



Nippersink Public Library District

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Summer 2025

June, July, August

LEVEL UP SUMMER READING 2025

Register Now!



Early Literacy (0-5)

- Prizes for every 100 minutes of reading & 1 drawing ticket
- Up to 600 minutes

Children's (6-12)

- Prizes for every 150 minutes of reading & 1 drawing ticket
- Up to 900 minutes

Teens (13-17)

- Prizes for every 200 minutes of reading & 1 drawing ticket
- Up to 1200 minutes

Adults (18+)

- Every book read earns a badge & 1 drawing ticket
- Up to 10 books

The Great Library Kickoff

Saturday, June 14 @ 10 - 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled kickoff to our Summer Reading Program! Enjoy a 10:15 AM Pocket Circus performance, plus a balloon artist, face painting, and a visit from Spider-Man. Sign up, explore Beanstack, and start your reading adventure. Fun for all ages!

Important Dates

First Day to Log

Monday, June 9

Last Day to Log

Saturday, July 19

Discover the Library's Future!

Join us for a special Strategic Plan Open House on **Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** as we unveil our new **Mission and Vision statements** and share our **strategic priorities** for the next five years.

See where we're headed, share in the excitement, and enjoy food, games, prizes, and fun for all ages!

Library Director's Message



Dana Fanslow
Library Director

We're looking for volunteer Dungeon Masters! This fall, we're launching an Adult D&D group, and we need experienced players to help lead the adventure. If you love storytelling, strategy, and rolling a good d20, reach out to us!

Finally, don't miss a thing—stay connected! Follow us on social media for the latest updates, events, and library news. Scan the QR codes below and join our online community today!



Children & Tween Programs

Programs marked with (R) require registration.

Registration for Summer programs will open on 05/19 for NPLD cardholders and on 05/27 for all.

Summer Reading Kickoff

Level Up At Your Library Carnival

Saturday, June 14 @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Level up your summer reading with carnival activities, games, and refreshments at the Library!

Early Literacy Programs (0-5)

Baby Bash (R)

Tuesdays @ 10 a.m.

Early literacy play for littles under 3.
Spring session runs 06/10 - 07/29.

Story Room Hours

Mondays @ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays @ 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Story Room free play time.

Preschool Story Time (R)

Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

Songs and stories for littles under 6.
Spring session runs 06/11 - 07/30.

Family Events (12 & Under)

Adaptive Hours

Thursdays @ 9 - 11 a.m.

Sensory activities in the story room and a calmer library experience in the Dave Gardner Room.

Sleepy Story Time (R)

Wednesday, June 18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Wear your comfies to the library and bring your plushies for story time at night.

Juggling Workshop (R)

Saturday, June 21 @ 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Toss, catch, repeat! Level up your entertaining skills and learn some tricks!

Paws & Read (R)

Thursday, June 26 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 @ 4 - 5:15 p.m.

Spend time with therapy dogs!

Dog Nosework (R)

Saturday, July 19 @ 10 - 11 a.m.

Meet a dog and learn about scent work with interactive activities.

Kids' Book Club information on back page!

Youth Programs (Ages 6 - 10)

S.T.E.A.M. Lab (R)

Build science, math, tech, art, and math skills.

Tues, June 10 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Biome Diorama

Tues, July 8 @ 6 - 7 p.m. S'mores Kitchen

Pokémon Club (R)

Wednesday, June 11 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Craft, activities, and trading!

Squeegie Art (R)

Mon, June 16 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mon, July 21 @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Learn a new way to paint!

Lego Club

Tuesday, June 17 @ 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15 @ 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself and decorate our library.

Creative Art Club (R)

Thurs, June 19 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Mixed Media Forest

Thurs, July 27 @ 6 - 7 p.m. Sensory Ice Cream

Tween Programs (Ages 10-12)

Gamer Hours

Fridays @ 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

It's gaming time! Bring your device or play on our Nintendo Switch. Runs 06/13 - 07/25.

Tween Dungeons & Dragons Session Zero (R)

Monday, June 9 @ 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Want to learn about D&D? Start here!

Tween Crafternoon (R)

Come for a snack and crafternoon fun.

Tuesday, June 10 @ 11:30 - 2 p.m. Button Pins

Tuesday, July 8 @ 11:30 - 2 p.m. S'mores Kitchen

NERF Battle (R)

Saturday, June 28 @ 5 - 6:30 p.m.

No blasters or darts required! For ages 10-17.

Tween Escape Room (R)

Wednesday, July 9 @ 3 - 4 p.m.

Learn about internet etiquette in this videogame-themed escape room.

Super Smash Bros Tournament (R)

Thursday, July 10 @ 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Tweens versus Teens: Compete and win!

Spectators are welcome to come and watch.

Tween Book Club information on back page!

