



## Chatham Area Public Library Newsletter Summer 2024

### Director's note:

On behalf of our hardworking library staff, I'd like to welcome you to Summertime at the Library! There are so many fun activities for you and your family to enjoy. While you're here at the Library, I hope you'll sign your child up for their first library card, and fill up the free tote bag with books that are full of adventures that your family can enjoy! This fun isn't just for kids; the whole family can sign up for library cards!

At the Library, we continue to plan for the future. With this planning, we are asking members of our district to fill out a survey, to help us to continue to not only meet your needs, but surpass them. There is more information about this survey on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to help us continue to adapt and support the needs of our community!

Warm regards,  
Amy Byers,  
Director

### Join us in celebrating the joy of reading!

Introducing Lyle Barry and our new tote bags for kids!

As part of our initiative to promote early literacy, we are excited to announce that every child (from ages 0-15) who gets their first Chatham Area Public Library card will receive a complimentary "I Got My Library Card!" tote bag, featuring our very own literacy dinosaur, Lyle Barry. This initiative is sponsored by our Friends of the Library.

These bags were specifically chosen to fit picture books, which are popular for our young readers. The bags even include a library card holder to help keep everything they need for their trip to the library in one place!

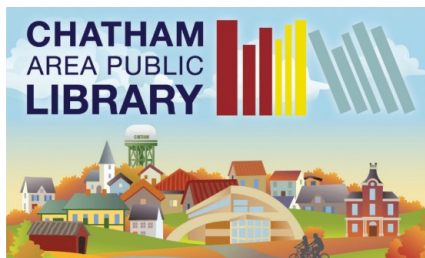
Pick one up when your young person gets their first Chatham Area Public Library card at our Library. Did your child get their card earlier in 2024? They are still eligible to receive the bag. Bags available while supplies last.

**The free tote bag program is only available for residents of the Chatham Area Public Library District.**

It's more than just a card; it's a passport to endless adventures in the world of books.



### We've made it even easier – register for a library card online!



In efforts to remove barriers to Library access, we are now offering online library card registration for those 18+. By registering on our website at [www.chathamlib.org](http://www.chathamlib.org), those living within the Chatham Area Public Library District will be granted a digital card. This digital card will work *immediately* to access our digital resources including e-books, e-audiobooks, music, movies and more, anytime of the day or night. This digital card can be placed in your phone's wallet app or you can come into the library to pick up your physical card.



# Your Library . . . A Passport to Summer



**Stop by our Storywalk in Chatham Veteran's Memorial Square!** Bring a picnic to the square and enjoy reading while walking down the path!



**Summer is the PERFECT time for outdoor parties.** Want to be the host with the most? Check out our yard games! We have outdoor jenga, pickleball paddles, ladder toss and washers. Want more outdoor fun? Check out a kite!



**Keep your eyes peeled for our pedaled-friend, Bikelangelo!** Bikelangelo will be rolling into Chatham's major events like the Chatham Jaycee's Sweetcorn Festival, and popular stops like Scoop Du Jour and Chatham Café. Stop by and learn more about what the Library has to offer and you might end up with a free book!



**Take us on vacation!** We can help make that long car ride to grandma's more enjoyable. Did you know you can download and stream thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, music and movies for all ages? Visit our website to get started!



**This is the space to be for our TEENS!**  
**Anyone in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade who is registered for Summer Reading can join us for our drop-in activities! These drop-ins are from 2:00—3:00 pm on:**

Friday, June 7 – Pajama Pancake Party  
Friday, June 21 – Make Some Bad Art  
Friday, July 12 – Nailed It! Cookie Decorating  
Friday, July 26 – Graffiti the Library: Help paint bookends for the YA area  
Friday, August 2 – Perler Palooza: Make Your Own Perler Bead Creations



## End of Summer Splash!

**Families**

**Thursday, August 8**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

All of your favorite end of summer activities: water games, Scoop du Jour ice cream, and the ever-popular Mega Foam Blaster! Play in a mountain of quick-drying, non-staining, hypo-allergenic bubbles that are safe for kids and the environment. We will see you there!



## Mud Day

Ages 2 - 5

Saturday, June 29

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

It's OK to get dirty! We will be celebrating International Mud Day with a special Storytime followed by some awesomely muddy activities outside. Rain or shine. Wear clothes and shoes that can get muddy and wet – we'll hose off when done – and bring a towel. No registration required.



