

# JUMP START NEWS

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## Creative Corner

### Squirt Gun Painting

#### Materials Needed:

- Squirt Guns or Plastic Spray Bottles
- Watercolor Paper
- Liquid Watercolors
- Easel



#### Directions:

1. Arrange the easel in the yard, then clip two sheets of watercolor paper to each side.
2. Invite your kids to fill their squirt guns with liquid watercolors, then let them go to town painting!

*Tip: No Easel? That's okay! Kids can use a thumbtack to secure their paper to a tree.*

3. Allow the paintings to dry in the grass. We found it helpful to weigh each one down with a rock so they wouldn't blow away.

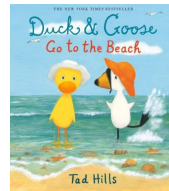
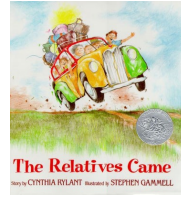
Each painting was bright, unique, and as beautiful as the child who made it. My son (the one who had complained of boredom that morning) spent the entire afternoon creating independently with this super easy art activity.

With a little cleanup and minimal direction from me, I call it a win!



## Children's Books to Read

- Summer Days and Nights by Wong Yee
- The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylan
- And Then Comes Summer by Tom Brenner
- Duck and Goose Go To the Beach by Tad Hills
- Summer Color by Diana Murray
- Summer is Summer by Phyllis Gershator
- I See Summer by Charles Ghigna
- Summersaults by Douglas Florian
- Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sis
- Mouse's First Summer by Lauren Thompson
- Boris Goes Camping by Carrie Weston



## Fitness

Did you know stretching daily for at least 10 minutes can:

Increases your flexibility

Increases your range of motion

Improves your performance in physical activities

Increases blood flow to your muscles

Improves your posture

Helps to heal and prevent back pain

Is great for stress relief

Calm your mind



## Another Craft to Try!



## Self Care

### Mindfulness

Self care does not always mean working out or going to the spa. Self care can be practiced by simply being mindful of your thoughts. Benefits of mindfulness include: clearer focus and concentration, improved physical health, reduced anxiety, reduced worry, less stress, and better sleep. Below are 10 ways to stay mindful throughout your day.

<p><b>Take a Breath</b> Close your eyes while you breathe and follow each breath in and out of your body.</p>	<p><b>Connect With Nature</b> Get outside and feel the sun on your skin or the wind in your hair.</p>
<p><b>Learn to Focus</b> Stop wearing that 'multi-tasker' badge of honour and let yourself focus on one task at a time.</p>	<p><b>Eat Well</b> Give yourself some space around each meal to enjoy your food and rest.</p>
<p><b>Slow Down</b> There's no need to do everything on a high speed! It leads to high stress levels and more mistakes.</p>	<p><b>Re-Set Breaks</b> Build a couple of re-set breaks into your day to check in with yourself and let go of any issue.</p>
<p><b>Let Go of Emotions</b> Recognise the emotion, acknowledge it without engaging and watch it pass by.</p>	<p><b>Release</b> Listen out for the moments when judgement rears it's head, acknowledge them and let them pass by.</p>
<p><b>Just Stop</b> Sit for a moment and just be.</p>	<p><b>Connect With Your Senses</b> Experience a moment through each primary sense: stop and focus on everything one sense at a time</p>

# Health and Safety



4th of July decorating safety tips; here is what you need to know to keep it safe. The 4th of July is not only traditionally fun, but it is also traditionally the holiday with the most fires. These fires can be as small as a burning bucket and some bigger, like a burned finger.

Below are a few tips that include safety measures you can take for your regular decorations.

- Have a fire extinguisher readily available. This way if there was an accidental fire, the fire can be put out quickly.
- Have water buckets and a hose available. This is also important in the case that a fire becomes larger than a small extinguisher can take care of.
- Alcohol is a favorite of many for the holiday celebrations; however, it is important to keep alcohol away from children and animals. There is a potential risk of alcohol poisoning if consumed by a child or animal.
- Some decorations have smaller parts, or dangerous chemicals. If there is going to be small children and animals around, it is important to make sure that the decorations are safe in the lower areas.
- When you are disposing of decorations and fireworks, make sure that they are completely free of heat and fire. This way there will not be a smoldering fire happening after the party is over.
- When you decorate the area that you will be setting off fireworks, it is important to make sure that the decorations are a safe distance from the actual fireworks.
- Make sure that the area you are lighting fireworks off is also free of bushes, dry grass, trees, and other fire hazardous materials.
- Safety includes removing small pieces of balloons, fireworks, and other items that are able to choke small children. The main thing about decorations that is dangerous to small children is either choking, or being strangled by them.

Following this 4th of July decoration safety tips should make it easier to maintain a safe and fire-free environment for all.

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## Money Tips

It's officially summer, now what? Time to keep the kids entertained and busy. No need to fret about finances. Here are some budget friendly ideas that you can use in order to create memorable moments without worrying about the costs.

**Indoor/Outdoor Campout-** gather all of your camping equipment and set up a tent inside the home or in your backyard. The family can tell funny stories, have a read-a-thon, play flashlight tag or make up your own activity. Don't forget the S'Mores!

**Family Talent Show-** have friends and relatives join in on the fun. Go even further and record all of the action and watch it with the family. This experience would be fun and more cost effective than taking the entire family to the movies.

**Sundaes on Sunday (or any day)-** dreading the pricey trip to Oberweis or Dairy Queen? No problem, have an ice cream parlor at home. Everyone can choose their own toppings and make a sundae or a nice, cool treat!

**Food and Movie Critic-** instead of watching the judges on Food Network, you could be the judge. Buy several different brands of frozen pizzas and have each family member cast their vote for the best one. Choose a movie that peaks your family's interest and have each family member put their anonymous movie review in a jar and see if you can guess whose it is.

**Family Game Night-** sure it's fun to take the family to amusement parks and indoor trampoline parks. However, you can create the same fun at home. Enjoy playing a variety of board games or take it up a notch and create your own backyard "amusement" park- trampolines, obstacle courses, popcorn, and funnel cakes!

**Staycation-** Turn your home into your favorite hotel. Have the kids come up with ideas about this- will you have a hotel theme (Disney maybe)? A pool? Bed and Breakfast? Someone could pretend to be the front desk clerk and check the "guests" in. Another person could escort the guests to their room of choice and someone else could provide entertainment for the guests. Use your imagination!

## Parenting Tip of the Month!

During the the Fourth of July, 30% of all firework related burns and injuries happen to children playing with backyard sparklers.

Here are some safety tips for this Fourth of July.

- Always supervise school-aged children when sparklers are lit. Children under 5 should not participate unless they have hand-over-hand adult assistance and supervision.
- Never hold or light more than one sparkler at a time.
- Always hold the sparklers at arm's length from the body and stand at least six feet away from other people.
- Once sticks are done burning, they are still hot. Most injuries occur when hot sprinkles are placed on the ground and stepped on. Keep a bucket of water near by and place burned end into the water.



# Food Fun

## Blueberry Kebabs



### Items Needed:

- Kebab Sticks
- Blueberries
- Thick yoghurt – any flavor (Greek Style consistency works best)
- Baking paper
- Large container
- Large plate

### Directions:

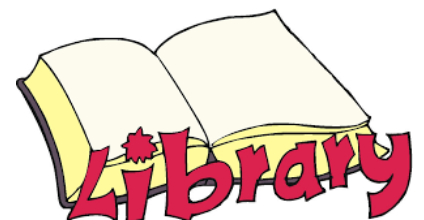
The good thing is you can make a batch of these delicious almost-ice creams and store them in the freezer for whenever.

