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SUMMER READING 2025

BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

**Thank You to Our
Summer Reading Challenge Sponsors!**



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Babies & Tots

Join the summer reading challenge! Register via our online platform, use the log in this newsletter, or pick up a log in the Youth Services Department. Each child will receive prizes after completing the reading challenge while supplies last.

Adult, Teen & Youth

Register via our online platform, use the log in this newsletter, or pick up a log at the library. Each participant will receive halfway and completion prizes, and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

Thank You to Our Summer Reading Challenge Sponsors!

The Bartlett Public Library District extends a heartfelt thank you to all of our generous sponsors who donated prizes for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Your support will play a vital role in encouraging readers of all ages to dive into books, explore new worlds, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Thanks to your contributions, we will be able to offer exciting rewards that will help make this program a fun and inspiring success. We truly appreciate your partnership and commitment to our community!





Name: _____

☐ Adult ☐ Teen (GRADE 7 - 12)

☐ Youth (AGE 3 to GRADE 6)

Grade/School: _____

Staff Only:

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Level up your reading this summer! Earn a prize at the halfway point, and if you finish all 10 hours, you'll unlock another prize and enter our grand prize drawings!

Log Online!

Bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com



0.5 hr Game On!	1 hr	1.5 hr	2 hr	2.5 hr
3 hr	3.5 hr	4 hr	4.5 hr	5 hr Halfway!
5.5 hr	6 hr	6.5 hr	7 hr	7.5 hr
8 hr	8.5 hr	9 hr	9.5 hr	10 hr Endgame!



Name: _____

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BABIES & TOTS
NEWBORN - 35 MONTHS



Little learners, big rewards! Complete emergent literacy activities and level up with a prize just for babies and toddlers!

Log Online!
Bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com

Read together	Look at a book & talk about the pictures	Playtime!	Read a nursery rhyme	Sing a song
Count together	Look at a book & talk about the pictures	Talk about the things you see on a walk	Read a book about colors	You & your child turn the pages of a board book
Playtime!	Read a nursery rhyme	Read a book about shapes	Sing or say the alphabet	Read an alphabet book

Bartlett Public Library District

Summer Event Guide



**Come see the Library in the
Bartlett Lions Club Independence Day Parade**
Saturday, July 5 | 10:00 AM

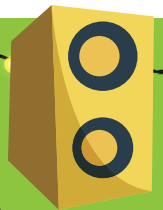
This long lasting tradition is held during the festival weekend. It includes horses, floats, fire engines, bands, Shriners, Community Groups, and much more. Come on out and enjoy this family friendly event!



Parade Route:
Oak Ave. from North Ave. south to Railroad Ave.
Railroad Ave. from Oak Ave. to Main St.
Main St. from Railroad Ave. to Devon Ave / South Bartlett Rd.
South Bartlett Rd. from Main St. to Stearns Rd.



**Sponsored by the Bartlett Fourth of July Committee, NFP
Hosted by the Bartlett Lion's Club**



Concerts on the Lawn Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Join us for a night of music and fun!

Kick off the season at our Summer Family Concerts on the Lawn at BPLD! Feel free to use one of our chairs or bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and your favorite people for an evening of great tunes, community vibes, and summer memories in the making. All ages welcome—don't miss out!

Saddle Shoe Sisters

Wednesday, July 23 | 7:00 PM

Lawn | Registration Required

Rain Location: Meeting Room

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Big Sky Ensemble

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END OF SUMMER READING CELEBRATION!



End of Summer Reading Celebration!

Saturday, Aug. 2 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Chris Fascione's Juggling and Storytelling
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

All Ages | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for our End of Summer Reading Celebration at the library—a fun-filled event to wrap up a season of great books and big adventures! We're bringing in the excitement with a gaming truck, a thrilling inflatable slide, and games and treats for the whole family. Don't miss a special performance by the one and only Chris Fascione, whose juggling and storytelling will amaze and delight. It's the perfect way to celebrate a summer well-read—see you there!

Book Discussions

Mystery Readers

Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ June 5 | *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

■ July 3 | *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

■ Aug. 7 | *The Golden Spoon* by Jessa Maxwell

Booklite

Third Thursdays | 7:00 PM | JC's Mexican Restaurant

■ June 19 | *Purple Hibiscus*
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

■ July 17 | *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*
by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

■ Aug. 21 | *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick



Non-Fiction

Last Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ June 25 | *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson

■ July 30 | *First Principles: What America's Founders Learned from the Greeks and Romans and How That Shaped Our Country* by Thomas E. Ricks

■ Aug. 27 | *A Kim Jong-Il Production: The Extraordinary True Story of a Kidnapped Filmmaker, His Star Actress, and a Young Dictator's Rise to Power* by Paul Fischer

Thursday Morning

Last Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room

■ June 26 | *The Girls* by Emma Cline

■ July 31 | *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

■ Aug. 28 | *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

Adult Programs

Adult Book Bag

Monday, June 2 | 9:00 AM | Ongoing

Looking for your next great read? We're here to help! Register via our online calendar to access a reading preferences survey. We will select a book for you that we think you'll love! In addition, you will receive some goodies and a recommended reading list. Register once for a three month session. Book Bag pickup dates will start June 20, July 18, and August 15.

