



BARRINGTON AREA LIBRARY

PROGRAM GUIDE

June – July 2023

2023 SUMMER READING

June 1 through August 20

Track your summer reading, write book reviews, and complete fun activities to earn real and digital badges and prizes. Visit balibrary.org/summer to get started!

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Create an account or login at balibrary.org/summer
2. Sign up for 2023 Summer Reading
3. Earn points and badges by logging your reading, reviewing, and activities
4. Claim your badges and prizes at the Library!



**Download the free Beanstack app
to make tracking your progress even easier.**

All readers can earn:

- One Library lanyard
- Badges for completing reading and activity goals

Prizes:

Complete the challenge to receive either a free paperback book (birth – grade 8) or a free mug and notebook with pen (adults and young adults), and a chance to win one of the grand prizes!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

All ages

Thursday, June 1, 4 – 6 PM

Celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of Summer Reading. We're having a party – with outdoor activities, giant bubbles, and popcorn! – to kick off the fun. BALibrary Lawn. Weather permitting. Drop in.



READ IT FORWARD

Help us reach collective Summer Reading milestones, and each of our generous sponsors will donate \$500 to the Cuba Township and Barrington Township Food Pantries.

- Barrington Bank & Trust
- Barrington Rotary
- Barrington 220 Education Foundation
- Barrington Junior Women's Club

Thank you, Summer Reading sponsors!

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FAMILY CONCERTS

Drop in, bring your own blanket. BALibrary lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Rainy weather, we'll move indoors!

Wendy & DB

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, June 21, 10 AM

Grammy-nominated duo Wendy & DB get everyone moving, singing, and dancing with songs that highlight inclusion, diversity, love, kindness, and family values.



Tunes with Tim

All ages w/caregiver

Monday, July 17, 10 AM

An interactive performance with both original music and classic songs - from nursery rhymes to Beatles tunes. Sing, play, and dance together while learning the basics of music.



T-Rexplorers: Dinosaur Discoveries

Ages 5 and up w/caregiver

Tuesday, June 6, 2 PM

An adventure into the world of dinosaur science and paleontology! See fossil types including favorites like Triceratops and T-Rex, and learn what it's like to go on a dig. Meeting Room. Drop in.



DROP-IN FAMILY FUN!

Family STEAM

PreK and up w/caregiver

Wednesday, June 7, 2:30 – 4 PM

Be a scientist, architect, artist and more! Explore family-friendly activities, like Ada Twist and her Questioneering friends! Meeting Room.

Stillman Nature Center:

Who's Who of Owls

Kindergarten and up w/caregiver

Friday, June 30, 2 PM OR 3 PM

Naturalist Mark Spreyer of Stillman Nature Center introduces you to North American owls and other raptors. Learn about their amazing hunting adaptations, while special feathered guests illustrate just who's who. Meeting Room.

Backyard Fun

All ages w/ caregiver

Thursday, July 13, 1:30 – 3 PM

Bring the whole family for backyard games, races, and summer fun! BALibrary Lawn.

Family Fort Fun

All ages w/caregiver

Wednesday, July 26, 6 – 8 PM

Wear your PJs, bring blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, and your whole family to build a fort and read together for a cozy night in the Library. Youth Services Department.

Sing-Along Movie: *Encanto*

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesday, August 8, 10 AM

Drawers! Floors! Bring the entire familia to enjoy a sing-along to *Encanto*, led by a special guest visiting from her magical casita. Popcorn, too! Meeting Room.



LET'S GET OUTSIDE!

Morning Garden Story Time

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, June 6 & July 11

11 AM

Enjoy an outdoor, garden-themed story time. Then explore the Teaching Garden and work with the Master Gardeners. Be prepared to get messy. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot. Weather permitting.

Together Art

PreK and up w/caregiver

Fridays, June 9 & July 7

2 – 3 PM

Let's make art together! Join us outside to work on a BIG art project with lots of friends. Dress for a mess. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Story Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Tuesdays, June 13 & July 18, 1:30 PM

Enjoy stories, a nature walk, and playtime at Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington. Drop in. Weather permitting.