1. Thread blueberries on to the kebab stick.
2. Place on a plate and lather with yoghurt. Rolling the blueberries into the yoghurt works well.
3. Line a freezer safe container (large encourage to fit the length of a kebab) with baking paper. Lay each kebab down, allowing enough space in-between so they don't get stuck.
4. Freeze for at least a couple of hours.
5. Eat immediately when removed from freezer.

Tip: I eat any left over yoghurt myself! Or you can make them into frozen yoghurt bites

## Fun Fact

There are actually more public libraries in the US than McDonald's.



# Therapeutic Play

## Social Emotional Development

Ages 3-99

Children have often have big feelings, but are developmentally not able to communicate those feelings with words. As parents we are often left to a guessing game as we are trying to understand what they are feeling. Coloring their feelings is a fun interactive way to get a sense into what your child may be experiencing.

### Directions:

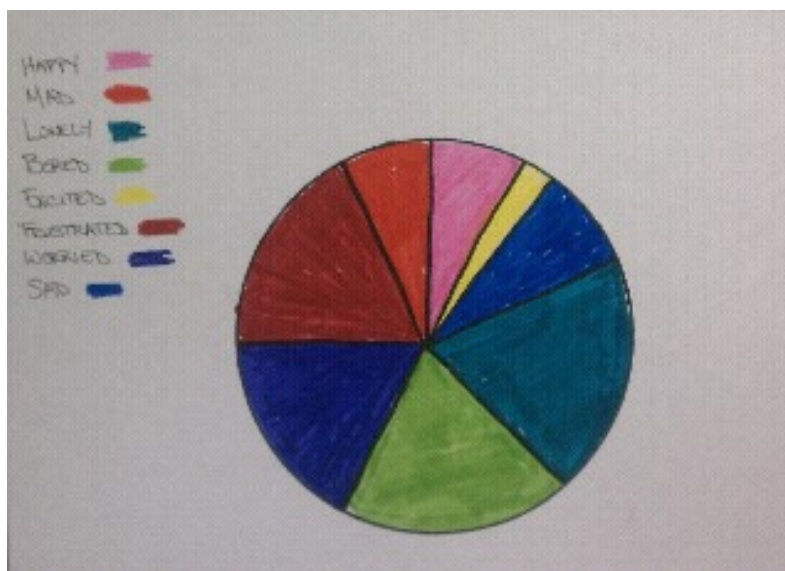
Offer your child several colors to draw with, can be crayons, pencils or markers. Place the attached activity sheet in front of them at the table or desk. Ask them to pick a color one at a time for four emotions. Angry, sad, happy, and worry are good starting emotions. As they pick each color write the word on the line and have them color in one square with that color. There is no right or wrong color, though as adults we often associate yellow with happiness, red with anger, etc. Let your child choose any color it just needs to be 4 different ones.

Once the boxes are colored and labeled review with a sentence or two what each emotion is. “Remember when grandma came over and gave you a new book and that made you really happy, it felt good to see her?” “I noticed you get angry when brother takes your car.” This helps mom and dad to not assume that your child knows what each emotion is.

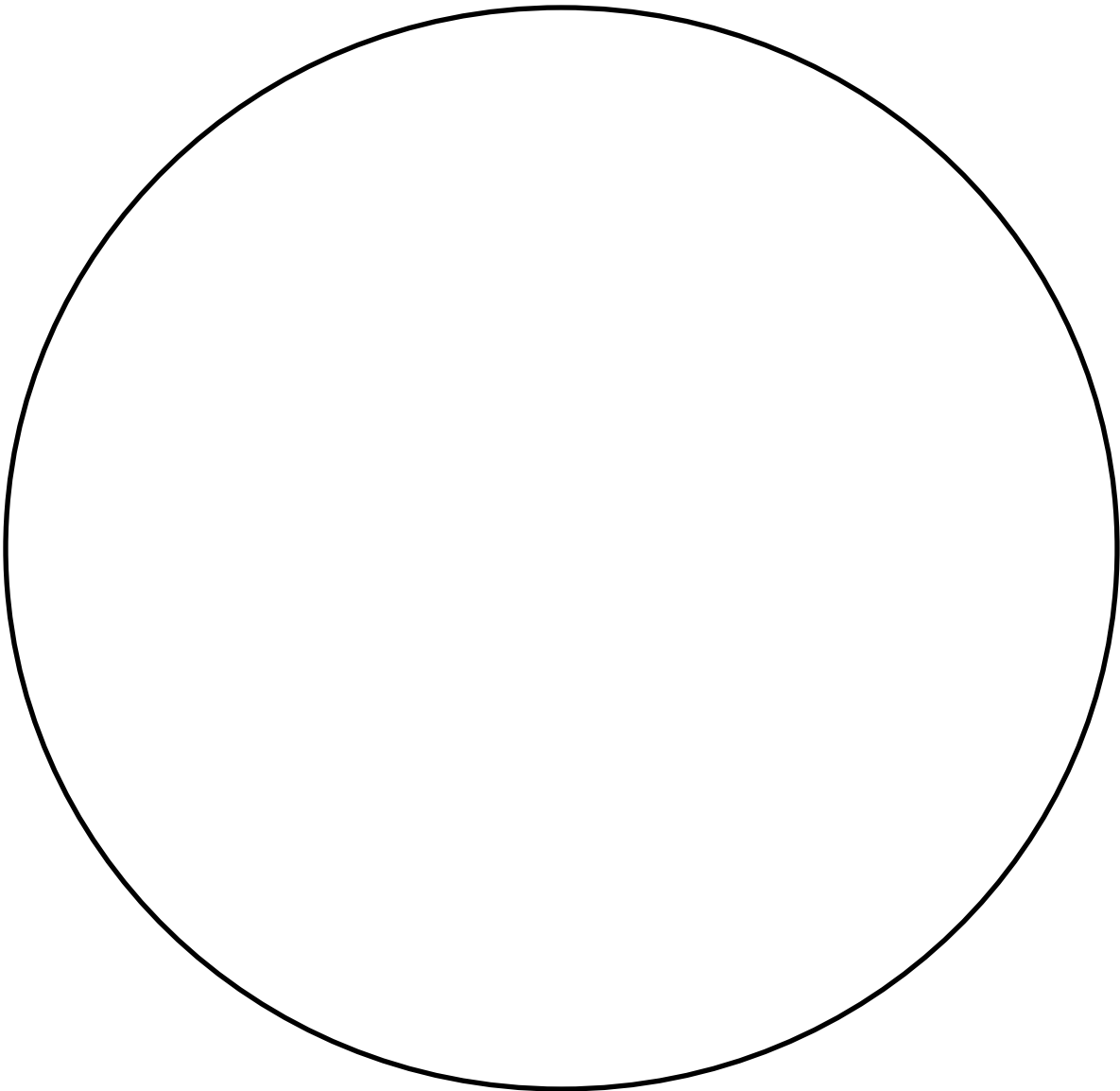
Then say, “I would like you to color in the amount that you feel angry. Then move on to the next emotion and so forth.

Children usually respond well to this activity and find it fun even when coloring in the harder emotions. Observe how much your child colors of which feeling. When they are done feel free to ask them to tell you a time they experienced that emotion. Be sure to be open and available without pressuring for more words than they are able to give or communicate. More words will come with time.

Then feel free to share the activity with your parent educator during their next visit.