## Frog Music

All ages

Thursday, July 18

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come join us as we learn about frogs and toads with "Frog Music" at the library, presented by the Macon County Conservation District! Meet live amphibians and learn the calls and songs of local species. Don't miss out – hop on over for an unforgettable experience!



## Movies at the Library

All Ages

June 3, July 9, and August 6

2:00 p.m.

Beat the heat and enjoy a movie along with unlimited popcorn and lemonade!

Monday, June 3 – *The Lorax*

Tuesday, July 9 – *Kung Fu Panda 4*

Tuesday, August 6 – *Viewers Decide!*

## Storytimes

### Baby and Toddler Time

For children **newborn to 3** and their parents/caregivers  
**Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. There will be no Baby and Toddler Time on June 18.**

### Family Evening Storytime

For children of **all ages** and their parents/caregivers  
**Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

### Preschool Storytime

For **preschool children** and their parents/caregivers  
**Fridays at 10:15 a.m. Preschool Storytime will not be held in June and July due to Book Camp, but will resume in August.**

**No registration is required.**

## Summer Reading is for everyone!

Summer Reading Sign-up  
Continues Through July



There is still plenty of time to participate in Summer Reading with challenges for every age group. **Read and redeem prizes between June 1 and July 31. Summer Reading ends Wednesday, July 31.**

- ♦ **Rubber Ducky Club for birth through age 3:** Read 30 books together and receive a rubber ducky.
- ♦ **Summer Reading for ages 4-8\*:** Receive prizes after each 100 minutes read.
- ♦ **Summer Reading for ages 8-12\*:** Receive prizes after each 150 minutes read.
- ♦ **Summer Reading for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders AND Adults:** Receive a virtual ticket to enter a raffle for a gift card of your choice after every book read and be automatically entered into a grand prize drawing.

\*For children aged 8 or 12 choose the one challenge that best suits your child.

## There is still room for your child to have fun at BOOK CAMP!

June and July 2024

Ages 4 years old through 6th grade

Registration is required

This year, our Read, Renew, Repeat camp is centered on conservation and renewal of both the environment and ourselves. Campers will enjoy crafts, games, and books on this ecological theme.

**The Book Camp schedule is as follows:**

Campers aged 4 – Kindergarten – June 24, 26, and 28 or July 8, 10, 12

1st and 2nd graders – June 17, 18, 21 or July 15, 17, 19

3rd and 4th graders – June 10, 12, 14 or July 22, 24, 26

5th and 6th graders – June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

**Book Camp for ages 4 through 4th grade is 10:15– 11:15 a.m.**  
**5th and 6th grade Book Camp is from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

These grade levels are for the grade your child will be going into for the 2024-2025 school year. The cost for camp is \$5 (non-refundable). See our website for sign-up information. Sign-up space is limited and registration is required.

## LEGO DAY!

All ages ♦ August 24 ♦ 10:00 a.m. – noon



# Adult Programs

**Illinois Libraries Present!**

**Rescheduled Date –**

## **The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers**

**with Dr. Temple Grandin**

**Tuesday, June 4**

**7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Registration links to view this author event is on the Library's online events calendar.



## **iCash: Discover What's Yours**

**Tuesday, June 25**

**3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for an informative event where you can learn how to claim your share of the 5 billion dollars in unclaimed funds held by the Illinois State Treasurer, with property returned at no cost upon proper identification!

## **Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature**

*Traveling Exhibit from National Library of Medicine (NLM)*  
**June 17 - July 27**

The traveling exhibit explores the power of this story to expose hidden fears of science and technology as human efforts to penetrate the secrets of nature continue.

### **Local Writers Group:**

## **Society of Midwestern Authors**

**Adults**

**First Tuesday of each month:**

**June 4, July 2, August 6**

**6:00 – 7:45 p.m.**

Writing may be solitary, but it doesn't have to be lonely. Are you a published author or aspiring writer who would like a place to share your work? This is a friendly group that offers you constructive critiques, kind words of support and helpful knowledge along the way. Check out this community of writers who will help you overcome writer's block and get those thoughts into polished words on the paper. For more information, email [pamcox@chathamlib.org](mailto:pamcox@chathamlib.org).