Nature Art

Grades K – 5

Thursday, June 29, 2 PM

Get inspired by a read-aloud of *Anywhere Artist* by Nikki Slade Robinson, then create an ephemeral piece of art with natural materials. Register. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Story Time in the Sun at New Community Park

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, July 7, 10 AM

Meet us at the park for stories and activities in nature! Weather permitting. 8 Bridges Dr., South Barrington.

A note on registration

Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for June and July programs opens Tuesday, May 30. To register, visit the [Library's online calendar](#) or call (847) 382-1300.

Nature I Spy

K – 5 w/family

Wednesday, July 12, 2 PM

I spy with my little eye....a nature scavenger hunt! Use our clues to find what's "hiding" on our Library lawn. Bring the whole family. Register. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Meditation Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 w/caregiver

Monday, July 17, 1:30 PM

Take a few mindful moments to feel the breeze on your face and the grass on your toes, as we read stories and join in activities that introduce basic mindfulness skills. Register. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Loose Parts Nature Play

All ages w/caregiver

Friday, July 21, 11 AM - 12 PM

Engage in creative, sensory play using found natural objects and household items. Drop in. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS ON YOUTUBE

Tune into our YouTube Channel for on-demand Story Time, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Search "Barrington Area Library Youth Services" to find us on [YouTube](#).

All Ages Story Time

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes! Watch and sing along to help your child develop important early literacy skills.

Story Time Shorts

Quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities that you can follow along with at home.

STORIES & MORE: FOR AGES 0 – 6

Drop in, Story Room except where noted.

Story Time in the Sun

All ages w/caregiver
Mondays, June & July*
10 AM OR 10:30 AM

*No session on July 17

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.

Baby Time: Lapsit

Ages 0 – 12 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, June & July,* 3:30 PM
*No session on July 4

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills.

Baby Time: Wobbly Ones

Ages 12 – 24 months w/caregiver
Tuesdays, June & July*
10 AM OR 10:30 AM
*No session on July 4

Enjoy songs, rhymes and stories that support early language and motor skills.

Toddler Time

Ages 2 - 3 years w/caregiver
Wednesdays, June* & July
10 AM OR 10:30 AM
*No session on June 21

Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes in this energetic story time for toddlers.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver
Thursdays, June & July
10 AM OR 10:30 AM

Time to dance, sing, and enjoy stories especially for preschoolers.

Goodnight Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, June 9 & July 14, 6 PM

Shake your sillies out, get cozy, and listen to bedtime stories in a calming story time designed to help kids get a good night's sleep.

Art from the Heart

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, June 8
11:15 AM - 12 PM
Wednesday, July 19
11:15 AM - 12 PM

Come explore materials, learn about process, and create art that is uniquely yours. There's no right or wrong way, only your way! Program Room.



School of Rock Barrington: Instrument Petting Zoo

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver
Friday, June 9, 10 AM

Strum a guitar, pound on a drum, play a keyboard, and sing your heart out. School of Rock Barrington has lots of musical instruments for you to explore and touch as you learn. Program Room.

Donuts for Dad Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Thursday, June 15, 6 PM

Let's celebrate dads, granddads, and father figures in our lives with stories and tasty treats! Meeting Room.

Spanish Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, June 16, 10 AM

The Language Labs will be here for a Spanish language story time, followed by basic Spanish instruction and a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.

Family Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Sunday, June 18, 2 PM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills.

Rainbow Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Monday, June 19, 1:30 PM

Celebrate diversity with LGBTQ+-inclusive books, rhymes, and fingerplays. All families welcome.

Happy Birthday Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, June 23 OR July 14
10 AM

Join us for a special story time during your birthday month and we'll celebrate YOU with stories, songs, and a craft! Register with the birthday child's name. Program Room.

Ukulele Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver
Thursday, June 29, 4 PM

Join our Librarians and their ukuleles in this interactive, musical rhyme time, and learn the benefits of bathing your baby in song!

Sensory Playtime

All ages w/caregiver
Fridays, June 30 & July 28
10 – 11:30 AM

Enjoy a sensory play time with activities specifically designed to engage the senses. Meeting Room.