Space is limited.

Cold Case

Registration Dates:

Mondays | June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4 | 9:00 AM

Do you have what it takes to step into the shoes of a detective? Once registered, drop by the Adult Services desk to receive your confidential murder case file packed with clues, suspects, and evidence. Your mission? Solve the crime before the end of the month! Those who solve correctly will receive a prize! *Space is limited. Virtual-only spots are also available!*

Genealogy Group

Second Wednesdays | June 11, July 9 and Aug. 13
10:30 AM | The Hub | Drop-In

Building your family tree? Come learn from and share your knowledge with other genealogists in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Beginner to experienced genealogists welcome.



Bulbs for Summer

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Bulbs are not just for spring. We often forget that there are a number of bulbs that provide beauty in summer. In this program, horticulturist Sharon Yiesla will teach you all about caring for bulbs such as calla lilies, dahlias, elephant ears, and caladiums during the summer months.

Castles of Europe

Thursday, June 19 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Faye Levin-O'Leary for a fascinating tour of Europe's castles, including the one they once called home and many others they explored.



Decarbonizing Your Home

Tuesday, June 24 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

The Citizens Utility Board will dive into ways renters and homeowners can access energy efficiency and cost saving programs and appliances. During this presentation you will receive information on building decarbonization, heat pumps and induction stoves, free programs designed to save you energy and money, and more.



*Allergy Alert: Please note that some programs will utilize food items.



Adult Programs

America's Purpose Statement: The Declaration of Independence

Wednesday, July 2 | 6:30 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join Historian Barry Bradford for an exciting and thought-provoking multimedia presentation on the creation and legacy of the Declaration of Independence.

Plant Swap

Saturday, July 12 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Drop-In](#)

Calling all houseplant enthusiasts! Bring any type of plant that you would like to trade for a different plant. Plants will be available while supplies last.

The History of Sherlock Holmes

Tuesday, July 15 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Learn the true story of Sherlock Holmes, presented by British expat and former London Blue Badge tour guide John Gowing. Sherlock Holmes has captured the imagination of readers since his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Come learn about how he was created and how he evolved through the stories.



Trash or Treasure Antique Appraisal

Wednesday, July 16 | 6:30 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Trash? Treasure? Professional appraiser Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques will discuss current trends in the antique markets and offer a suggested value of your antiques. The first 40 registrants to sign up will have one hand-held item appraised. Only one item per household. **Please no firearms, Native American, or Oriental items.** Registration is required for spectators regardless of whether you have an item being appraised.

The Life of Johnny Carson

Monday, July 28 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Johnny Carson's birth. Historical Presenter Jim Gibbons will take you into the life of "The King of Late-Night Television." In addition to hosting *The Tonight Show*, he was also a producer, comedian, radio host and was inducted into the Television Academy Hall of Fame.

Board Game Night

Thursday, July 31 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join us for a night of open gaming with fellow board game enthusiasts! We'll have a selection of games to choose from, or you can bring your own to share with the group. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have some fun, everyone is welcome. Come play, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxed evening at the library!

Hive Talkin'

Wednesday, Aug. 6 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join local beekeeper Konni Vukelic of Three Bees for a one-of-a-kind interactive presentation on bees and how they impact us and the world at large.

Don't Forget! – The Science of Memory

Tuesday, Aug. 12 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join us on an exciting voyage of discovery as we uncover the mysteries of human memory. William Pack will guide you through this interactive presentation. Explore why we can't always trust our memory and learn helpful tips on how to improve it.

I-PASS On-Demand

Sunday, Aug. 17 | 12:30 – 4:30 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Drop-In](#)

Representatives from the Illinois Tollway will be at the library offering I-PASS On Demand services. Visitors can stop by without an appointment to receive their I-PASS sticker tag (replacing the old transponders), get help with account management, learn about Pay By Plate, and find out more about I-PASS Assist.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, Aug. 23 | 1:00 PM

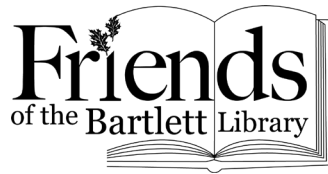
[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Think you've got what it takes to piece together victory? Join our Jigsaw Puzzle Competition for a night of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition! Teams will race against the clock to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in under two hours — the fastest team wins! Please visit our calendar of events for full details.