## Color Your Feelings Activity

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### Lunch Bunch

Joliet Public Library - 150 N Ottawa St., Joliet  
Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
June 10th - July 24th

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Summer Meal Program is back!  
Come in for a free boxed lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays;  
stay for a program! Children under 18, no registration.

### Summer Concert Series

Wednesdays in July | 7:30-9:00pm  
Village of Bolingbrook's Performing Arts Center | 375 W.  
Briarcliff Rd.  
(Behind Village Hall/Town Center)  
It's summer! Grab a blanket, food and come out to enjoy five  
Chicago area bands. For more information visit:  
<https://www.bolingbrook.com/concerts>

### Patriotic Picnic & Fireworks

July 3 | 6-9:30 pm

INFLATABLES: \$5 wristband per child, unlimited turns.

#### EVENT TIMES:

6p: Raising of the Flag followed by decorating of bikes  
6:30p Kids' Patriotic Bike Parade and Family Fun  
7p: Dance Performance by Park District Dance Camps  
8:15p: Inflatables close and Retire the Colors led by the American Legion.

Bring your blankets, picnic baskets, lawn chairs and coolers.  
Concessions will be available. (Alcoholic beverages are not  
allowed on school property.)

### Will County July 4th Fireworks Displays

July 3 | Dusk | Bicentennial Park | 201 W. Jefferson, Joliet  
July 3 | 9:30pm | Centennial Park | 16028 127th St., Lemont  
July 3 | Dusk | Plainfield Central High School | 24120 W. Fort  
Beggs Dr., Plainfield  
July 4 | 9:15pm | Central Park | 410 Lakewood | Park Forest  
July 4 | 9:15pm | Community Park | 23200 W McClintock,  
Channahon  
July 3 | Dusk | Main Park | 400 W. Nebraska, Frankfort

### Independence Day Celebration

July 4th 6pm - 9:15pm | Community Park | 23304 W  
McClintock Rd, Channahon  
6:00pm - Foam pit, sand art, inflatables, face painting, decorating  
for freedom parade, concert in the park with Dick Diamond  
and the Dusters  
6:30pm Freedom Parade- Kids, pets and families  
alike...decorate your bikes, big wheels, wagons, strollers, pets  
and yourself. Then we will take a walk around Community  
Park. Come decked out with your most patriotic red, white, &  
blue or a limited supply of decorations will be available on  
site.

### Independence Day Celebration in the Village Commons

July 4th - 101 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox

Don't miss rock cover band Epic as they take the stage from 6:00  
p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Following Epic's performance will be the Joliet  
American Legion Band to lead into the fireworks display with  
patriotic tunes. The fireworks display will take place at dusk  
(approximately 9:30 p.m.).

Be sure to bring the little ones to our Kid Zone, located in front of  
the Village Hall, where they can participate in face painting,  
games, and patriotic crafts. Admission to this event is free. Guests  
of all ages are permitted. Parking is available in the lots of the  
New Lenox Public Library and Old Plank Trail Community Bank.  
We strongly encourage guests to utilize the free parking available  
at the Route 30 Metra station (300 N. Church Street in New Lenox).  
A free shuttle will be provided to the Village Commons  
beginning at 5:45 p.m.

### Eyes to the Skies Balloon Festival

Jul 4 at 12 PM - Jul 6 at 11 PM | 1825 Short St, Lisle  
A three day festival that stretches over a beautiful 110 acre  
site. The Festival includes hot air balloons, two stages featuring  
live performances, a large interactive children's area, over  
30 different food vendors, a carnival, a craft fair, and fireworks  
every night! Parking is free. The price of admission  
includes access to both music stages, the fireworks, the craft  
fair, the kids area, and the balloon launches/gloves which are  
all weather permitting (Some additional costs may apply in  
the kids area and with the tethered balloons.) Children 8 and  
under are free, so tickets are needed only for children 9 and  
older, as well as adults. Active military personnel and veterans  
can also get in for free by showing their identification at the  
entrance gates. You do not need a gate admission ticket to  
access the carnival, but if you are interested in accessing only  
the carnival, you need to approach the Festival from the gates  
on the West side of the festival grounds off of Yackley Road.

### Visit Your Local Park

July 5, 12, 19 | 10am-12:30pm

Take a trip to your local park and while visiting take a ride  
on the Trackless Train, try climbing the portable climbing  
wall, check out a book with the Fountaindale Public Library  
Bookmobile and see the puppet show.

July 5 | Central Park (201 Recreation Dr, Bolingbrook.)  
July 12 | Wipfler Park (549 Rockhurst, Bolingbrook)  
July 19 | Champions Park (1600 Firethorn, Bolingbrook)

**Freedom Fest - Flea Market/Car Show/Fireworks**

July 6, 2019 at 9 AM – 3 PM

Water Street Market - 100 - 300 N Water St, Wilmington  
Flea Market 9-3

Followed by a Car show and Fireworks in the evening  
Water Street Market is a pop-up flea Market held on water st. in  
Historic Downtown Wilmington IL

**Free: Yoga in the Park**

Saturdays June 8th - August 24th | 9:30-10:30am  
Briese Park (corner of Cedarwood Drive and Ingalls Ave),  
Joliet

Sponsored by Inwood Athletic Club. Please bring your  
own mat. Classes are cancelled in the event of inclement  
weather.

**Water Play Day**

July 9th 10:30am-12pm & 2:00pm-3:30pm

Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch -3395  
Black Rd, Joliet

Cool off in our do it yourself waterpark!  
Children of all ages with adult, no registration is re-  
quired.

**Lego Club: Summer**

Thursdays 2pm-4pm

Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch | 3395 Black Rd,  
Joliet

The library will supply Lego bricks for free play and the oc-  
casional challenge! Are you up for it?  
Children of all ages with adult, no registration is required.

**2019 Live Market on Chicago Street - Joliet**

July 10 | 4-8pm

The Live Market on Chicago St. will be open every 2nd  
Wednesday of the month from 4-8PM JUNE - OCTOBER.  
Located along Chicago Street between Van Buren and W.  
Jefferson Streets.

Our annual market will feature vendors, downtown business-  
es, community partnerships, live entertainment

**Little Explorers**

July 10 | Session 1: 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Session 2: 1 to 2:30  
p.m. | FREE

Four Rivers Environmental Education Center | 25055 W  
Walnut Ln, Channahon

Children and their parent or guardian are invited to come  
out and play. A new nature theme is chosen every pro-  
gram with hands-on activities that may include a story,  
games, dancing, art, a hike, other outdoor activities and  
more! The topic for this session is "Animal Critters in the  
Water." Be prepared to get wet! . A variety of group and  
free play activities are planned. Please dress for both  
indoor and outdoor playtime. We encourage experiencing  
all types of weather, rain or shine. While activities are  
designed for ages 3-5, younger children are welcome.  
This is a great opportunity for parents and children to  
meet in a natural setting to exchange ideas and get to  
know each other.

**Barbie Club**

July 12, 19, 26 | 11AM

Joliet Public Library-Ottawa St. Branch | 150 N. Ottawa  
St., Joliet

Join the fun and come and play with our Barbies™ and  
their dream house! Dolls and accessories will be provided.  
Children of all ages with adult, no registration required  
<https://jolietlibrary.libcal.com/event/5231119>

**Bingo!**

July 10, 17, 24 | 1PM

Joliet Public Library-Ottawa St. Branch | 150 N. Ottawa St.,  
Joliet

Drop by the library for a few games of Bingo. Lots of prizes  
will be won!