Ukulele Sing-Along Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver
Wednesday, July 5, 4 PM

Experience the joys of song and dance in this interactive sing-along story time.

Mandarin Chinese Story Time

All ages w/caregiver
Friday, July 21, 10 AM

The Language Labs will be here for a Chinese language story time, followed by basic Chinese instruction and a craft. [Register](#). Program Room.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver
Friday, July 28, 1:30 PM

Mister Rogers said that anything mentionable is manageable. Let's create a space to talk about all feelings, big and small, through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises.

LEARN - PLAY – CREATE

Program Room except where noted.

Summer Reading Button Making

All ages w/caregiver

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays,

June & July, 12:30 – 1 PM

Tuesdays, Thursdays, June & July,
6 – 6:30 PM

KA-CHUNK! You can pick up ready-made badges when you complete Summer Reading activities, but why not make your own at this daily button-making program? Drop in.

LEGO Club

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, June 16 & July 14

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Make LEGO robots, create stories, and build amazing creations. Drop in.

Star Wars Fan Club

Grades 3 – 6

Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 PM

Celebrate the classic sci-fi/fantasy stories with crafts and games. [Register](#).

Tech Open Lab

All ages w/caregiver

Thursdays, June 22 & July 20

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Families explore a variety of technology such as robots, circuits, iPads, and more. Drop in.

Code Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Wednesday, June 28, 6 – 7 PM

Monday, July 24, 6 – 7 PM

Kids team up with their adults to explore early coding concepts using Sphero Indi cars and LEGO WeDo Robots. [Register](#).

School of Rock Barrington: Come Rock with Us!

Ages 6 – 9

Wednesday, June 28, 2 PM

No music experience, no problem! Explore School of Rock Barrington: experiment with guitar, bass, keys, drums, and vocals in this program designed to inspire kids to learn to play music. [Register](#).

Family Explorers: Monarch Butterflies

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregivers

Saturday, July 15, 10 AM

Enjoy the wonderful world of butterflies by reading *Butterflies Belong Here* by Deborah Hopkinson. Then make a craft that will support Monarch butterflies. [Register](#).

Candle Making

Grades 5 – 8

Wednesday, June 14 OR July 19

3 PM

Join us to create your own personalized candle! [Register](#). Program Room.

Create Your Own Puzzle

Grades 5 – 8

Monday, June 26, 3 PM

Utilize MakerLab equipment to design and create a personalized puzzle! If you have a picture in mind, bring a digital copy from home! [Register](#). Program Room.

Anime Club

Grades 6 – 8

Friday, June 30, 6 PM

Come and geek out over your favorite anime and manga! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

STORYWALK

June - August

Take a stroll outside and enjoy a story in nature! Visit in June, July, and August for a different book each month. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. *StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Clock Embroidery

Grades 4 – 8

Monday, July 10, 3 PM

Learn basic embroidery by decorating your very own clock. [Register](#). Program Room.

Mandala Art

Grades 6 – 8

Thursday, July 27, 2 PM

Enjoy quiet, meditative time outside while creating a mandala with gemstones and natural materials. [Register](#). BALibrary Lawn, east of the upper parking lot.



BOOK OF THE SUMMER:

Violet and Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Rae Perkins

Our 2023 Book of the Summer is *Violet and Jobie in the Wild* by Lynne Rae Perkins.

Violet and Jobie, sibling mice living in a human home, have the perfect life sneaking food from the kitchen and watching TV. But their world is turned upside down when they are caught in a trap and released into the wild to fend for themselves.

Follow along as Violet and Jobie learn to adapt to life in the great outdoors. Find discussion questions, activity ideas, and more at balibrary.org/bookofthesummer

CREATOR FAIR

Saturday, June 17, 10 AM – 3 PM

Welcome summer with a fun day of crafts and activities for all ages. Try your hand at heat press tote bags, tie dying, air dry clay, button flowers, and more, as supplies last. Dress for a mess! Drop in.

CREATOR FAIR PLANT SWAP

Bring your unneeded plants and seeds and swap with your neighbors. We'll have Master Gardeners on hand to answer questions and help you make your selections.