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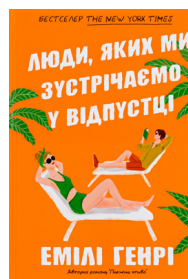
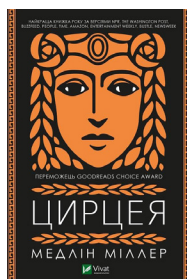
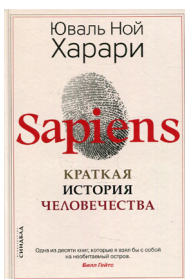
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New Russian and Ukrainian Books!

We're thrilled to expand our world literature collection with newly added Russian and Ukrainian fiction and non-fiction titles at the Bartlett Public Library District. From contemporary voices to classic storytelling, these books offer a rich reading experience. Available now on our shelves!



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Creativity Begins Here

Knit & Stitch

First and Third Sundays

June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20 and Aug. 3 & 17

1:00 PM | West Conference Room | Drop-In

Whether you knit, crochet, or embroider, the Knit & Stitch Club is for you. Bring your supplies and join a fun group to craft and chat together.



Bartlett Creative Writers

Tuesdays | June 3, July 1 and Aug. 5

6:30 PM | Meeting Room | Drop-in

Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another's work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and to share writing tips. For writers of all levels age 18 and older.

Reading Journals

Thursday, June 12 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get ready to kick off summer reading by making a Reading Journal. Materials will be provided.



Book Letter Art

Sunday, June 15 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create a unique decorative craft out of old books and wooden letters! Use of a hot glue gun will be required for the completion of the craft. Materials will be provided.

Tassel Garland

Thursday, June 26 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get ready for summer with some new room decor. Get ready to make a colorful tassel garland and get ready to party all summer long.

Journal and Planner Party

Sunday, July 13 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

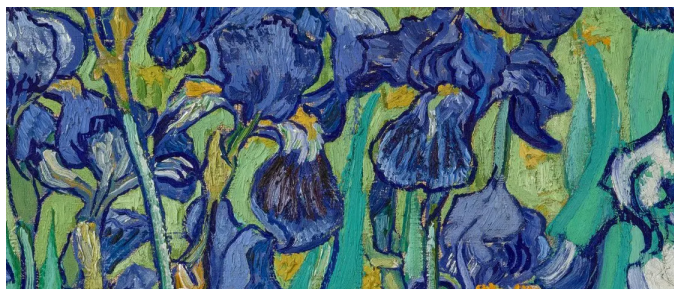
Get ready to update your journal and calendar with your schedule of upcoming events. There will be markers, stickers, washi tape, and stencils for participants to use.

Drawing the Iris

Saturday, July 26 | 12:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn why artists such as Monet and Van Gogh were fascinated by the iris as a subject for painting as you create your own memorable iris botanical drawing using both colored and watercolor pencils. In this class led by artist Denise Laurin, you will learn the anatomy of the iris for accurate drawing, basic techniques for mastering the medium, and color theory for rendering color and value. Materials will be provided.



To Be Read (TBR) Book Jar

Thursday, Aug. 14 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Do you have a lot of books on your To Be Read (TBR) list? Come make a book jar and keep track of the books that you want to read. Please have a list of the books that you would like to read.

Mod Podge Magnets

Sunday, Aug. 24 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Make your fridge fabulous with Mod Podge magnets—tiny masterpieces you can stick anywhere!



COMING THIS SUMMER!



The Bartlett Public Library District and the Tri-Village Garden Club are partnering to bring you a seed library. Located in the Adult Services Department, this self-serve seed exchange will help with all of your gardening needs. Drop in anytime during library hours to utilize the seed library. Don't forget to bring harvested seeds to help the collection grow!



Online Programs

Resume Review

Wednesdays | June 18 and Aug. 20

6:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM

[Zoom](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Participate in a 30-minute individual virtual resume review session with the People's Resource Center. Receive expert, personalized feedback and advice to enhance your resume and optimize your job search. Available session times include two slots at 6:30 PM, two slots at 7:00 PM, and two slots at 7:30 PM.

Are You LinkedIn?

Wednesday, Aug. 6 | 7:00 PM

[Zoom](#) | [Registration Required](#)

How to leverage the social networking site LinkedIn to enhance your job search and create results. Presented by People's Resource Center.

The History of Carole King

Tuesday, Aug. 26 | 7:00 PM

[Zoom](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Released in 1971, Carole King's album *Tapestry* was #1 for 4 months and stayed on the album chart for over 6 years! Music historian Gary Wenstrup will present the story of a young, earnest songwriter whose mix of gently rocking pop, folk and soul music touched and warmed us all.



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Virtual Tuesday Trivia

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Virtual Live Game | 7:00 PM | [Replay Link posted at 7:30 PM](#)

Links to trivia games will be posted through the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as the online calendar.

■ June 3 | Video Games

■ June 17 | The 1950s

■ July 1 | Board Games

■ July 15 | The 1960s

■ Aug. 5 | Sports

■ Aug. 19 | The 1970s

Featured Databases of the Month!

