

VISION: Read. Learn. Share. Grow.

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

CHAPTERS

LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Founding Gardeners: Jefferson, Washington, Adams, & Madison | Wed., Jul 1 @ 5:30 pm

In this family program (Kindergarten-adult), meet the presidents who shaped a nation through gardening. Kids enjoy a story and craft, while adults consider how agriculture influenced early American ideas. Together, assemble a Founders' Garden mural and reflect on the democratic "seeds" we're planting now. Presented by Master Gardener Holly Teig. Register by June 28 at bit.ly/3uX9G4w or call 309-274-2719.

Interactive Farm Day

Fri., Jul 17 @ 10 am - 12pm

Bring the family and explore Barnyard Discoveries Petting Zoo, a variety of tractors, and an activity with 4H! Kona Ice will be on hand with refreshments for purchase. Registration appreciated.

Live at the Library:

LaQuisha Burries-Finn & Friends

Sat., Jul 18 @ 2 pm

LaQuisha Burries-Finn is best known for her soulful, jazz-infused, bluesy gospel sound and powerful vocal performances. Together with her live band and background vocalists, Laquisha creates an atmosphere that inspires and uplifts.



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M, F: 9 am-5 pm

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Sat: 9 am-4 pm

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Keep up with us on social media!




SUMMER READING 2026

Plant a Seed, read

June 7 - July 18
All ages—adults, too!
Join us for a Summer Celebration on June 6!



Scan for all the Summer Reading information!



EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Free and discounted tickets to fun, local museums, sporting events, zoos, & more with your library card! Visit bit.ly/3R9MU6y to get started!



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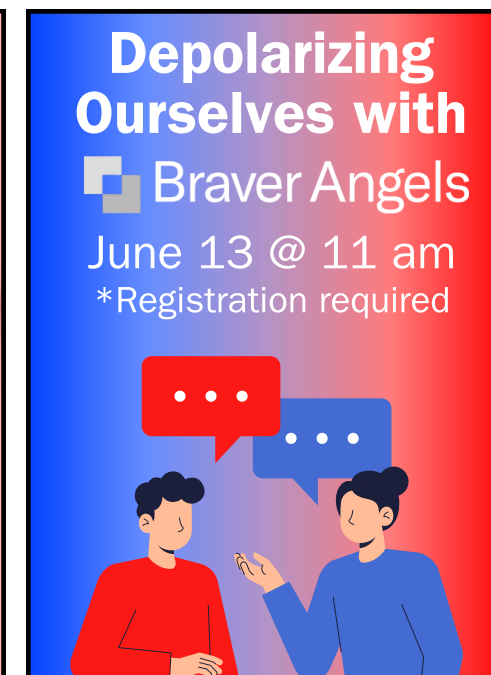
Information at chillicothepubliclibrary.org/donations



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PAWS TO READ

JUNE 15 @ 2 PM
***CALL TO REGISTER**



Depolarizing Ourselves with Braver Angels

June 13 @ 11 am
*Registration required



WHIZ BANG SCIENCE SHOW

June 18 @ 5:30 pm
*Registration required

YOUTH PROGRAMS | Families are welcome at youth programs.

Youth Craft: Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Tue., June 2 @ 3:30 pm | Ages 6-14

Don't have a green thumb? You can still make some pretty flowers to keep inside your house!

Chess Club

Wed., June 3 & 17 @ 3:30 pm | 2nd-8th grade

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

Lego Club

Every Thu. @ 2-5 pm, 4th Sat. (6/27) 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.

*Chilli Bots Workshop

Every Thu. @ 5-6:30 pm (except 6/18) | 5th-8th grade Practice your coding and building skills with Lego Robotics projects. Limited space, registration required.

Music & Movement Storytime

Fridays @ 10 am | Ages 0-5

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

Sign & Sing

Tue., June 9 & 23 @ 10:30 am-11 am | Ages 0-5

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

*Chilli Bots Jr.

Wed., June 10 @ 4-5 pm | 3rd-4th grade

Get started learning about the Lego Robotics tools used by the Chilli Bots FIRST Lego League Team. Limited space, registration required.

*Paws to Read

Mon., June 15 @ 2 pm | All ages

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 space, please call to register.



*Family Reading & Kneading Night

Wed., June 17 @ 5:30 pm | All ages

Learn to make your own pizza! Make the dough, enjoy storytime while the dough rises, then build your own pizza to take and bake in your home oven.

*Whiz Bang Science Show

Thu., June 18 @ 5:30 pm | All ages

Dr. Dave will present an engaging and surprising show about the world of dinosaurs! The presentation will explore several fascinating topics, including the initial discovery of dinosaurs, how scientists learn so much about them, what caused their extinction, and the impact they have had on our world.

