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School's Out, Summer Reading Is In!



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Summer Reading is for everyone—babies, grown-ups, and everyone in between.

Not much of a reader? We have you covered! We'll connect you with fun activities so you can find your own path. Remember, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, websites, reading to someone else, or having someone read to you all count. And we always have great book suggestions to get you going.

This year we're offering the summer reading booklet in English, Spanish, and Urdu. Pick yours up at the library or on the bookmobile starting June 1. You can decorate it with special stickers offered throughout the summer and you can earn prizes for participating.*

*Prizes are limited to Skokie residents and those who attend a K-12 school in Skokie. All prizes are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.



Get to Know the Board



Mary Pietrucha

Mary Pietrucha has served on the library board since 2022 and is currently the board secretary. Her passion for libraries began at an early age. She worked as a page at her local library during high school and as a circulation assistant while earning degrees in both art history and French at Indiana University. She went on to a career in marketing and product development, with more than a decade of experience focused specifically on electronic educational toys and software for toddlers and preschoolers. It was this love of helping children learn through play that inspired her to join the Board of Trustees.

Mary has lived in Skokie for five years and loves meeting people in the community and hearing their stories. She says: "It's through this sense of connectedness that we can ensure the library is forward-thinking in its approach and is evolving as our community's needs change." She wants to make sure everyone knows about the library's creative spaces like the Studio and BOOMbox, and that it also provides critical services such as voter information, job seeker assistance, and ESL/ELL programs.



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AAHM Arab American Heritage Month events

AAPI Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month events

JAHM Jewish American Heritage Month events

PRIDE Pride events

JUNE Juneteenth events

IHM Immigrant Heritage Month events

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 9 pm

Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, noon to 6 pm

Closed May 26

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Heads up, Skokie!
¡Atención, Skokie!



THE SKOKIE YEARBOOK PROJECT

The Skokie Yearbook Project will explore a year in the life of Skokie. What makes our community special? What is your unique part in it? Let's come together to create a "yearbook" that tells the story of who we are and how we live in community with one another.

Every few months, we'll offer hands-on activities, chances to connect, exhibits, and storytelling opportunities that explore first who we are as individuals, then who we are in our inner circles of friends and families, and finally, what makes Skokie what it is.

To kick things off, we'll be popping up in the community and in the building all summer long—including at all of the Summer Reading events on page 12—making self-portraits using stamps. This is a fun way to get to know your neighbors and try your hand at an unusual art technique—no skills required! You may even see your portrait on the wall during our Skokie Yearbook Project exhibit.

Our thanks to Our Town Everywhere
for their generous collaboration.

skokielibrary.info/yearbook



KIDS & FAMILIES

Check the online calendar for added events, and sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info. Capacity for individual events is limited.

Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat
Saturday, May 3, 2–3 pm (online)



AAHM Meet the Author: Shifa Saltagi Safadi
Saturday, May 3, 2–3:30 pm

Make a Gift for a Special Grown-up
Age 6–12
Sunday, May 4, 1–2 pm
Saturday, June 7, 3–4 pm
Thursday, June 12, 6:30–7:30 pm

Booking with a Buddy
Kids entering grades 1–3 this fall can take part in this series that promotes reading during the summer. Registration begins June 1 and ends June 30 (or when capacity is reached) for events held in July.
skokiellibrary.info/booking



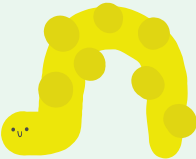
**Talking Tech
How to Manage Kids' Screen Time**
Monday, May 5, 6–7 pm

Stay and Play
Age 2–6
Tuesdays, May 6–June 17, 10:30–11:30 am

Dance Parties	
Alphabet Soup Age 3–6 Tuesday, May 6 1:30–2 pm	Terrific Twos Age 2 Thursday, May 8 10–10:30 or 11–11:30 am
Dance Like a Chicken Age 0–6 Wednesday, May 14 10–10:30 am	Be Groovy Age 0–6 Friday, May 16 10–10:30 am



Storytimes



Worm Storytime Adventure
Age 3–6
Friday, May 2, 1:30–2 pm

JAHM Bilingual Hebrew Storytime and Craft
תינושל-וד תירבע הריציו רופיס תעש
Age 0–6
Tuesday, May 6, 10:30–11 am