Children of all ages, no registration  
OSB: <https://jolietlibrary.libcal.com/event/5249702>

### **Movies In The Park**

July 12 | Paul E. Briese Park | Incredibles 2

July 26 | Theodore Crossing | Small Foot

August 16 | Inwood Park | Hotel Transylvania 3

Grab your blanket and snacks, ☐ come out to this family-friendly FREE event. Movies will be shown on a giant inflatable movie screen. Movies will be shown at dusk. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be cancelled.

### **Pet Fest & Car Show**

July 14 | 12-9 PM | 700 Theodore St, Joliet

Wags 2 Wishes is hosting their annual Pet Fest & Car Show at St Joe's Park in Joliet, IL. The entire event runs Noon to 9 pm and includes many animal rescues, silent auction and 50/50, animal product vendors, low cost vaccine clinic, car show, food, beer garden, raffles, kids section with face painting and cold blooded creatures. There will also be entertainment provided with a dj and bands

### **Movies in the Park**

July 12 | Ralph Breaks the Internet PG – 112 minutes

July 26 | Incredibles 2 PG – 118 minutes

Settlers' Park | 24401 W. Lockport St., Plainfield

The fun starts at 8:30p with concessions for sale before show time. Bring your blankets and come watch a movie under the stars! Terraced seating is available. If inclement weather is forecast, the movie will be cancelled. In case of cancellation, please call Settlers' Park Event Hotline at (815) 609-6124 after 4:00 pm.

### **\$1 Admission Evening Swims**

July 17 & 31 | 6:30-8:30 PM

Tomahawk Aquatic Center | 24856 W Eames St, Channahon

We love it when we see friends having fun at the pool. Bring all your friends with you to a \$1 admission evening swim. The concession stand will be open.

### **Concert in the Park 2019**

July 18 | 6-9 PM

Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre | 201 W Jefferson St, Joliet

Our JTHS Alumni Band "Concert in the Park" event will feature music fitting for a good old fashioned "Concert in the Park" to include marches, show tunes and light concert fare.

### **Movie Nights (Bolingbrook)**

July 18 | The Grinch | AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center | 500 Remington Blvd.

July 29 | Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse | Bull Dog Park | 351 Blair Ln.

Sponsored by Kids Plus Pediatric Dentistry! Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blanket and a bowl of popcorn! Our outdoor movie series features three movies that will be displayed on outside on an inflatable screen. Bring the whole family and enjoy a family-friendly movie (all movies are rated PG). Movies will start around 8:15 pm when the lighting is best for the cinematic adventure!

### **Movie Matinees**

July 19 | The Muppet Movie (Interactive)

Aug 2 | The Lego Movie 2

Joliet Public Library - Black Road Branch | 3395 Black Rd, Joliet

Come enjoy a movie and a snack in cool comfort with friends.

Children of all ages, no registration

### **Joliet Slammers Superhero Night**

July 19 | 6:05 PM – 9:35 PM

Joliet Slammers | 1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr, Joliet

Join some of your favorite heroes for a SUPER fun night with the Joliet Slammers!

Characters in attendance:

-Spider Hero

-Wonder Hero

-Captain Hero

-Marvelous Hero

\*Must purchase tickets through the Joliet Slammers to attend!

<https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/team.asp?>

### **Movie in the Park**

July 31 | Central Park - 24856 W Eames St, Channahon

At dusk bring your lawn chair and blanket and join us for a movie under the stars. What better way to enjoy a summer night than watching Ralph Breaks the Internet with your family and friends at Central Park. The movie will begin around 8:15 PM. The pool concession will be open through the movie. Swim at Tomahawk Aquatic Center before the movie for only \$1!

### Joliet Slammers July Princess Night

July 20 | 5:05-8:35PM

Joliet Slammers | 1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr., Joliet  
Come join Magic, Music, and More for a magical night with the Joliet Slammers!

Characters in attendance:

-Snow Queen

-Ice Sister

-Island Princess

-Beauty Princess

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### Hines Veterans Mobile Medical Unit

July 1st from 9:00am-2:00pm

Veterans who wish to receive care through the Veterans Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) from Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital must bring a copy of their DD Form 214 or their VA medical ID card with them. Located at the Morris American Legion, 212 West Washington St., Morris, IL. For more information, contact Ken Buck at 815-941-3152.

### Independence Day Celebration

July 4th from 6:00-9:15pm

Come Celebrate the 4th of July at Community Park in Channahon!

Freedom Parade begins at 6:30pm: Kids, pets, and families alike ... decorate your bikes, big wheels, wagons, strollers, pets and yourself. Then we will take a walk around Community Park. Come decked out in your most patriotic red, white, and blue or a limited supply of decorations will be on site.

Schedule of Events:

6:00pm -- Foam Pit, Sand Art, Inflatables, Face Painting, Decorating for Freedom Parade, Concert in the Park with Dick Diamond and the Dusters

6:30pm -- Freedom Parade

7:00pm -- Dodgeball on the Tennis Court

9:15pm -- Fireworks by Five Alarm Fireworks Co.

### Movie Nights in the Village Commons

101 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox

Begins June 12 and take place every Wednesday evening at dusk through August 14. Admission is free, and concessions will be available for sale. Visit

[www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events) for more information.

July 3: The LEGO Movie 2 (PG)\*

July 10: Space Jam (PG)

July 17: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)

July 24: How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG)\*

July 31: Avengers: Infinity Wars (PG-13)

August 7: Incredibles 2 (PG)\*

August 14: Mary Poppins Returns (PG)

### Wendy's Cruise-In

July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th from 5:00-9:00pm

All classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles welcome!

Inclement weather cancels cruise-in. Located on Route 47, ¼ mile south of I-80 in nostalgic Morris, Illinois at the Wendy's Restaurant. Every Monday from 5-9pm. Free event.

For more information, contact Ken at 815-942-2032.

### Grundy County Agricultural District Fair

July 3rd-7th

Free entertainment in the food court, free shows and strolling entertainment, free parking, free dances, rides and games by the Great America Shows, Bertrand's Horse Ranch, Petting Zoo, & Pony Rides, Magic Matt's Family Fun Show, Fireworks, rides, games, and races. Visit at 8890 North Illinois Route 47, Morris, IL 60450. For questions, call 815-942-5958

Wednesday, July 3rd

4:00pm -- Carnival Opens -- wristbands \$25.00

5:00pm -- Magic Matt's Family Fun Show

Dusk -- 4th of July Fireworks Show

Thursday, July 4th

12:00pm -- Carnival Opens -- (noon-5pm--wristbands \$25) -- All Rides \$3.00 after 5pm

12:00pm -- Talent Contest

12:30pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm -- Magic Matt's Family Fun Show

Friday, July 5th

12:00pm -- Carnival Opens -- (Noon-5pm - wristbands, \$25) - All Rides \$3.00 after 5pm

2:30pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm -- Magic Matt's Family Fun Show

7:00pm -- RACING -- Mid-Season Championship Full Program with Double Points

Saturday, July 6th (Kids Day)

12:00pm -- Carnival Opens -- (regular ticket prices all day)

12:00pm -- Talent Show

1:30pm -- Buffalo Wild Wing Eating Contest

2:00pm -- Kids Pedal Pull Registration in Dance Hall

3:00pm -- Kids Pedal Pull by National Pedal Pullers & Racers in Dance Hall

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm -- Magic Matt's Family Fun Show

5:30pm -- Qualifying -- POWRI Midgets Burdette Carter Memorial plus Pure Stocks, MCR Dwarf Cars

7:00pm -- Racing -- POWRI Midgets Burdette Carter Memorial plus Pure Stocks, MCR Dwarf

Sunday, July 7th

9:00am -- Therapeutic Riding Competition Immediately Following Therapeutic Competition, Equine Fun Classes

12:00pm -- Pit Gates Open Tractor & Truck Pull

12:00pm -- Carnival Opens -- (Noon-5pm --Wristbands \$25) - All Rides \$3.00 after 5pm.