Storytime at Wheels O' Time Museum

Thu., June 25 @ 11 am

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

Tween Graphic Novel Club

Fri., June 26 @ 3 pm | Ages 9-13

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!

Lego Robotics Open House

Sat., June 27 @ 10 am-12 pm | 5th-8th grade

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

TEENS

Teen Craft: Dip Dye Succulent Pots

Tue., June 9 @ 3 pm

These flowerpots are practical, pretty, and easy to make!

Read the Rainbow Book Club

Fri., June 12 @ 3 pm

A space for teens to read and discuss books from a wide range of perspectives. This month's book will be *Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh. Come ready to discuss and bring a friend!



ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Summer Celebration | Sat., June 6 @ 12-2 pm

Live music by the Water Street Stompers (co-sponsored by CEFCU), emergency vehicle interactions, face painting, art activity, bubbles, honey bee products & information, and more. Food and ice cream available for purchase.

Summer Reading: Plant a Seed, Read! | June 7-July 18

All ages—adults, too! Read a little bit each day to earn weekly prizes, and complete all six weeks to qualify for the pool & pizza party, free book, and grand prize drawing! New this year: special prizes and parties for teens and adults. Learn more and register at bit.ly/cpld26 or the library.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Old-Time Folk & Country Jam

Tue., June 2 @ 6-7:30 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!

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

June 3—Intro to AI: Learn about some of the ways we encounter AI in our daily lives, and get tips for engaging with it safely and effectively.

June 17—Internet Basics: Learn about search engines, the internet & navigating around websites.

Knots of Fun

Wed., June 3 & 17 @ 3-5 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 welcome.

Movies | Select Mondays @ 12 pm

Popcorn served; feel free to bring your own snack.

June 8—*The Secret Garden* (1993, G, 1h 41m)

In this classic novel adaptation, an orphaned girl is sent to live with her uncle and begins to discover the magic—and secrets—that surround her.

June 22—*The Martian* (2015, PG-13, 2h 21m)

Left alone on Mars after a mission goes awry, an astronaut must create a habitat where he can survive.

*Digging Deeper into Your Roots:

Genealogy 101 | Tue., June 9 @ 6 pm

Curious about your family history but unsure where to start? This session introduces genealogy basics: how to begin your family tree, locate key records, and organize your findings. Whether tracing your ancestry or preserving family stories, you'll gain essential tools to start your journey. No experience needed.

Bingo! | Wed., June 10 @ 1 pm

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

*Cooking around the World: Seeds

Thu., June 11 @ 6 pm

Expand your horizons—and your palate—as you learn about cooking with seeds and sample some recipes! Recipes from past programs at cpldcooking.weebly.com.



*Registration Required

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*Depolarizing Ourselves

Sat., June 13 @ 11 am-1 pm

A main source of political polarization is the way people who share the same politics talk to one another about "the other." In this workshop with Braver Angels, you'll learn to spot your own polarizing approach and how to start having depolarizing conversations. Limited space, registration required.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Tue., June 16 @ 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. Register at 800-272-3900 or bit.ly/3MtEUcp.

Books & Brew | Tue., June 16 @ 6:30 pm

Discuss books in the company of other readers and your favorite brew (we'll provide tea, coffee, and assorted adult bevs). This month's book is *The Seed Keeper*, by Diane Wilson. Follow a Dakhóta family's struggle to preserve their way of life and their sacrifices to protect what matters most, over several generations.

Remember When...

Fri., June 19 @ 1:30 pm | at Evergreen Senior Living Take a stroll down memory lane and reminisce about different topics each month. This month: memories about seeds and planting.

Seed Saving for Beginners

Tue., June 23 @ 6:30 pm

Learn what heirloom seeds are and how to effectively grow and save them to plant again next year! Presented by Keith Crotz, avid gardener and former Seed Savers Exchange board chairman.

*Adult Craft: Seed Mosaics

Wed., June 24 @ 11 am | Use these botanical jewels to create an earthy and whimsical piece of art.

Beyond Honeybees: Pollinators of Central IL | Thu., June 25 @ 6 pm

Celebrate National Pollinator Week by learning about the many pollinators in our region, why they're important, and how you can help them, with Luke Harvey (Riverview Road Apiary).

*Let's Taco 'bout It: Making Bioproducts from Seeds | Tue., June 30 @ 6 pm

Dr. DeMichael Winfield of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research will discuss how seeds from Midwest crops can be used to make lubricants, biodiesel, polymers, and more. Learn about the scientists behind the research and how this work impacts average citizens. Tacos courtesy of Taco Bell.