Movement and Mindfulness Storytime
Age 3–6
Tuesday, May 20, 1:30–2 pm

PRIDE Be You Storytime
Age 3–6
Tuesday, June 3, 6:30–7:30 pm

IHM Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime
Cuentos bilingües en español
Age 0–6
Tuesday, June 10, 10–10:30 am

IHM All Are Welcome Storytime
Monday, June 16, 6:30–7 pm

PRIDE Drag Story Hour
Age 3–6
Saturday, June 28, 1–2 pm

TUESDAYS June only
Preschool Storytime 3–6 years 1:30–2 pm

WEDNESDAYS June only
Babies and Tots Storytime Outdoors 0–23 months 9:30–9:50 am

THURSDAYS June only
Terrific Twos 2 years 10–10:30 am
Terrific Twos 2 years 11–11:30 am

FRIDAYS June only
Melody and Motion 0–5 years 10–10:30 am

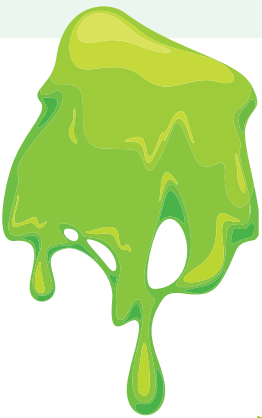
SATURDAYS June only
Family Storytime all ages 10–10:30 am

SUNDAYS
Babies and Tots Storytime Outdoors 0–23 months 12:15–12:35 pm
May 4 and June 8
Melody and Motion Sensory Storytime all ages 12:15–12:45 pm
May 18 and June 15

Eco-Friendly Slime
Age 6–12
Tuesday, May 6, 4:30–5:15 pm

Together Time
Age 0–23 months
Wednesdays, 10–11:30 am

Puppet Playtime
Age 2–8
Wednesdays, May 7, June 4, 10:30–11 am (online)



Science Club Jr.
Age 3–6
Fridays, May 9, June 13, 11–11:30 am

Make It Yourself
Age PreK+
Fridays, May 9, June 20, 4:30–5:30 pm

AAPI Family Movie
The Tiger's Apprentice
Friday, May 9, 6:30–8 pm

Nature Play

Age 0–5
Mondays (except May 5, 26)
9:30–10:30 am

Adventure Club

Age 5–10
AAPI **Kyrgyzstan**
Tuesday, May 13, 4:30–5:15 pm
or 1:30–2:30 pm
(homeschoolers)

Kids Open Gaming

Age 5–12
Tuesdays, May 13, 27
4–6 pm

Art Exploration

Age 6–12
Wednesdays, 4:30–5:15 pm

AAPI **Ruth Asawa**
May 14

IHM **Pacita Abad**
June 11



Graphic Novel Hangout

Age 8–12
Thursday, May 15
4:30–5:30 pm

Early Entry: An Accessibility Hour

All ages
Sundays, May 18, June 15, 11 am–noon



AAPI
**Books and Bites:
Ramen for Everyone**
All ages
Monday, May 19
6:30–7:15 pm

Pokémon Club

Age 8–12
Tuesdays, May 20, June 17, 4:30–5:30 pm

Feel-Good Family Games
Tuesday, May 20, 6:30–7:30 pm

Read with a Guinea Pig
Age 5–8
Thursday, May 22
4:30–5:15 pm



**Craft Club for
Grades K–2**
Age 5–8
Thursday, May 29
4:30–5:30 pm

PRIDE **Family Service Project
for Pride Month**
Friday, June 6, 6–8 pm

Wednesdays on the Green
Family entertainment on the
Village Green at 7 pm, starting June 11

Sensory-Friendly Family Movie
Despicable Me 4
Monday, June 16, 2–3:45 pm

JUNE **Observing Juneteenth**
Age 3+
Thursday, June 19, 2–3:30 pm



**Dan + Claudia Zanes
Inclusive Family
Concert**

Tuesday, June 24
10–11 am

Tweens

Age 8–12
**Make Your
Own Plushie**
Thursday, May 8
4:30–5:30 pm



JAHM **Jewish Comfort Food: Babka**
Thursday, May 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

Volunteering
Seed Paper
Friday, May 16, 5:30–6:30 pm

Snack Attack: Make a Face with Fruit
Friday, June 13, 5:30–6:30 pm

Felting
Wednesday, June 18, 2–3:30 pm

STEAM: Invisible Ink
Monday, June 23, 3–4 pm

Teens

Check the online calendar for ongoing and late-breaking teen events and events that can include teens, along with other ages. Sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info.