June

SCHOLASTIC Teachables

Get worksheets, lesson plans, games, and more for many subjects in any grade.

Only BPLD patrons remotely; anyone in-house.

July



This database offers over 5000 audio-picture books in 75 languages including American Sign Language, Spanish, Japanese, and Polish. Many of the books also include bilingual formats with activities and quizzes.

Funded by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

Only BPLD patrons remotely; anyone in-house.

August



Freegal allows patrons to stream and download music. Patrons can stream up to 4 hours of music a day and download 5 songs a week. You can keep your downloaded songs permanently.

To log in, patrons must have a valid Bartlett Library Card and a valid pin number.



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Teen Programs

Dungeons & Dragons: Session Zero

Saturday, June 7 | 1:00 PM

Teen Space | Registration Required

Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start? Have you played before, and have an idea for a character you want to try? Join us for a starter session where we go over the basics, create a character, and more!

Break-In Bags

Friday, June 13 | 9:00 AM

Adult Service Desk | Registration Required

Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test with our break-in bags! Think “escape room” but instead of breaking out, you gather clues to open the bag’s lock and get the loot. Keep all the goodies but return the lock and bag! *While supplies last.*

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament

Monday, June 16 | 3:00 PM

Teen Space | Registration Required

Join us for a fun, local Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament using the Library’s Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to top players.

Teen Book Bag

Monday, June 16 – Monday, June 23

Online | Registration Required

Want to find your next great read? Sign up for our Teen Book Bag! After you register, you will receive an email with a reading preferences survey. Each Teen Book Bag will contain a book as well as other goodies! Please email bpldteen@bartlettlibrary.org with any questions. Space is limited. Pick-up begins Wednesday, July 23.

Brush & Bloom Painting Workshop

Wednesday, June 25 | 1:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Colorful Smiles for a guided painting session where you’ll create a stunning artwork while enjoying a laid-back and social atmosphere. No experience necessary—just follow along and let your creativity flow!



Dungeons & Dragons Club

Saturdays | June 28, July 19 and Aug. 9 & 30

1:00 PM | Teen Space | Drop-In

Hear the call and join our cause as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons! Each quarter of the year is a new adventure. Attending Session Zero prior to the beginning of the campaign is encouraged but not required.

Resin Dice

Tuesday, July 8 | 5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

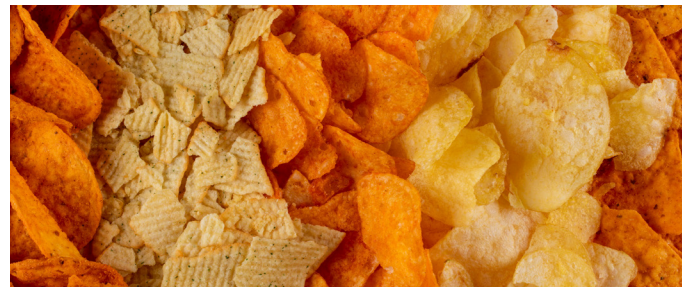
Use resin, glitter, and molds to create unique dice for all your tabletop gaming needs! Please note that resin needs 24 hours to set, and you will need to pick up the finished product the following day.

Potato Chip Taste Test A

Tuesday, July 22 | 4:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for the ultimate potato chip taste test! Participants will sample a variety of chips and put their taste buds to the test by guessing the unique flavors as well as voting for their favorite.



DIY Spa Kit A

Friday, Aug. 15 | All Day | Teen Space

Celebrate National Relaxation Day by creating a restful retreat at home! Each kit will provide materials and instructions to create your own spa experience. Some common household ingredients are not included and will need to be provided by the participant. *While supplies last.*

Soap-Making 101 A

Monday, Aug. 25 | 5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn how to make soap with Soapy Roads of Lombard. Perfect to give as a gift or keep for yourself!



Volunteer

VolunTEENs

Grades 7 – 12 | Application Required

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to apply to volunteer at the Bartlett Public Library District. Upon approval, teen volunteers will be eligible for in-person volunteering opportunities. Available volunteering opportunities will be posted on the BPLD event's calendar and will require volunteers to self-register.

Applications can be found by visiting the Teen Page of the Library's website. Applicants will receive an email regarding their application status within a week of applying. Space is very limited.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Mondays | June 9, July 14 and Aug. 11

6:00 PM | Teen Space | Registration Required

Create your space and earn volunteer hours! At TAG meetings, you will develop ideas to improve teen services, spaces, and collections. You'll also help create teen programs and participate in charitable initiatives. Attendees must be accepted into the VolunTEENs program prior to registration.



Teen Crafts

Teen Take & Makes ^A

Stop by the Teen Space and pick up one of our Teen Take & Makes while supplies last.