1:30pm, 3:30pm -- Magic Matt's Family Fun Show

4:00pm -- Illini State Pullers Tractor & Truck Pull -- Plus the "Grundy County Dirt Slingers Challenge -- 18th Annual Highway Legal 4-Wheel Drive Truck Pull and Gas & Diesel Powered Championship Truck Pull

### **10th Annual Liberty 5K Run/Walk**

July 3rd at 7:30pm

The Liberty 5K is a chip timed run on a certified course that takes runners through Nostalgic Downtown Morris and area parks and neighborhoods. The route is completely paved, and primarily flat with slight hills. The Liberty 5K supports and honors local military personnel and involves them in the event. The Liberty 5K also boasts the Junior Patriots Run, great food for runners, special awards for military personnel, cash awards and great give-aways for all participants. Start Times: Junior Patriots ¼ Mile Kids Run (Up to 11 years old): 6:45pm. Liberty 5K Run/Walk: 7:30pm. Race and Registration Location: 402 Liberty St., Morris, IL (Ebbey George's Bar and Grill. Race Day Registration and Race Bag Pick-Up Times: Junior Patriots ¼ Mile Kids Run: 5:00-6:30pm, 5K Run/Walk: 5:00pm-7:00pm. Cost: Pre-Race Day Registration, \$25, Race Day Registration, \$35. For additional information, or to volunteer, please contact the Morris Downtown Development Partnership, Inc. at (815) 941-0245 or [mddp@downtownmorris.com](mailto:mddp@downtownmorris.com).

### **The Lion King**

July 9th from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday night is movie night at the Minooka Library! All summer long we'll be showing new releases and a few classics. Round up the family and join us for popcorn and a show. Movies start at 6:00pm with light snacks of Skinny Pop Popcorn, juice boxes, and water provided. All ages. Registration is required for each child and adult attending.

Located at Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. For questions, call 815-467-1600 ext. 3

### **Tots Jam Sessions**

July 12th & 26th from 11:00am-11:30am

Come jam out to family friendly tunes! We'll have tambourines, drums, shakers, and other noise makers! Jam sessions will be followed by open playtime 11:30-12pm. (Ages 0-6). Registration is required. Located at the Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. Please call 815-467-1600 for questions.

### **Petite Picassos**

July 9th and 23rd, from 10:30am-11:30am

Channel your inner Picasso with these fun, creative crafts. Supplies provided, just bring your imagination! Reminder: Art can get messy! Please dress accordingly. All ages. Registration required. Located at the Minooka Branch, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. For questions, call 815-467-1600 ext. 3.

### **Morris Cruise Night**

July 13th from 6:00-9:00pm

Proudly showcasing all kinds of cars, trucks, and bikes for a fun, family-oriented event in downtown Morris, IL. Stop by and check out the old classics, newest rides, muscle cars, tricked out and customized rides. There's always something new to see. Stroll the streets at your leisure, listening to music, while you enjoy this fun, family-oriented event. Our highest car count to date is 972 cars with 11 states represented. We give back to the community through profit distribution to local charities from funds raised through beneficiary 50/50 ticket sales and food booth sales. This event is free and open to the public. Located in downtown Morris along Liberty Street, from Illinois Avenue north to the railroad tracks, and a block East and West.

### **Ralph Breaks the Internet**

July 16th from 6:00-8:00pm

Tuesday night is movie night at the Minooka Library! All summer long we'll be showing new releases and a few classics. Round up the family and join us for popcorn and a show. Movies start at 6:00pm with light snacks of Skinny Pop Popcorn, juice boxes, and water provided. All ages. Registration is required for each child and adult attending.

Located at Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. For questions, call 815-467-1600 ext. 3.

### **Great Church Giveaway**

July 20th from 8:00am-11:00am

Please come to the annual Great Church Giveaway, hosted by Minooka Bible Church. This FREE "garage sale" will feature clothing, housewares, kitchen items, home and garden, small furniture and more!! Bring bags and boxes and take as much as you want for free!!!

Donation drop-off: July 19th, 4:00-9:00pm. Please only donate gently used items. Items not allowed include electronics, books, large furniture, car seats, or stuffed animals.

Doors open: 8am on Saturday, July 20, and will close at 11:00am. Located at Minooka Bible Church, 412 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL. For questions, please contact Allison Selk at [wyoyselk@yahoo.com](mailto:wyoyselk@yahoo.com).

### **Magic Monarch Butterflies**

July 20th from 10:30am-11:30am

Get a close up glimpse into the magical life of Monarch Butterflies! Presented by Kasia Goss. All ages. Registration is required. Located at the Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. Please call 815-467-1600 for questions.

Liberty Arts Festival  
July 18th-20th, All Day Events, Downtown Morris  
Thursday, July 18th

9:00am-5:00pm -- Chalk the Walks -- Visit your favorite downtown businesses for great shopping and more! Many businesses will have sidewalk chalk and art related activities throughout the weekend.

3:00pm-6:00pm -- Create a Car for Friday's "Drive-In" Movie -- Hester Street -- 802 Liberty St., Morris, IL -- Kids will have fun creating a cardboard car to bring to Friday's outdoor movie. To register, call (815) 513-5470. Unable to attend? Visit <https://doitandhow.com/2013/10/> and learn how to make one yourself!

6:30pm-8:30pm -- City of Morris Concert on the Courthouse Lawn -- Enjoy the smooth harmonies and soul stirring lyrics of River Road Trio!  
Rain location is Morris High School Auditorium.

Friday, July 19

9:00am-5:00pm -- Chalk the Walks -- Visit your favorite downtown businesses for great shopping and more! Many businesses will have sidewalk chalk and art related activities throughout the weekend.

10:30am-11:00am -- Storybook Character Parade -- Morris Area Public Library -- Storybook illustrations come to life at the Storybook Character Parade! Children and parents are invited to dress like their favorite storybook character and parade from the library to the courthouse. Be sure to enjoy the Creator's Village when you reach the courthouse!

11:00am-3:00pm -- Creator's Village -- Courthouse Lawn -- Pick up your Creator's Village Passport at the "Greeting Booth" and let your adventure begin! Kids of all ages can express their creativity with a variety of mediums. Be sure to have your passport stamped in each booth to receive a prize to take home with your bag full of art projects!

11:00am-3:00pm -- Train Rides -- Boarding at the Courthouse -- \$3.00 donation benefits the Christian Youth Center.

11:30am-1:30pm -- Grundy Bank's Brown Bag Friday -- Courthouse Lawn -- Featuring Tony DeBlois!

Noon-3:00pm -- Face Painting -- Courthouse Lawn -- Free!

Noon-3:00pm -- Caricatures -- \$5.00 per person.

1:30pm -- Donna Mueller's School of Dance -- Courthouse Stage -- Don't miss the Pizazz Dancers!

1:30pm-4:00pm -- Ice Cream Social -- Grundy Bank Courtyard -- Stop by for ice cream (just 25 cents a scoop!) and enter the coloring contest for a basket full of art supplies! Grundy Bank's Caring Committee uses funds to donate to other non-profits throughout the year.