Teen Summer Service Information Session
Monday, May 5, 6:30–8 pm

AAPI **Learn Basic Bollywood Dance**
Monday, May 12, 5–6 pm

Asking for a Friend
Wednesday, May 14, 4–5:30 pm

Tour the Talking Farm
Saturday, May 17, 11 am–12:30 pm

AAPI **Asian Snack Week**
May 18–24, 4–4:30 pm

Teen Summer Service

Library Learning for All Abilities
Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25, 3:30–4:30 pm

Bookworms
Fridays, June 13, 20, 27, 3–4:30 pm

Crafting for a Cause
Sundays, June 15, 29, 1–2:30 pm

PRIDE **Pride Party**
Tuesday,
June 24
5–7 pm



FOR ADULTS

Check for event details and sign up at events.skokiellibrary.info. Registration opens May 1 except for events during the first week of May, which are already open.

What Type of Meditation Calms Your Mind?
Thursday, May 1, 7–8 pm

Learn About Composting with a Master Gardener
Friday, May 2, 3:30–4:30 pm

Memory Café
Saturday, May 3, 11 am–12:30 pm

 **Bookmobile Plant Swap at Reid Park**
Sunday, May 4
noon–2:30 pm


 **Resources for Gardening and Landscape Design**
Tuesday, May 6, 11 am–noon



Climate Café
Tuesday, May 6, 6–7 pm

 **ESL Café**
Wednesdays, 12:30–2 pm

The Artist of Parisian Nightlife: Henri de Toulouse Lautrec
Wednesday, May 7, 2–3:30 pm


 **Introduction to Jewish Genealogy**
Wednesday, May 7, 5:30–7 pm

Relaxation in Nature: Forest Bathing at Emily Oaks
Thursday, May 8, 6–8 pm

Let's Talk About Caregiving: Dementia and Alzheimer's
Thursday, May 8, 6:30–7:30 pm (online)



Introduction to Yoga
Fridays, May 9, June 13, 1–2 pm

 **Learn Basic Bollywood Dance**
Monday, May 12, 6:30–7:30 pm


Low Vision Support Group
Tuesdays, May 13, June 10, 1:30–2:30 pm


Visible Mending
Tuesday, May 13, 5:30–7 pm

Learn About

Informal drop-ins
3–5 pm

 **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage**
Tuesday, May 6
Wednesday, May 14
Thursday, May 22

 **Juneteenth**
Thursday, June 12
Tuesday, June 17

 **Pride**
Thursday, June 19
Tuesday, June 24

Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond
Tuesday, May 13, 7–8 pm (online)

Calligraphy Workshop: Learn the Art of Beautiful Writing
Thursday, May 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

Tour the Talking Farm
Saturday, May 17, 11 am–12:30 pm

What Is Work-Life Balance, Really?
Wednesday, May 21, 7–8:30 pm

Third Space Thursdays
Finish Your Project Thursday, May 22 5–7 pm
Music Bingo Thursday, June 5 2–4 or 6:30–8:30 pm

Managing Our Busy Lives: A Practical Discussion
Wednesday, May 28, 7–8 pm

Adult Improv Fun
Wednesday, June 4, 6–7 pm

Introduction to Qigong
Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19
11 am–noon

Ask a Master Gardener
Friday, June 6, 3:30–4:30 pm




Thousand-Miler: Adventures Hiking the Ice Age Trail
Tuesday, June 10, 2–3 pm

 **Drag Bingo**
Tuesday, June 10, 7–8 pm



Bike Maintenance 101 with the Recyclery
Thursday, June 12, 5:30–6:30 pm

 **Juneteenth Community Unity Celebration**
Saturday, June 14, 1–5 pm

Exploring Handwriting, Cursive, and Calligraphy
Thursday, June 19, 3:30–4:30 pm

Birding 101
Sunday, June 22, 1–2 pm

Minds of All Kinds: Exploring ADHD, Autism, and Neurodiverse Experiences
Monday, June 23, 6:30–8 pm