- Pick up on June 6 | Kool-Aid Lip Balm
- Pick up on July 11 | Transfer Print Portraits
- Pick up on Aug. 8 | Candy Sushi



REV'd up

TEEN READING CHALLENGE

Grades 7 - 12



April 2025 - February 2026

Get involved in the Illinois State book awards process in this yearlong teen reading challenge! The goal is to read three of the current Illinois State book award nominees from your grade level by the challenge deadline. If completed, you will receive a small prize bundle as well as be entered in a gift card drawing. Cast your official vote to help determine the next winner!

How it Works: Register on our digital platform, ReadSquared or pickup a booklet in the library to track your completed books and become eligible for completion prizes!

**Voting begins February 2026
for Caudill & Lincoln!**



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TEEN



Family Programs

(All Ages)

YOUTH



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Birth - 1st Day of Kindergarten

Learning to read begins long before a child enters kindergarten. This program, designed for children from birth to the first day of kindergarten, invites families to spend time together outside of the library fostering a love of reading, while gaining pre-literacy skills that are essential to reading success. Children receive prizes for every 100 books that are read to them, with a grand prize being a book to take home and having their picture taken for the "Wall of Fame." Pick up a log at the Library or register and track your progress online.

Book Button Club

Grades Kindergarten – Grade 8

Are you looking for a fun way to motivate your children to read different types of books? Sign up for our Book Button Club, open to students in grades K-8. Students can choose from 20 different categories of books. Collect one or all twenty custom-designed buttons! Stop by the Youth Services desk to register and pick up your reading log.



Take It & Make It Crafts

Ages 3 and up | Youth Services Department

Visit the Youth Services Department to pick up a small craft you can make at home. Crafts will be available on the 1st of each month while supplies last.

- June 1 | Origami Corner Bookmark
- July 1 | Paper Fireworks
- Aug. 1 | Animal Puppets

The Reading Adventure Trail

Sunday, June 1 – Monday, June 30

Ages 3 – 12 | Youth Services Department

Step into the Youth Services Department and become part of the game! In this life-size board game, you'll roll the dice, move around the Youth Services Department, and learn about different collections while completing fun challenges. Receive a prize once you've completed the game!

Drop-In Family Game Night

Tuesdays | June 3 and July 1 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Youth Services Department and play a variety of board games with your family! We will have plenty of games for everyone to share.

Summer Bingo

Thursday, June 12 | 11:00 – 11:45 AM

All Ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grab your favorite grown-up and join Mrs. Michelle for a fun-filled game of bingo!



Let's Celebrate Cats!

Monday, June 16 | All Day

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department to create a craft in honor of National Take Your Cat to Work Day! You might even spot some pictures of the library staff's cats! Crafts available while supplies last.

Sunny Side Up: Wendy & DB Concert

Monday, June 16 | 10:45 – 11:45 AM

All Ages | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grammy nominated Wendy and DB's live shows are always high-energy and very interactive. Dance moves and stories bring their original songs to life. With themes the whole family will love! Wendy and DB put a fresh spin on the blues in a modern style specially designed for kids and families.



Family Art Night

Tuesdays | June 17 and Aug. 19

6:30 – 7:30 PM | All Ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Michelle for an evening of collaborative art. Families will create a different art project together each month. Projects may involve materials that can stain clothing so please dress for an art mess. Please, register one time as a family and add children's ages to "Special Notes."

- June 17 | DIY Checkers Game
- Aug. 19 | Painted Coasters

Outdoor It's Grand Fun!

Friday, June 20 | 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Sunday, July 27 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Library Lawn | Registration Required

Rain Location: Meeting Room

All Ages with a caregiver. Grab your grandparent or another favorite grown-up and join Mrs. Michelle for a variety of fun outdoor games and activities!

**We will meet outside by the Butterfly Garden.*



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Family Programs

(All Ages)

All Ages Art

Mondays | June 23 and July 21 | 11:00 – 11:45 AM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

All Ages with caregiver. Join Mrs. Michelle for a fun art project that can be tailored for any age. We will be using acrylic paint and paint markers that can stain clothing so please dress for an art mess.

- **June 23 | Decorate a Flowerpot**
- **July 21 | DIY Tic Tac Toe Game**



Drop In Family LEGO Night

Tuesdays | June 24, July 22 and Aug. 26
7:00 – 8:00 PM | Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Youth Services Department and create a LEGO masterpiece! We will have plenty of LEGO building blocks set out for you to enjoy.



Fabulous 4th Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 2 | 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Youth Services Department

Come celebrate Independence Day by dropping in anytime between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM to participate in a 4th of July themed Scavenger Hunt. Those who successfully complete this fun activity will receive a prize at the Youth Services Desk!

National Junk Food Day!

Monday, July 21 | All Day | Youth Services Department

Do you love ice cream, pizza, potato chips? Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department to create a craft in honor of National Junk Food Day!

