public media works and the mission that drives organizations like WCBU. Tacos courtesy of Taco Bell.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wed., May 27 @ 12-5 pm

For appointments, call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org/give.

My Mother's Story: Holocaust Survivor Irene Kahn Poll

Thu., May 28 @ 6 pm | Adults & teens

Faye Schulz describes the life of her mother in a story of discrimination, courage, luck, and rescue during the 1930s and 40s in Germany and France. She honors Irene's struggle and the people who saved her life as she hid from Nazi persecution.

Remember When...

Fri., May 29 @ 1:30 pm

Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. This month we'll chat about animals and pets.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Navigating Political Conversations with Braver Angels

Sat., May 2 @ 11am-12:30pm

Tired of polarization? Sick of political rancor and division? There is another way. Braver Angels is a group dedicated to promoting civil discourse and productive conversations across differences. Learn more in this introductory presentation. Walk-ins welcome.

Up next: "Depolarizing Ourselves," a workshop on June 13. Registration required.



*Registration Required

Scan the QR code, call 309-274-2719, or visit bit.ly/3uX9G4w to register, or join the wait list.