Getting Started with Genealogy Research
Thursday, June 26, 1–2 pm



Nothing About Us, Without Us
History and Impact of the ADA
Sunday, June 8, 2–3 pm

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Americans with Disabilities Act

Book Discussions and Book Talks

Book Trails Walking Club
Wednesdays, May 7, 21
June 4, 18
4:30–5:30 pm
(at Emily Oaks Nature Center)

Fantasy Book Club
One Dark Window
Tuesday, May 13, 7–8 pm

LitLounge
Wednesdays, 7:30–9 pm

AAPI Hula May 14 **PRIDE** Bellies June 11

Talking Books Discussion Group
Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 pm
AAPI Honor May 21 **PRIDE** Still Life June 18

Pages Through History
AAPI Fragile Cargo
Wednesday, May 21
7–8:30 pm

Mystery Book Club
The Conjure-man Dies
Wednesday, June 4
7–8:30 pm



Performances

Free tickets given out 30 minutes before the performance begins

Chamber Music Recital:
Member of Niles West Orchestra
Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 pm

Northeastern Chamber Ensemble: Piano and Wind Quintets by Mozart and Beethoven
Sunday, May 11, 3 pm



Guitarist Goran Ivanovic
Sunday, May 18
3 pm

North Shore Musician's Club
Scholarship Concert
Wednesday, May 21, 1 pm



Young Steinway Concert
Jonny Faust, Piano, and
Lavie Huang, Cello
Sunday, June 1, 3 pm



Cambodian Music: The Living Tradition
Sunday, June 29, 3 pm

Technology

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Saturday, May 3, 10:30–11:30 am

One-on-One Tech Help
Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–4 pm
(except May 26)

3D Printed Assistive Tools
Tuesday, May 13, 11:30 am–1:30 pm

Talking Tech: Basic Terminology
Friday, May 16, 10:30–11:30 am

Discover the Public Domain
Tuesday, May 20, 4–5 pm

Introduction to Google Calendar
Wednesday, May 21, 5–6 pm

Exploring Google Workspace

Tuesday, May 27, 1:30–2:30 pm

IHM Digitizing and Preserving Family Archives



Tuesday, June 10, 3:30–4:30 pm

Introduction to Google Docs
Saturday, June 14, 10:30–11:30 am

Talking Tech: Unplugging Ourselves
Monday, June 16, 5:30–6:30 pm

Cables, Ports, and Plugs
Saturday, June 21, 10:30–11:30 am



Movies

(drop in)

Friday Film
Fridays

Conclave
May 9, 1:30 pm

JUNE Miss Juneteenth
June 13, 1:30

JAHM A Real Pain
May 23
1:30 and 6:30 pm

Wicked
June 27, 1:30 and 6 pm

Morning Movie
Wednesdays at 10 am

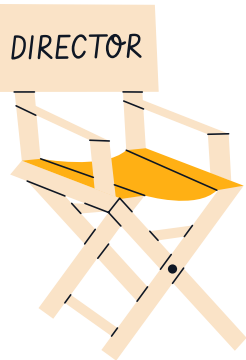
AAPI Spirited Away
May 28

Wonder
June 18

Movie Night
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

AAPI Didi
May 20

Touch
June 17



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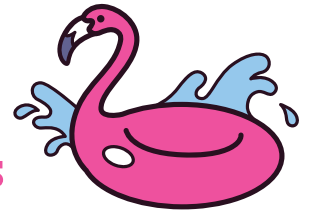


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Summer Reading Events for All Ages



Jump-Start Your Summer Reading

Get a jump on your summer reading in this librarywide, drop-in event that includes activities, book talks, treats, and giveaways.

Saturday, May 31, 2–4 pm
Sunday, June 1, 2–4 pm



Jump-Start Your Summer Reading with the Bookmobile

Start your summer reading on the bookmobile at Winnebago Park. Pick up a summer reading booklet and enjoy activities, treats, and giveaways.

Saturday, May 31, 11:30 am–1:30 pm

Reading Party

Grab a book and join a reading party. Register for this event, and we'll provide snacks and recommendations for refreshing summer reads.

Monday, June 16, 4–5 pm