Juggling Funny Stories with Chris Fascione

Saturday, Aug. 2 | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
All Ages | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get ready for comedy, juggling and storytelling with Chris Fascione. Join us as we end the Summer Reading Challenge with fun and laughter.

Baby and Toddler Programs

Mommy & Me Meetup

Every Other Friday | 10:00 – 10:45 AM
June 6 & 20, July 3* & 18 and Aug. 1, 15, & 29

Being a mom doesn't come with a manual! Join us for a Mother to Mother support group for infants up to one year of age (Please no siblings above the age of one year). This group offers mothers of infants a casual and open space to chat and connect with other mothers, ask questions and seek advice, and build community by sharing the ups and downs of #momlife. *We will meet Thursday, July 3 due to the Independence Day Holiday.

Babies & Tots

Mondays | June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28 and Aug. 11
6:30 PM | Story Room

Tuesdays | June 3 - Aug. 5
10:00 AM | Meeting Room

Saturdays | June 28, July 19 and Aug. 9
10:00 AM | Story Room

Newborns through 35 months of age with caregiver

Join Mrs. Phyllis for Babies & Tots, which includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise and movement.



Preschool Programs

Storytime Station

Wednesdays | June 4, 11 & 18, July 2, 9 & 16
10:00 AM | Meeting Room

Preschool – 2nd grade with caregiver

All aboard the Storytime Station! Join our librarians as they share stories and songs. While the stories are geared towards the preschool age group, older and younger siblings are welcome to come.

Stories on the Lawn

Wednesdays | June 25 and July 23
10:00 AM | Library Lawn | Rain Location: Meeting Room

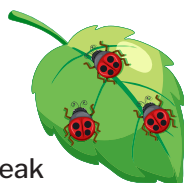
Bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy stories and songs outdoors on the Library lawn.

Bug Out of Summer!

Wednesday, Aug. 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Preschool - 2nd grade with caregiver

Help Mrs. Michelle close out summer break with a storytime and craft about bugs!



Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursdays | June 12 & 26, July 10 & 31
and Aug. 14 & 28 | 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Ages 2 - 6 with caregiver | Story Room | Drop-In

Shhh...it's bedtime. Put on your PJ's and enjoy soothing stories perfect before going to sleep. There will also be a visit from Little Mouse!

Read to the Rhythm Storytime

Saturday, Aug. 23 | 10:00 – 10:30 am
Story Room | Registration Required

Ages 2 – 6 with caregiver

Singing is a fun and easy way for young children to learn about language and musicality. Join Mrs. Rose to hear Summertime stories, sing, and march to the rhythm!



Elementary Programs

***Register your child for the grade they will enter in the Fall.**

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Sunday, June 1 – Thursday, July 31

Grades 1 – 5 | Youth Services Department

Children going to first through fifth grade this fall can participate in the Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest. This is an annual contest for elementary school children across the Nation that raises awareness of the importance of caring for the environment and preventing wildfires. Stop by the Youth Services desk to receive your contest packet. This contest is facilitated by the Tri-Village Garden Club and hosted by the Bartlett Public Library.

Young Artists: Ink & Watercolor Pollinators

Thursday, June 5 | 10:30 – 12:00 PM

Ages 8 – 13 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Terri Murphy as she inspires young artists. Bees, bats, butterflies or hummingbirds! Pick a pollinator and create art that is half grey-tones, and half in full color!

Chess Club

Thursdays | June 5 & 19, July 3, 17 & 31, Aug. 14 & 28

Grades 2 – 6 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM | Hub | Drop-In

Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Participants should know how the pieces move and the basics of the game.



Penny Boat Challenge

Friday, June 6 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 4 – 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Design your very own boat that can carry a cup of pennies without sinking! Prizes are available for those who can clear the challenge

Read to Rover

Tuesday, June 10 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Saturday, Aug. 16 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Grades 1 – 6 | Story Room | Registration Required



Reserve a unique “one-on-one” 15-minute appointment to read to a certified therapy dog. Space is limited. Register by phone or in person at the Youth Services Desk.

Board Games at the Library

Wednesdays | June 11, July 9, Aug 6 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

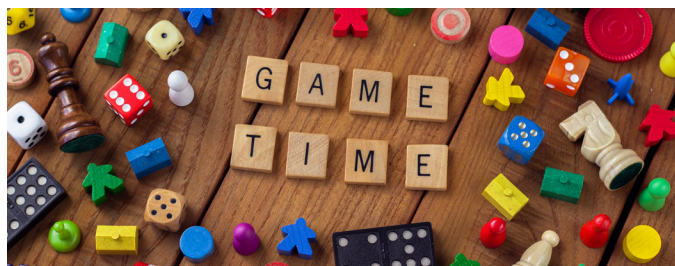
Grades 4 – 6 | The Hub | Registration Required

Play some board games at the library with others! Features one spotlighted game per month.