## **No-Bake Summer Recipes**

**Adults**

**10:00-11:00 am**

**Saturday, June 29**

**Registration Required**

Looking to add some tasty dishes to your barbecue or learn quick and easy recipes? Join our no-bake cooking class! You'll learn to prepare appetizers and desserts to take home, along with recipes to recreate them.

## **Blood Drive with Impact Life**

**Saturday, July 20**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Registration preferred**

You can make a lifesaving difference by donating blood regularly, as fewer than 10% of the population donates and many patients depend on this vital resource, especially during times of high demand.

## **Read, Renew, Repeat - Adult Summer Reading Challenge**

**Adults 18+**

**June 1 – July 31**

This summer, consider ditching the droid, giving up the gaming, and skipping the streaming ... Well, not forever, just long enough to read and log your books to earn fabulous prizes! Refresh and reset this summer with our Adult Summer Reading Challenge; Read, Renew, Repeat. This program will run for nine weeks starting June 1, and the grand prize drawing will take place on July 31. Sign up on **Beanstack**, our online Reading Tracker website and mobile app. ([chathamlib.beanstack.org](http://chathamlib.beanstack.org))



## **Weekly Card Games**

**Adults**

**Every Tuesday**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Social seniors needed at our weekly card games! Bring yourself and be ready to meet new people and have fun. Meet in the Friends' Cafe & Bookstore.



# Adult Programs

## Passport Event

**Saturday, July 13**

**9:00 a.m. to noon**

Now is the perfect time to update your passport! Passport agents from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's office will process passport applications from 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 13. Standard passport fees will apply, and applicants should receive their passports within 4 – 6 weeks. This is a very popular event, so please plan accordingly.

If interested in obtaining a passport, please bring the following:

- Certified copy of your birth certificate and/or expired passport (no photocopies)
- Valid photo ID
- Approved passport photo (For \$10.00, they can provide you with a passport photo)
- Certified copies of court orders for name change, custody or adoption decrees
- Two checks or money orders to pay applicable fees

For details on the fees, visit the *Circuit Clerk's website*. If you have any questions, please visit the website or call the Circuit Clerk's passport office in advance at 217-747-5183



## Back by popular demand: Our Little Garden Table

Three years ago, we started a new tradition by providing a space for community members to bring their surplus fruits and veggies from their gardens. We were so fortunate to have so many share their

bounty with their neighbors that we are bringing the table back out again. Starting at the end of June and running through Labor Day, please feel free to drop off your surplus items for others to enjoy.



## Great Puzzle Race

**Ages 12 and up**

**Friday, July 26**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Registration Required**

***Pizza will be available at 5:30 p.m.***

Join us at the library for a thrilling puzzle competition! Form a team of up to 4 members, tackle a 500-piece puzzle, and race against others to finish within two hours. Individual participants are also welcome – reach out to Alanna at [asablotny@chathamlib.org](mailto:asablotny@chathamlib.org), and we'll group you with fellow enthusiasts. Prizes await the most adept puzzlers!

## Let's Get Crafty

**Adults**

**First Wednesday of the month**

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*Crafty Creations now has a new title. For the summer, we will be meeting at the library instead of the senior center.*

Crafting is for grown-ups too, not just kids! Connect, create, and relax with others in an easygoing environment. All supplies for our simple crafts provided – you just need to bring the conversation and imagination! To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.



**June 5**  
**Garden Fairy**  
**Wands**



**July 3**  
**TerraCotta**  
**Windchimes**



**August 7**  
**2 x4 Owls**

## Friends of Genealogy

**Adults**

**Saturday, June 22**

**2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Explore your family history with the Friends of Genealogy! Connect, share, and find support in our free, open monthly gatherings. Whether you're a regular or dropping in for casual research assistance, join our welcoming community of genealogy enthusiasts eager to support your journey.

# Adult Programs

## Adult Book Clubs

No registration required – books are available at the Circulation Desk.