Adult & Teen Programs

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Cards and Coffee

Tuesdays @ 2 - 4 p.m.

Enjoy coffee while playing cards with friends!

June

McHenry County College Informational Night

Wednesday, June 4 @ 6-7 p.m.

Learn more about the new offerings at MCC.

Digital Services Info Session

Thursday, June 5 @ 6-7 p.m.

Learn about Libby, Hoopla, Boundless, & Beanstack.

Information on Hearing Aids & Hearing Loss

Thursday, June 12 @ 11 a.m.

Dr. Cooperider will give a presentation on this topic.

Native Plants in Your Landscape (R)

Monday, June 16 @ 11 a.m.

Benefits of native plants in the garden for wildlife, the health of the soil, water usage, saving money on commercial products, and more!

Homegrown National Park Movement

Wednesday, June 18 @ 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn about the Homegrown National Park movement through a short film screening that will be followed with a Q&A session with local pollinator experts.

Learn to Play Chess (R)

Wednesday, June 25 @ 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn how to play chess with the McHenry County Chess Club.

July

Paint Party (R)

Saturday, July 12 @ 1-3 p.m.

Create a summer themed painting to take home. An instructor will guide you step by step.

Decorate a Planting Pot (R)

Wednesday, July 23 @ 6-7 p.m.

Decorate a small planting pot and take home a succulent.

Game Night (R)

Tuesday, July 29 @ 5-7 p.m.

Play provided board games with others, but feel free to bring in your own games from home.

Monarch Butterfly Story (R)

Wednesday, July 30 @ 11 a.m.

Our State Insect has a unique life cycle with 4-5 generations every year and a once-a-year migration that is still a mystery. Join us to learn more!

August

Bingo & Brunch (R)

Saturday, August 9 @ 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Get ready to shout "Bingo" and win prizes. Light breakfast snacks will be provided.

Murder Mystery Case Night (R)

Wednesday, August 13 @ 6-7 p.m.

Be the first to solve the fictional murder cases for a prize!

Game Night (R)

Saturday, August 23 @ 1-3 p.m.

Play provided board games with others, but feel free to bring in your own games from home.

Coffee & Conversations

Monday, August 25 @ 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with others.

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Wednesday, August 27 @ 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Learn how to play chess with the McHenry County Chess Club.

Teen Programs (Ages 13-17)

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Session Zero (R)

Monday, June 9 @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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Button Pin Making (R)

Tuesday, June 10 @ 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Express yourself! Create your own pins to keep.

Teen Read - A - Thon (R)

Tuesday, June 24 @ 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself and get ahead on summer reading! Challenges for every hour read!

NERF Battle (R)

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Card Game Freeplay (R)

Wednesday, July 16 @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Play and learn games like Lorcana, Magic the Gathering, Pokémon, and Yu-Gi-Oh!

We can supply decks.

Check back page for the Teen Book Club!

**Check the back page for information
about the Adult Book Clubs!**



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Jean Leete-Knutson, Keith Schleiffer

Board of Trustees Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.

Library Closings

Fri, July 4 - Closed

Fri, August 8 - Opening at Noon



May 24-September 1

Explore nature with Nippersink Library in partnership with McHenry County Conservation District's Find Your Wild program! Use Goosechase app for free, all-ages summer fun. Complete missions, win sticker packs and enter prize draws sponsored by local businesses. Register with our library's code for bonus points. Runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

VISIT
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For more
information!

To request specific accommodations, please email nippersink@nippersinklibrary.org or call 815-678-4014 at least 7 days in advance.



Youth Book Clubs

Kids Book Club (R)

Ages 7 - 9

Wed, July 23 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Zita The Space Girl Vol. 1

by Ben Hatke

Tween Book Club (R)

Ages 10 - 12

Thurs, July 24 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

The Inheritance Games by

Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Teen Book Club (R)

Ages 13 - 17

Tues, July 29 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Animal Farm the Graphic

Novel by George Orwell

Rotary



Richmond-Spring Grove

NPLD Book Clubs were graciously sponsored by the Richmond-Spring Grove Rotary.

Adult Book Clubs

June (R)

Page Turners: Tues, Jun. 17 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, Jun. 18 @ 1- 2 p.m.

Registration opens on May 26

Killers of a Certain Age by

Deanna Raybourn

July (R)

Page Turners: Tues, Jul. 15 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, Jul. 16 @ 1- 2 p.m.

Registration opens on Jun. 23

The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

August (R)

Page Turners: Tues, Aug. 19 @ 6 - 7 p.m.

Midday Reads: Wed, Aug. 20 @ 1 - 2 p.m.

Registration opens on Jul. 21

Counterfeit by Kirstin Chen

Summer Take & Makes

Adult, Teen, & Youth kits will be available
on the first of each month.

Supplies are limited.



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