2:00pm -- Morris High School Poms -- Courthouse Stage -- You won't want to miss this performance by the State Runner-Up Morris Poms!

8:30pm -- Outdoor Movie -- The LEGO Movie 2 -- The Second Part -- Goold Park -- A "drive-in" movie is coming back to Morris! That's if you choose to make your own cardboard box car! (See Thursday's event at Hester Street, or make your own). Everyone is invited to bring his or her own blankets or chairs to enjoy the movie. Free popcorn will be available, compliments of Century 21 Coleman-Hornsby.

Saturday, July 20

9:00am-5:00pm -- Chalk the Walks -- Visit your favorite downtown businesses for great shopping and more! Many businesses will have sidewalk chalk and art related activities throughout the weekend.

10:00am-4:00pm -- Art Walk -- Washington Street one block east and west of Liberty, and Liberty north of Washington Street -- Visit the Fine Art Walk and separate Maker's Market. The Fine Art Walk is juried and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will have ribbons displayed.

10:00am-4:00pm -- Train Rides -- Boarding at the Courthouse -- \$3.00 donation benefits the Christian Youth Center.

11:00am-Noon -- Forte Arts Center -- Grundy County Courthouse -- Be entertained by the Magical Moments special needs students, music students, as well as members of the Forte Arts Center performing groups.

Noon -- Selections from "Hairspray" -- Grundy County Courthouse -- Enjoy musical selections from Small Town Theatrics' production of Hairspray! See the entire musical at the Coal City Performing Arts Center on Thursday, July 25th at 7:00pm, Friday, July 26th at 7:00pm, Saturday, July 27th at 2:00pm or 7:00pm and Sunday, July 28th at 2:00pm. For more information visit [www.smalltowntheatrics.org](http://www.smalltowntheatrics.org), or follow them on social media (@STTheatrics).

Noon-3:00pm -- Face Painting -- Courthouse Lawn -- Free!

1:00pm-2:00pm -- Natalie Colleen Arwood -- Courthouse Stage -- Returning for her third year, you won't want to miss this young vocalist!

2:00pm-3:00pm -- Madison Grace -- Courthouse Stage -- You won't want to miss Madison's acoustic guitar with pop, soul, and rock vocals!

4:00pm-8:00pm -- Shine Music Fest -- Goold Park -- Free Christian music festival headlining Stars Go Dim at 7:00pm. Opening acts are Alpha & Omega band from Immaculate Conception and local Christian rock band, Ignescence! Many activities including henna tattoos, face painting, food and more! Rain location is Morris High School Auditorium, 1000 Union Street, Morris, IL

### Junk in the Trunk

July 21st from 10:00am-4:00pm

"Junk in the Trunk" will hold this event weather permitting. The location is 100 Commercial Drive which is located behind the Walgreens Store on Rte 47 in Morris. Junk in the Trunk is an open air flea market which takes place out of the back of vendors vehicles, cars, trucks, vans, etc. This event is free and open to the public. For questions, call Ken at 815-942-2032.

### Pokemon the Movie: The Power of Us

July 23rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday night is movie night at the Minooka Library! All summer long we'll be showing new releases and a few classes. Round up the family and join us for popcorn and a show. Movies start at 6:00pm with light snacks of Skinny Pop Popcorn, juice boxes, and water provided. All ages. Registration is required for each child and adult attending. Located at Minooka Library, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL 60447. For questions, call 815-467-1600 ext. 3.

**Catfish Days--Goes to Woodstock!**

July 25th-28th

Catfish Days is a festival with many events including a parade, food, and tournaments located in Wilmington, IL. Please visit the Catfish Days Facebook page for more information, @CatfishDays or email CatfishDays@gmail.com with questions.

**Teddy Bear Picnic**

July 25th at 11:00am

Join the Morris Area Public Library for a Teddy Bear Picnic--bring your favorite teddy bear and join the library for a snack outside. Located at 604 Liberty St., Morris, IL.

**Water Play Day**

July 30th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Children 2 months through 5 years old can join us for some water fun outside. Dress to get wet, and don't forget the sunscreen. Registration is required. Located at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL. To register, contact Tricia Meyer at (815) 634-4552 ext. 105 or at tricia@ccpld.org.

**Movie Day - Shark Tale**

July 31st from 1:00pm-2:30pm

All ages can join us in watching Shark Tales while eating some free, fresh popcorn and drinking cool lemonade. Anyone under the age of 8 needs to be accompanied by an adult and the movie is rated PG. Located at the Coal City Public Library, 85 N. Garfield St., Coal City, IL. Registration is required, please contact Tricia Meyer at (815) 634-4552 ext. 105 or tricia@ccpld.org.

**Itty Bitty Beach Party**

July 2nd from 9:00am-11:00am

This morning will feature plenty of water fun with dancing, games, and Hawaiian leis. Ages 0-4 years old. Free to pass holders, \$6 for non-pass holders. Located at the Civic Center Aquatic Park, 5 Ashlawn Ave., Montgomery, IL 60538. For questions, call 630-554-1010.

**Movie Night**

July 1st from 6:30pm-8:40pm

Join the Plano Public Library for Mary Poppins Returns. The magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. Rated PG. Refreshments will be served. This event will be located in the Meeting Room of the Plano Public Library, 15 W. North St., Plano, IL.

**Stories in the Park**

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, &amp; 30th from 10:30am-11:15am

Listen to stories, participate in finger plays, and sing songs all while enjoying the outdoors in a park setting. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on and a picnic lunch to enjoy in the park following each program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome. Ages 2 years old and up. For location details or to register, go to <https://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/event/17780-2019-06-11/2019-07-02/>. Provided through the Oswegoland Park District.

**Free Movies for Kids**

July 2nd from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Join the Plano Public Library for a viewing of Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, rated PG. Open to all ages; children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Attendance is limited to the first 80 people. Free snacks and drinks will be served.

**Mom's Summer Coffee Break**

July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st from 9:30am-11:30am

Hey Moms ... Enjoy a weekly break this summer while the kids are off school for some ladies' fellowship! Meet moms in the local community on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am with childcare available (\$1.00 per child). Moms will enjoy coffee, fellowship and a "mom" break while kids (ages 2 through 5th grade) partake in some organized fun! Space is limited, please contact the church office at (630) 553-7308 to reserve your spot! Located at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ, 409 Center Pkwy, Yorkville, IL 60560.

### **Red, White, and Pool**

July 4th from 11:00am-5:00pm

Receive a flag as you walk in the door! We will have all the favorites and some new events too! Candy bar bingo, water balloon games, draw on the deck contest, and patriotic trivia. The Coral Reef Grill will be cooking up some backyard favorites. All ages. Free to pass holders, \$6 for non-pass holders. Located at the Civic Center Aquatic Park, 5 Ashlawn Avenue, Montgomery, IL. For questions, call 630-554-1010.

### **Fourth Of July Celebration**

July 4th, All Day

Come to the Yorkville Town Square to enjoy all of the 4th of July festivities. Located at 301 N. Bridge St., Yorkville, IL. A parade will begin from Yorkville High School at 9:00am. Immediately following the parade until noon, Town Square activities will begin--including, children's foot races, rides, water fights, and a performance by the Yorkville Community Band. Activities are free and open to the public, food and drink will be available for purchase. Fireworks will begin at dusk and will be shot off near the corner of Route 47 and Countryside Pkwy. The Yorkville Big Band will also be performing at 8:00pm at the Larson-Nelson Funeral Home.