■ **June** | Ticket to Ride

■ **July** | Clue

■ **August** | Yahtzee



Summer Recess

Friday, June 13 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Grades K – 3 with care giver

Library Lawn | Registration Required

Rain Location: Meeting Room

Get ready to Level Up your summer fun with games and activities inspired by classic recess favorites! Enjoy an afternoon of movement, teamwork, and creativity.

Amazing Outdoor Art

Wednesdays | June 18 and July 16 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Grades K – 3 with caregiver

Library Lawn | Registration Required

Rain Location: Meeting Room

Come and create amazing outdoor art. Each month will feature a different exciting outdoor art project.

■ **June 18** | Bubble Art

■ **July 16** | Garden Windchime

LEGO Build-a-Thon

Wednesdays | June 18, July 23 and Aug. 20

Grades 4 – 6 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Make your very own LEGO around a different theme every month! Prizes will be awarded to those who are voted as the best in their categories.

■ **June 18** | Vehicles

■ **July 23** | Fantasy

■ **Aug. 20** | Sports



Elementary Programs

Life Size Chutes and Ladders

Thursday, June 19 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Grades K – 2 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Step into the game and become the playing piece in this giant version of Chutes and Ladders! Roll the dice, climb the ladders, and watch out for the chutes as you make your way to the finish.

Behind the Board: The Monopoly Story

Tuesday, June 24 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 2 – 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Come learn the cool story behind Monopoly in the book *Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented* by Tanya Lee Stone! After we read, you'll get to design your very own Monopoly game with new properties, pieces, and rules.

Travel the World Games

Thursday, June 26 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Grades 1 – 3 with caregiver

Library Lawn | Registration Required

Rain Location: Meeting Room

Embark on a global adventure through fun games from around the world! Discover new cultures and traditions as you play unique, international games.

Mario Kart Club

Fridays | June 27 and Aug. 29 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Grades 4 – 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for fun games of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every race.



Butterfly Garden Yoga & Tales

Mondays | June 30 and July 28 | 10:00 – 10:30 AM

Grades K – 2 with caregiver

Library Lawn | Drop-In

Rain Location: Meeting Room

Join Mrs. Jessica for a peaceful outdoor yoga session near the library's butterfly garden! Bring your towel or yoga mat and practice fun, nature-inspired poses like stretching like a butterfly and buzzing like a bee. We'll also enjoy nature stories that inspire calm and creativity while relaxing and stretching near the beautiful garden! Older and younger siblings are welcome to join.

Survival Scenarios

Monday, June 30 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 4 – 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Test your knowledge on survival by trying to figure out what are the most essential items in a survival scenario!



IT'S SHARK WEEK

Monday, July 7 – Friday 11 | Youth Services Department

Dive into Shark Week with us and sign up for our specialized programs! Drop in each day for a different shark-themed craft in the art room. Plus, don't miss your chance to enter our Shark Week raffle! To qualify for a raffle ticket, simply write down a fun shark fact or draw a picture of a shark on the ticket. The more you participate, the more chances you have to win!

DIY Shark Aquarium

Monday, July 7 | 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Grades K – 3 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Welcome to Shark Week! Dive into the deep blue sea and create your very own shark-themed aquarium! Using craft materials, you'll design and decorate a mini aquarium filled with creative shark friends.

Shark Bingo

Tuesday, July 8 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

All Ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Jessica for a fin-tastic game of Shark Bingo! Dive into the ocean of fun as we play a special shark-themed version of Bingo, filled with exciting ocean creatures and surprises.

Junior Scientist

Wednesday, July 9 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 2 – 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Jessica for a fun-filled shark adventure! Learn "shark-tastic" facts about these amazing and often misunderstood creatures.

Shark Painting

Thursday, July 10 | 11:00 – 11:45 AM

Grades K – 6 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Jessica and Mrs. Michelle to make an under-the-sea-themed painting teeming with sharks in honor of Shark Week! We will be using paint so dress for an art mess.



*Allergy Alert: Please note that some programs will utilize food items.

Elementary Programs

YOUTH



Choose Your Own Adventure

Thursday, July 17 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Grades 2 – 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Embark on an exciting journey where YOU get to decide what happens next! In this fun and interactive adventure, you'll make choices that shape the story and lead to different outcomes. Will you find treasure, solve a mystery, or discover something unexpected? The path you choose is up to you!

Super Smash Bros Club

Friday, July 18 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Grades 4 – 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for fun games of Super Smash Bros Ultimate using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every round.

Board Game Builders

Tuesday, July 22 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Grades 1 – 3 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Unleash your creativity and engineering skills as you design your very own board game! In this hands-on STEM activity, you'll plan the rules, create the pieces, and bring your game to life.



Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!

Thursday, July 24 | 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Friday, July 25 | 10:00 – 10:45 PM

Children Entering Kindergarten.