GET CRAFTY

Stone Cottage

Bird House

**Wednesday, June 14,
2 PM OR 6 PM**

Give your garden a burst of whimsy with this adorable stone cottage bird house craft. One reservation per BALibrary card number. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Independence Day Wreath

Thursday, June 22, 2 PM

Get ready for July 4 by creating this easy red, white, and blue fabric and foam wreath. All materials provided. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Bring Your Own Craft

**Wednesdays, June 28 & July 26
1 – 3 PM**

Bring a project to work on while you enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Knitting, sketching, embroidery, or any portable craft - all are welcome. Takes place on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Drop in or register for a reminder. Zimmerman Room.

Beach Mason

Jar Craft

**Wednesday, July 12
2 PM OR 6 PM**

Share some summery beach vibes with this playful decorative craft. One reservation per BALibrary card number. Register. Meeting Room.



GET HEALTHY

Yoga

Wednesday, June 21, 1 PM

Celebrate National Yoga Day with this relaxing afternoon class. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

Zumba

Thursday, July 13, 2 PM

A lively afternoon of cardio and Latin-inspired dance – for beginners or experienced Zumba fans! [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



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Library Closings:

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day



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SECOND FRIDAYS



Corner Boys

Friday, June 9, 7 PM

Not your typical acoustic cover band, the Corner Boys' playlist runs from Lyle Lovett to Bruce Springsteen. Their attention to detail, dynamics, harmonies, and nuance makes for an evening of fabulous music. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



The Hot Fedoras

Friday, July 14, 7 PM

Specializing in music from the Gatsby era, The Hot Fedoras bring the era of gangsters and flappers alive through their classic renditions of 20s and 30s jazz tunes. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Let's Talk Pie!

Tuesday, June 27, 7 PM

Sweet, savory, pudding, fruit...all things PIE! [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Summer Salads

Tuesday, July 25, 7 PM

Quintessential Barrington food writer Sally Roeckell shares refreshing ideas for summer salads. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room

ADULT LEARNING

Teaching Garden Workdays

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 AM

Local Master Gardeners provide hands-on instruction in seasonal gardening tasks. Meets weekly starting Tuesday, May 30, weather permitting. All ages welcome. [Registration suggested](#).

Chicago LGBTQ+ History from the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives

Wednesday, June 7, 7 PM

Learn about Chicago's LGBTQ+ library and archives! For over 40 years, Gerber/Hart has served the Midwest by preserving queer history and stories. Join Gerber/Hart staff for a virtual presentation and tour to learn how you might use their resources. Q&A session at the end. [Register](#). Virtual.



Non-Profit Know-How: Find Your Funding

Tuesday, June 13, 10 AM

Who should you ask for funding? Join Community Engagement Librarian Sam for a hands-on introduction to Candid's Foundation Directory Online and a discussion of free, publicly-available search resources. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle

Wednesday, June 28, 7 PM

Independent curator and lifelong museum professional Margaret Schlesinger takes you on a tiny tour of Colleen Moore's enchanted Fairy Castle, which has enchanted visitors to the Museum of Science and Industry since 1949. [Register](#). Virtual.

Fantastic Fall Trips

Monday, July 17, 6 PM

Looking to explore fall colors or check out a new city? Now is the time to plan autumn travel. Librarian Liz shares resources and ideas to get you started. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



Game-O-Rama!

Tuesdays, June 13 & July 11, 2 PM

Bring your friends for an afternoon of card and dice games, led by Dave Tuszynski. Games include Polish Poker, Roll for It, Sevens, and many others. For those 65 and older. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.



Beach Reads Book Buzz

Thursday, June 8, 6 PM

Adult Services Librarians tell you about our favorite adult and young adult summer books. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

FOR BOOK LOVERS

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Join Adult Services Librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Register. Meeting Room.

***The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark**

Monday, June 12, 7 PM

Two women discover that the difference between revenge and justice depends entirely on your perspective in this gripping domestic thriller.



The Sea of Tranquility

by Emily St. John Mandel

Monday, July 10, 7 PM

A time traveler explores an anomaly across time and space, and finds the answers to his questions in unlikely places.

Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. [Register](#). Zimmerman Room.