### Hooked on Books

Second Wednesday of each month  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We discuss a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books. We always welcome new faces! Upcoming Reads:

**June 12** – *Still Life* by Louise Penny

**July 10** – *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson

**August 14** – *The Dog that Whispered* by Jim Kraus

### Bite Into a Good Book

Third Wednesday of each month  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Savor some lively discussion about different genres and topics. Upcoming reads:

**June 26** – *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*  
by Benjamin Stevenson

**July 17** – *Mad Honey*  
by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult

**August 21** – *The Secret Life of Sunflowers*  
by Marta Molner

### Outer Edge Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We are now meeting on a new day!

Do you love reading Sci-Fi, Fantasy and Horror books? Do you love talking about the awesome authors in these genres? Then this club is for you! We welcome anyone to join us.

**June 18** – *Contagion* by Erin Bowman

**July 16** – *Nettle & Bone* by T. Kingfisher

**August 20** – *Annihilation* by Jeff VanderMeer

## Monthly Board Game Nights

Ages 10 and Up

Wednesdays, June 5, July 3, August 7

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Heat frying your brain? Cool off in the library and grow those little grey cells by playing a challenging board game.



### Over There ... *The U.S. in World War I* with Barry Cloyd

Adults

Thursday, August 1

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Experience "Over There ... The U.S. in World War I," a powerful portrayal of personal and historical narratives from the Great War. Through music, poetry, and storytelling, delve into the experiences of soldiers. Cloyd Sr., explores the causes and impact of WWI, and reflects on the hope for a future without war. Join us for an unforgettable journey through history and humanity.

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for some fun evenings of crafts and conversation. These crafts are open to adults in high school or older. To help with the purchasing of supplies, please consider a donation of \$3 per craft.

### Diamond Bookmark

Thursday, June 20

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

We will make a bookmark with colorful gems in a paint-by-number process.



### Sunflower Wreath

Thursday, July 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

Create a rustic sunflower wreath to hang on your door this summer.



### Macrame Decor

Thursday, August 15

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration required

If you are new to macrame or an experienced weaver, this cute decoration is for you.





# Library Foundation Update

Have you seen some of the newest shirts in our fundraiser store? You can get these, and tons of other designs, on Bonfire! You can even wear a shirt with our own library dinosaur, Lyle Barry! Each purchase helps fund our Backyard at the Library project. Shop here: [www.bonfire.com/store/the-backyard-at-the-library/](http://www.bonfire.com/store/the-backyard-at-the-library/)

For more information about our Backyard at the Library project, visit our website: [www.chathamlib.org/capld-foundation](http://www.chathamlib.org/capld-foundation)

On behalf of the Foundation Board, we would like to acknowledge the recent donors to our Backyard project:

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Sarah Gaffney

Laura Gundrum

Jameson & Kathryn Roszhart

Tom Smith and Christine Westerlund



## Friends of the Library Sweet Corn Book Sale

Saturday, July 20

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the Sweet Corn Book Sale before you head off to the festivities at the park. Enjoy bargain prices for a large assortment of items.



**Special Perk** - Friends Members are invited early for a "Power Hour" from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Not a member? You can join that morning!

Also, the **Bargain Sale opens for everyone at 2:00 p.m. for a donation of \$2.00.** What a deal! (Please note: no advance stockpiling of books allowed.)

Want to volunteer? We can always use help to set up and take down the sale. Contact [friends@chathamlib.org](mailto:friends@chathamlib.org) if you or your group is interested in assisting.

## Art Committee News

We hope you'll stop by the Library this Summer to see two outstanding local art shows!

**June – July:** The artwork of Mary Ellen Strack

**August – September:** We welcome back the **RATS** (Retired Art Teachers)

Later this summer, we will be sharing information regarding our annual Call to Entry art show, held this fall! If you would like to be considered for our Call to Entry show, please email [Arts@chathamlib.org](mailto:Arts@chathamlib.org) to be placed on the mailing list. Those on the list will receive the application via email in July. We will also share the applications in the library and on our website.



# CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

600 E. Spruce Street  
Chatham, IL 62629

## Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday CLOSED

## Holiday Closings

### Juneteenth

Wednesday, June 19

### Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

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## Library Board Members

Michael Roubitchek - President  
Christine Westerlund - Vice-President  
John Moore - Secretary  
Vanessa Ross - Treasurer

### Trustees

Dianne Roberts, Jenny Vaughn and Rodd Whelpley

Future *Library Board* meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Library on the third Monday of the month.

## Friends' Bookstore & Café Hours

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
(Only two banker-sized boxes of donations at a time please.)

**Please note: The Friends Bookstore will NOT be accepting donations in July.**

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