Meeting Room | Registration required

Come celebrate the first day of Kindergarten! New Kindergartners and their caregiver can enjoy a special storytime, game, and craft just for them. Stories will focus on the first day of school and what to expect in Kindergarten. Please register for only ONE session.

Clue- Live Mystery Challenge

Friday, July 25 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Grades 2 – 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Step into a real-life version of the classic mystery game Clue! Work together with friends to solve the mystery and figure out who did it, where, and with what in this fun and interactive challenge!

Green Thumb Club

Saturday, July 26 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Preschool – Grade 3 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join the Green Thumb Club and have fun making a craft with the Tri-Village Garden Club members.

Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.

Paper Lantern Craft

Monday July 28 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Grades 4 – 6 | Meeting Room | Walk-In

Create a paper lantern to use to light the night outdoors while supplies last!

Minute to Win It

Wednesday, July 30 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Grades K – 3 with caregiver

Library Lawn | Registration Required

Rain location: Meeting Room

Get ready for fast-paced fun in this exciting challenge! You'll have just one minute to complete wacky and creative tasks using simple materials. It's all about having fun, being quick, and cheering each other on—who will rise to the challenge?

Book Character Guessing Game

AUG 4 – 30 | All Day

Passive Program | No Registration

Guess which silhouettes belong to book characters! They are all featured in books held by the library. There will be one option for grades K-2 and another option for grades 3-6. Guess enough to win a prize. The silhouettes change every week.

Make a Back-to-School Pencil Pouch

Thursday, AUG 7 | 11:00 – 11:30 AM

Meeting Room | Registration

Grades Preschool – 6 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Jessica and Mrs. Michelle to design your very own canvas pencil pouch! We will be using acrylic paint markers so dress for an art mess.

Catch the Reading Bug: Bingo Edition

Wednesday, AUG 13 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM

Grades K – 3 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get ready to "Catch the Reading Bug" as we dive into the exciting world of Monarch Award books! Join us for a fun game of Bingo where each square features a different book from this year's list.

Campfire Tales

Wednesday, AUG 27 | 6:30-7:15 PM

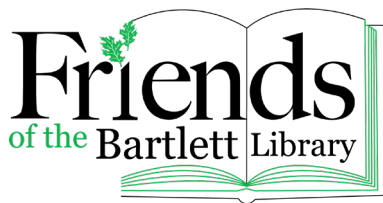
Grades K – 3 with caregiver

Story Room | Registration Required

Gather around the "campfire" as we read spooky and fun ghost stories by flashlight! After the tales, get creative and make your own glow-in-the-dark firefly jars to take home.



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Membership Fees:	
Individual (\$10)	Business/Organization (\$25)
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The Friends participate in activities and fundraisers throughout the year. They have contributed funds for prizes, programs, subscriptions, summer concerts, and more. Individuals, organizations, clubs, and businesses are welcome to become members. Annual fees are due at the beginning of the year, which are used to help fund a variety of projects. Fill out the Friends Application on the library's website and return it with your payment to the Library to become a member!



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The fund is divided into two parts:

The Main Fund: Supports general projects for the Library

The Patti Perkins Fund: Established in memory of the Library's former Circulation Department Manager. Donations help to purchase materials related to health and medicine and support library programs related to this topic. Since its inception, over \$15,000 worth of materials have been purchased for the Library from donations to the Patti Perkins Fund.



AUTHOR EVENT

Renée Rosen Presents
'Let's Call Her Barbie'

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:30 PM
The Hub | Registration Required



She was only eleven-and-a-half inches tall, but she would change the world. Barbie is born in this bold novel by USA Today bestselling author Renée Rosen.

The Bartlett Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce that they will be hosting an author event including purchase and book signing. Please join them as they welcome Renée Rosen, who is the USA Today bestselling author of nine novels, including Let's Call Her Barbie, Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl, The Social Graces and Park Avenue Summer and others.

Renée is native of Akron, Ohio and a graduate of the American University in Washington D.C. She lives in Chicago and is currently working on a new novel expected in 2027.

AUTHORS IN THE PARK

Join us for the 2nd Author Book Festival Foundation Fundraiser
In support of the Patti Perkins Fund

Meet the Authors | Book Signing & Sales | Raffles
Saturday, June 21 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Rain Date: June 22

Enjoy crafters and live music by Sal Rizzo on guitar and Heather Dudley on keyboard.

Hosted by Banbury Fair
211 W. Railroad Ave. Bartlett, IL

Coordinated by Lynn DeSmidt on behalf of the Bartlett Public Library Foundation.

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSINGS - ALL DAY

Friday, July 4, Saturday, July 5
Sunday, August 30
Monday, September 1

FRIENDS MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 8
7:00 PM | All are welcome!

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

Mondays | June 2 & July 28
4:30 PM | All are welcome!

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Mondays | June 16, July 21
August 18 | 7:00 PM

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