



Summer Reading 2020

Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!

Dig Deeper into reading this summer with Forsyth Public Library! The summer reading program begins with our first day of registration on Tuesday, May 26. Sign up for the reading club and get started on your reading goals on <http://forsythlibrary.READsquared.com> or download the READsquared app on your device. Register yourself or your entire family for the challenge. Track your time spent reading to receive badges, unlock mini-games, and earn prizes. Participate in missions and use special event codes from our virtual activities for access to even more badges.

No one is too young or too old to be part of the summer reading extravaganza! It's a great way to have some summer fun while maintaining reading and literacy levels. It's also an opportunity to enjoy family time together. Participating along with your children shows them that reading is a genuine source of pleasure for all ages. You can sign up at any point throughout the summer.

Library activities and classes look different this year, but there are still plenty of ways to Dig Deeper into summer events at the library. Virtual programs for a variety of ages will be featured on the library's Facebook page Monday-Friday, June 1-July 30. Plus, we'll have Take 'n Make kits available throughout the summer beginning on June 8. Be sure to register for summer programs on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). You can also register by calling the library at 217-877-8174 or message us on Facebook.

Kids' Programs

Kids Code with 4-H

Mondays at 10 a.m. via Zoom

Register on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Learn coding basics with 4-H instructor Olivia Warren, then use Google's Scratch program to create your own video or game to show your friends and family. Ages 6 and up can sign up for one session or all six.

Virtual Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. on Facebook

Available for later viewing

No registration necessary

Story times are some of our favorite events at the Forsyth Public Library and we know our library families like them, too. We will be posting virtual story time on our Facebook page throughout the summer to help keep us all connected. Activities will be posted along with each session to extend the fun. For instance, try out a STEM activity or create your very own jumping frog.

Kids' Flower Garden

Thursday, June 4 at 12 p.m. on Facebook

Available for later viewing

No registration necessary

Members of the Garden Club of Decatur tell about the beautiful flowers included in the library's Larry Reed Memorial Youth Garden and explain what plants need to grow and thrive. Be sure to stroll by the library throughout the summer and watch our garden grow!

Kids' Programs Continued

Summer of STEM

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom

Register on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Kids ages 6 and up, join us for any of these interactive programs to learn about all things STEM -- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math! You can choose to attend one session or all six. The program is sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, but is for both boys and girls, and you do not need to be a registered Girl Scout to attend. Supply lists will be provided when you register.

June 3: Catapult Challenge

Catapult into summer by making your own homemade catapult. Explore physics and energy by perfecting your engineering skills.

June 10: Dinosaur Excavation Day

Millions of years ago dinosaurs walked the earth! In this workshop we will learn all about dinosaurs, dig up fossils, and break open geodes.

June 17: Groovy Lava Lamps

Step back in time with these lava lamps! We will create a groovy chemical reaction that is sure to mesmerize.

June 24: Ooey Gooney Slime

Get messy with this ooey gooney science experiment. We will make our own slime and discover the science behind what gives it its sticky texture.

July 1: Candy Chemistry

Become a mad scientist with a sweet tooth while we perform experiments with some of your favorite candies. Who knew science could be so sweet?

July 8: Secret Agent

Welcome Agents! Use your investigative mind to take on the many roles of a special agent. Learn some detective skills to try on your family and friends.

Kids' Programs Continued

Art Explorations

Fridays at 10 a.m. on Facebook

Available for later viewing

No registration necessary

Dive deeper into your artistic skills with Jennifer Stout's art sessions. These sessions are recommended for ages 6 and up. Supply lists will be posted on Facebook before each session.

June 5: Drawing from Nature

Learn how to draw a wildflower and an animal found in Central Illinois. We'll talk a little about art journaling.

June 12: Watercolor Landscape

Learn how to paint a simple watercolor landscape using atmospheric perspective.

June 19: Ocean Theme Print

We will create an ocean theme print using colored markers(water soluble), styrofoam plates, and paper.

June 26: Fossil Art

We'll explore books that teach us about fossils, sketch them on paper and create a "fossil" from self-hardening clay.

July 3: Mosaics

Learn about this ancient art. Create two mosaics—one with colored paper pieces and one with self-hardening clay and small tiles.

July 10: Multi-media Space Scene

We will create a "space scape" with crayons or oil pastels and watercolor.

Kids' Programs Continued

Take 'N Make Kits

Library activities may look a little different this year, but we still want to provide families with fun activities that they can do together. That's why we are offering Take 'n Make kits that will be available to pick up throughout June and July. Just pick up your kit and follow the provided instructions to create a craft using provided supplies. The first day for pick-up for each kit is listed. Kits are available while supplies last. If the state stay-at-home mandate is still in effect, these programs will be postponed.

June 8: Seed Bomb Kit

June 15: Father's Day Wrap-Around Can Koozies

June 29: Mini Garden Gnomes

July 13: Watermelon Door Decoration

July 27: Felt Ice Pop Holders

Kids Cook

Thursday, June 25

1 p.m. via Zoom

Register on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

The Illinois Extension's 4-H staff member Olivia Warren will lead this virtual summer cooking class. Kids will learn more about nutrition and will be able to create their own banana bread using common ingredients. Use ingredients you have at home or come to the library to pick up a recipe kit to take home.

Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Adult Programs

Book Groups

Forsyth Library's book groups welcome all adult readers to join thought-provoking discussions of a variety of books. Contact the library for more information or to request an invitation to the Zoom event.

Bookkeepers

Third Fridays at 10 a.m. via Zoom

June 19, July 17 & August 21

Food for Thought

Second Thursdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom

June 11, July 9 & August 13

Crafting with Madison

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. on Facebook

Available for later viewing

No registration necessary

Library staff member Madison demonstrates crafts for adults and teens. These projects use supplies you probably have available in your home. Get in touch with your creative side with Madison this summer!

June 3: Cactus Rock Garden

June 10: Sea Glass and Shell Decor

June 17: Popsicle Stick Shelf

June 24: DIY Photo Magnets

July 1: Seasonal Clothespin Wreath

July 8: Puzzle Piece Craft

July 15: Tissue Paper Art

Adult Programs Continued

Intro to Zoom

Tuesday, June 2 at 9 a.m. on Facebook

Available for later viewing

No registration necessary

Zoom has become the go-to app for connecting with family, friends, and work. Here's your chance to learn the basics of this video conferencing program from instructor Tricia Campbell.

iDevice Basics

Tuesday, June 16

10 a.m. via Zoom

Register on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Do you have an iPhone or iPad but feel like you really don't know how to use it? Can you make phone calls and send emails but feel there *MUST* be more you can do? Join this iDevice basics class led by Tricia Campbell and learn how to confidently navigate your iDevice. We'll be starting at a very beginner level so don't be intimidated! You'll leave with tips and tricks to share with your friends.

G Suite Essentials

Tuesday, July 7

6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom

Register on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Learn more about Google Suite, a set of apps that comes with your Gmail account and is used as a tool in many school districts and work environments. Instructor Tricia Campbell will share information about G Suite's core applications, such as Docs, Sheets, Forms, and more.