### **Oswego Independence Day**

July 4th at Dusk

The Village of Oswego is pleased to announce the Annual 4th of July Fireworks Display at 9:30pm on Thursday, July 4th. The rain date is July 5th. The Annual Fireworks Display will begin at 9:30pm, bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the show. The 4th of July Fireworks will be launched from Prairie Point Park.

All fireworks viewers are encouraged to use the Traugher Junior High School, Eastview Elementary, and Prairie Point Elementary and the parking lots of Oswego High School.

### **Big Fish, Little Fish**

July 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th from 9:00am-11:00am

This drop-in program is an open swim for parents and their toddlers. Start your child down the road of water familiarity with this program. Parent or guardian must be in the water with their children. Non-potty trained participants must be wearing a swim diaper, tight fitting plastic pants, and a swim suit. Ages: Parents and guardians with children 6 years old and under. \$4 per participant (Ages 2 and under are FREE). Located at Winrock Pool, 21 Winrock Rd., Montgomery, IL.

### **Free Movies for Kids**

July 11th from 1:00pm-2:50pm

Join the Plano Public Library for a viewing of Ralph Breaks the Internet, Rated PG. Open to all ages, children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Attendance is limited to the first 80 people. Free drinks and snacks will be served.

### **Yorkville's River Fest**

July 12th-13th

River Fest is returning on July 12-13! Co-hosted by the United City of Yorkville Parks & Rec Department and the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce, the festival features: free admission, live music, food & drink (award-winning ribs & more food vendors, beer tent, homebrew & distillery tastings), Cardboard Boat races on Friday, Apple Shots--test your skills to hit the floating target using the giant slingshot, Family Area--free activities with face painting, community crafts for kids, live performances, & demos by local organizations. Located at 131 E. Hydraulic St., Yorkville, IL 60560.

### **Miss Jamie's Farm**

July 16th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Come sing-a-long with Miss Jamie and her farm friends. Families with young kids will have so much fun! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Everyone attending must register. For questions, please call, 630-978-1272. This event is located at the Montgomery Campus of the Oswego Public Library district, 1111 Reading Dr., Montgomery, IL 60538.

### **Free Movies for Kids**

July 18th from 1:00pm-2:40pm

Join the Plano Public Library for a viewing of Hotel Transylvania, Rated PG. Open to all ages, children under 6 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Attendance is limited to the first 80 people. Free snacks and drinks will be served. Located at 15 W. North St., Plano, IL.



**Concert in the Park**

July 24th from 6:30-8:30pm

Come to Montgomery Park to listen to Nashville recording artist Eric Chesser, who will provide an energetic show with modern country hits. Food trucks and extra surprises will begin at 6:30pm. Located at the corner of River St. and Mill St., Montgomery, IL 60538.

**Storytime at Panera**

July 19th from 10:00-10:30am

Meet the traveling librarians at Panera Bread. The library will bring the stories and Panera will provide the cookies and milk. Located at Panera Bread, 1450 Douglas Rd., Oswego, IL. Registration is required. For questions, call 630-978-1272.

**Messy Munchkins**

July 24th from 10:30am-11:15am & 6:00pm-6:45pm. Messy Munchkins heads outdoors. We'll have lots of messy fun, and we mean really messy--like seriously messy. This is a child-directed program. Enjoy as many of the activities as they'd like and stay for as little as 10 minutes or the full 45 minutes. Bring a change of clothes and sunscreen. Rain date is July 31st. Located at the Plano Public Library, 15 W. North St., Plano, IL.

**Family Dance Party**

July 18th from 4:00-5:00pm

Have fun learning cool dance moves from a professional dance instructor. Located at the Montgomery Campus of the Oswego Public Library, 1111 Reading Dr., Montgomery, IL. For questions, call 630-978-1272. No registration is required.

**Summer Celebration & Back to School Bingo**

July 30th from 2:00-4:00pm

Drop-In to celebrate the last week of Summer Reading! There'll be games, activities, and a special raffle. Kids in K-5th grade can sign up to participate in our special back to school bingo game for a chance to win some great prizes. At 4:00pm there will be a tasty surprise. Located at the Montgomery Campus, 1111 Reading Dr., Montgomery, IL 60538. Registration required for bingo only. For questions, please call, 630-978-1272.

**Funky Float & Noodle Night**

July 26th from 7:30pm-9:30pm

Float on a donut, float on a turtle, float on a pizza next to Aunt Myrtle! Bring a funky float, raft, or noodle, something that floats, but not your pet poodle! We'll have some for singles, some for a pair, all of these are fun to share! All ages welcome! Free to pass holders, \$6 for non-pass holders. Located at Winrock Pool, 21 Winrock Rd., Montgomery, IL

**Summer Concert Series**

July 2 7:00 pm

Perry Farm

495 N Kennedy Drive

Bradley, IL

\$2.00 donation Free Parking

**Touch a Truck**

July 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

20 Bird Park Parking Lot

893 W Station

Kankakee, IL

**Kankakee County Fair**

July 31 - August 4

213 W 4000 S Road

Kankakee, IL

# LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

## Joliet Public Library-Main

**Spanish Storytime** July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:30pm-7:30pm (Children of all ages) A chance for children to explore the world of books through stories, songs, and crafts in a group setting. This storytime is presented completely in Spanish. No registration is required.

## Joliet Public Library-Black Road

**Toddler Time** July 1 starting at 9:45am and 10:45 am (18 months-3 years) Toddler time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft. No registration is required.

**Bilingual Family Storytime** July 1 at 11:45am-12:30pm (Children of all ages with an adult) This Family Storytime is for Spanish and English speakers and will give children exposure to books, songs, and activities in both languages. No registration required.

**Lapsit** July 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 starting at 9:15am, 10:15am, and 11:15am (Birth-24 months) Caregivers and babies will enjoy singing songs, reading stories, and chasing bubbles! This is a great first playgroup for children. No registration required.

**Family Storytime** July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:30pm-7:15pm (Birth- 6 years old) Family Storytime is a fun and interactive experience that is suitable for ages birth to six years. All your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, bubbles, songs, parachute play, and crafts. No registration is required.

**Toddler Time** July 3, 10, 17, 24 starting at 9:45am, 10:45am, or 11:45am. (18 months-3 years) Toddler time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft. No registration is required.

**Family Storytime** July 6, 20, 27 at 10:15am-11:00am (Birth- 6 years old) Family Storytime is a fun and interactive experience that is suitable for ages birth to six years. All your favorite storytime elements will be combined into one event, including stories, bubbles, songs, parachute play, and crafts. No registration is required.

**Toddler Time** July 8 starting at 9:45am and 10:45 am (18 months-3 years) Toddler time is a story program for children who are not yet ready for the structure of storytime. Your child will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft. No registration is required.

**Bilingual Family Storytime** July 8 at 11:45am-12:30pm (Children of all ages with an adult) This Family Storytime is for Spanish and English speakers and will give children exposure to books, songs, and activities in both languages. No registration required.

## Shorewood Library

**Itty Bitty Storytime** July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 10:00am-10:30am (Recommended for under age 3) Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers will enjoy 30 minutes of songs, socialization, and sensory activities designed for developing early literacy and motor skills.

**Stay and Play** July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 at 10:30am-11:00am (Recommended for under age 3) Stay and hang out with your friends in the Children's Department after story time!

## White Oak Library-Romeoville

**Monday Creative Creations** July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1:30pm-2:30pm (Children of all ages) Do you enjoy creating? We have just the thing for you! Monday Creative Creations will give you a chance to create a variety of different things.