***Endurance* by Alfred Lansing**

Thursday, June 15, 2 PM

The real life, harrowing tale of British explorer Ernest Shackleton, who attempted to reach the South Pole in 1914.

YA Reads: *Clap When You Land*

For grades 9 – 12

Thursday, July 20, 6 PM

A summer book club just for young adults! This month we'll read *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo. [Register](#) and we'll let you know when your free copy is ready for pick-up at the Adult Services reference desks. Zimmerman Room.

Beach Read

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer is our 2023 Beach Read for adults and young adults. *Braiding Sweetgrass* is an inspiring essay collection about the natural world that combines Indigenous wisdom, plant science, and personal narrative. Sign up for [Summer Reading](#) and complete Beach Read activities like attending a book discussion and writing a review.

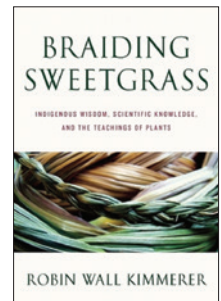
Beach Read Book Discussion:

Braiding Sweetgrass

Tuesday, July 25, 2 PM

Thursday, July 27, 7 PM

Join our Librarians in discussing *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Register. Meeting Room.



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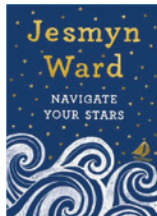
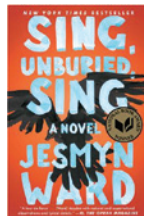
Navigate Your Stars:

A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward

Tuesday, June 6, 7 PM

Experience an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward. Ward discusses her life, her literary vision, and her unique perspectives on love and loss. Tracie D. Hall, Executive Director of American Library Association, joins her in conversation.

Jesmyn Ward is the critically acclaimed author of fiction, nonfiction, and memoir, including bestselling *Sing, Unburied*, *Sing, Salvage The Bones*, and the memoir *Men We Reaped*. Her many honors include the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction, a MacArthur Genius Grant, and a Strauss Living Award. In 2017, she became the first woman and first person of color to win the National Book Award for Fiction twice.



Braiding Sweetgrass:

A Conversation with

Robin Wall Kimmerer

Wednesday, June 21, 7 PM

Experience an evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer, award-winning author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. Insightful and inspiring, Wall Kimmerer shares her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth.

Delving into her own experiences as a botanist, indigenous science professor, and environmental advocate, she offers insights into the journey of learning to listen to the natural world. This is a rare opportunity to hear from one of the most important voices in the movement toward a more sustainable and equitable future and to be inspired to make positive changes in your own life and community.

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TECH & MAKER TOPICS

Register. Classes take place in the Conference Room.

Windows Laptop Basics

Friday, June 2, 3 PM

Learn the basics of using a laptop: moving the mouse, navigating, and working with files.

Trophy Card

Tuesday, June 6, 10 AM OR 2 PM

Create a window card with a trophy design on the Silhouette Cameo.

Laser Etched Pint Glass

Monday, June 12

3 PM OR 6 PM

Personalize a pint glass for yourself or for a friend.

Mac Computer Basics

Tuesday, June 20, 3 PM

Learn the basics of the Mac operating system, including popular features like: system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps.



Custom Can Cooler

Thursday, June 22, 2 PM

Using sublimation and the heat press, design a custom sleeve to keep your drink cold.

Lasercut Name

Thursday, July 6, 2 PM

Weld letters in Inkscape to create a wood cutout of your name.

Drink Markers

Wednesday, July 12, 2 PM

Laser-etch four drink markers and keep track of everyone's party beverages.

Miniature Surfboard

Monday, July 17, 3 PM

Bring the beach inside with a laser-etched surfboard of your own design!

Tech Topics:

Digitization Tools

Tuesday, July 25, 2 PM

Learn about tools to digitize legacy formats (photos, slides, etc.) so you can share memories with generations to come.

Word Basics

Friday, July 28, 2 PM

Learn the basics of using Microsoft Word: opening a new document, formatting, and most importantly: undoing a mistake.

Curving Text in Inkscape

Monday, July 31, 3 PM

Design a simple sign with curved text to be etched and cut out on the laser cutter.