## White Oak Library-Crest Hill

**Toddler Time** July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 10:30am-11:00am (Children between 3 months and 3 years of age) Children will develop preliteracy skills through songs, stories, and movement activities. Toddlers will learn about colors and the first half of the alphabet throughout the summer and fall!

## Three Rivers Public Library District

**Under the Little Big Top Story Time:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:15am. Join us for an outdoor story time on the lawn of Channahon library each week under our own little big top! There will be songs, finger plays, and two stories followed by outdoor playtime; toys and shade provided. Ages 2-8 years old. Registration is required. Located at 25207 W. Channahon Dr., Channahon, IL 60410. Please call 815-467-6200 for questions.

\*So far, only scheduled for July 11th.

**Tots Jam Sessions:** Fridays, 11:00am-11:30am. Come Jam out to family friendly tunes! We'll have tambourines, drums, shakers, and other noise makers! Jam sessions will be followed by open playtime 11:30-12:00pm. (Ages 0-6). Registration required. Located at the Minooka Branch, 109 N. Wabena Ave., Minooka, IL. For questions, call 815-467-1600.

## Morris Public Library – Morris, IL

**Story Time:** Tuesdays, 9:30-10am, Wednesdays, 10-10:30am. Come enjoy hearing a story and participating in songs and fingerplays with your little ones.

**Today's Readers Are Tomorrow's Leaders Story Time:** Fridays in June & July, 10:00am.

**Children's Pajama Story Time:** Mondays, 6:30pm-7:00pm & Thursdays 5:30pm-6:00pm. Come enjoy hearing a story and participating in songs and fingerplays with your little one.

**Wiggle Worm:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am, Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30am. Following storytime, the child and caregiver can engage in free play in the basement with a variety of toys.

**Reading with Dusty:** Mondays at 10:00am and Fridays at 1:00pm. Does your little one need help building their confidence when reading aloud? Dusty is the dog who loves reading and is looking forward to helping them. This event is by registration only.

# LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS

## Oswego Public Library, Oswego, IL and Montgomery, IL Campus

**Read & Play Everyone:** Saturdays, from 10:00-10:45am Located at the Oswego Campus, children ages 2-6 years old accompanied by an adult, can drop-in for fun with stories, songs, & free-play. No registra

**Baby Goose:** Mondays, 10:00-10:20am. Located at the Montgomery Campus, children ages 3-18 months old accompanied by an adult can have fun sharing stories, rhymes, and music together. \*For July, listed for 7/1/19, 7/22/19, 7/29/19

**Stories & Snacks:** Mondays, 6:30-7:00pm. Join the Oswego Public Library at the Montgomery Campus, outside for stories and snacks. Programs will be moved indoors for extreme weather. For July, listed for 7/8/19, 7/22/19

**Read & Play Baby:** Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00am. Children ages 6-23 months with an adult may drop-in for stories, music, and some fun free-play. Located at the Montgomery Campus. \*For July, listed for 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 7/23/19

**DIY & DIY Jr. Stations:** Fridays-Mondays, All Day. Drop-in at the Montgomery or Oswego campuses to make a craft. Crafts will take approximately 10 minutes to finish.

**Shake, Move, & Sing Together:** Tuesdays, July 9th, 6:30pm-7:00pm. Help your little ones learn to love music! Please register all children attending. Ages babies - 5 year olds with an adult. Located at the Montgomery Campus. Registration is required.

**Summer Reading Everywhere:** Tuesdays, June 11th - July 23rd (Civic Center Aquatic Park), 9:00-11:15am; Thursdays, June 13th - July 25th (Montgomery Village Hall), 9:00am-11:15am. Meet the librarians around town this summer! Drop by the Civic Center Aquatic Park on Tuesdays and the Montgomery Village Hall on Thursdays for stories. You can also check in your Summer Reading log. Civic Center Aquatic Park, 5 Ashlawn Avenue, Oswego, IL. Montgomery Village Hall, 200 N River St., Montgomery, IL. No registration is required.

## Plano Public Library

**Rhyme Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00am, 11:15-11:45am, & 6:00-6:30pm. For babies to age 3 years old accompanied by an adult. This lap sit storytime features action rhymes, finger plays, songs, movement activities, a simple story, and a parent-child reading time. Active adult participation is an integral part of this program. Registration is required. Please call 630-552-2025 or stop by the Kid's Library Desk to register.

## Yorkville Public Library, Yorkville, IL

**Summer Fun Days:** Tuesdays, 1:00pm-1:45pm. Ready for some outdoor fun. Join us in our newly remodeled Children's Courtyard! Wear old clothes. Please register on the website at [www.yorkville.lib.il.us/](http://www.yorkville.lib.il.us/) \*In July, only listed for 1:00pm on 7/2/19 & 11:00am on 7/9/19

**Baby Lapsit:** Wednesdays, 10:15am-10:45am. Ages birth-23 months. Parents sing, clap, and bounce to nursery rhymes and songs with your baby. The last 10 minutes of the program will be play time. Registration is required. only listed for 7/18/19

**Tots and Toddlers:** Thursdays, 10:30am-11. Parents, bring you little ones to listen to stories, rhymes and to complete a craft. July, only listed for 7/8/19 and 7/30/19.

**Drop-In Story Time:** Fridays, 10:30-11:00am. Take a trip with us this summer! Get your passport and stamp to adventure! We are exploring other cultures this summer during our weekly Drop In Story Time. Stay for the related craft after story time. Registration is NOT required. \*For July, 7/5/19, 7/12/19, 7/19/19, 7/26/19 are listed as drop-in story times.

**Stories in the Park:** Wednesdays, 10:30-11am. Join us in the park! Each week, weather permitting, we will meet at a different park and enjoy some stories. No registration is required.\*7/10/19: Hiding Spot Park, 307 Park St., Yorkville, IL

\*7/17/19: Riverfront Park, 131 E. Hydraulic St., Yorkville, IL

\*7/24/19: Rice Park, 545 Poplar Dr., Yorkville, IL

\*7/30/19: Beecher Park, 908 Game Farm Rd., Yorkville, IL

## Coal City Public Library District

**Summer Babies--Almost 2 Years Old:** Mondays, 6:00pm-6:30pm & Wednesdays, 10:00am-10:30am. Babies--almost-2-year-olds will listen to stories, songs, and activities to go with the theme A Sky Full of Stories. Please see Youth Services if child is not a CCPLD patron. Please register for this story time. Call or email Tricia Meyer at (815) 634-4552 ext. 110 or [tricia@ccpld.org](mailto:tricia@ccpld.org).

**Summer Babies--Almost 3 Years Old:** Mondays at 6:00pm, Wednesdays at 10:00am. Babies-almost 3 years old will listen to stories, songs, and activities to go with the theme Take Me To Your Reader. Please see Youth Services if child is not a CCPLD patron. Contact Tricia Meyer with questions: 815-634-4552 ext. 105, or by email at [tricia@ccpld.org](mailto:tricia@ccpld.org).

**Summer 2-3 Years Old:** Wednesdays at 11:00am. 2-3 years old will listen to stories, songs, and activities to go with the theme Take Me to Your Reader. Please see Youth Services if child is not a CCPLD patron. Contact Tricia Meyer with questions: 815-634-4552 ext. 105, or by email at [tricia@ccpld.org](mailto:tricia@ccpld.org).

**Fun Fridays:** Fridays, 1:00pm. Drop-In to the Children's Spot for fun activities, such as crafts and games each Friday afternoon. No registration is required. For questions, contact Rene Norris at (815) 634-4552 ext. 110 or [rene@ccpld.org](mailto:rene@ccpld.org).

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