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# 2021 Summer Programs







## 2021 Summer Reading Guide

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### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-8 pm  
Friday: 9 am-6 pm  
Saturday: 9 am-5 pm  
Upcoming 2021 Closings: May 29-31, July 5, September 4-6

### Library Board of Trustees

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### Donation Creation at Eli's Coffee Shop in June

Visit the Morton location of Eli's Coffee Shop during the month of June and purchase their donation creation specialty drink. \$1 of the purchase will be donated to the Library's summer reading fund.



### Library Staff

Alissa Williams, Director  
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### Support Summer Reading

If you would like to support summer reading, please consider donating to the Morton Community Foundation and put "summer reading endowment" in the memo. The Morton Public Library benefits from two funds at the Morton Community Foundation: The Bernice R. Oberlander/Lynn R. Walters Library Summer Reading Endowment fund, a component of the Morton Community Foundation, and the Morton Library Endowment fund, a field of interest fund. Donating to either of these funds helps the library to continue offering great programming for the community each summer.

### Notice of Photography

During Library events, staff may take photos or videos for future publicity and/or promotional purposes. If you would prefer to keep yourself or your child from appearing in these photographs, please immediately alert a Library staff member present at the event. Thank you!

# Reading Colors Your World



## Read to Me Ages 0-5

Children 5 and under who are not yet reading on their own can participate with their parents by completing a log sheet to earn prizes. They may fill in a circle for every book that is read to them and redeem 25 for a ticket to the Summer Reading Celebration. Additional prizes will be available for reading 50, 75, and 100 books. Please note: There is no online component on READSquared for the Read to Me program. Adults can download the log sheets from home at [www.mortonlibrary.org/summerreading](http://www.mortonlibrary.org/summerreading)

## Children Entering grades K-6

School-aged children can use a bookmark log or READSquared to record their reading and earn prizes when they meet their reading goals. Completing their first goal will earn them a ticket to the Summer Reading Celebration. Readers who meet at least 4 goals will earn entries into our prize basket raffles. Access READSquared at [mortonlibrary.readsquared.com](http://mortonlibrary.readsquared.com) or by downloading the READSquared app.

## Teens Entering grades 7-12

Teens can earn prizes this summer by reading and completing tasks on their Bingo Cards. There will be prizes for meeting specific goals as well as chances to earn entries into weekly drawings. Paper copies of the Bingo Card can be picked up at the Information Desk in the library or you can access a virtual copy by creating an account in READSquared. Access READSquared at [mortonlibrary.readsquared.com](http://mortonlibrary.readsquared.com) or by downloading the READSquared app.

## Adults

For every hour an adult reads or listens they can fill out a ticket and submit it into our weekly drawing for a \$20 gift card from a local business. All tickets will roll over into the grand prize drawing of a self care basket consisting of multiple gift cards to local businesses. Audiobooks, ebooks, magazines, and reading to our children all count towards adult reading time. Access READSquared at [mortonlibrary.readsquared.com](http://mortonlibrary.readsquared.com) or by downloading the READSquared app.

## Families

Families who can't get enough summer reading fun can join the Family Challenge. Pick up a Bingo card at the library or download it from our website (there is no READSquared component). Complete the activities on the bingo card as a family to get five in a row. Each bingo completed earns a star for your yard sign and an entry into the Family Summer Reading Challenge drawing for a choice of family membership to the Peoria Zoo, Peoria Playhouse, Peoria Riverfront Museum, or Wildlife Prairie Park.

# Showtime in the Garden

Join us each Friday in June & July for a free, family friendly show beginning at **12:30 pm**. Come early to save your spot and enjoy your lunch under the trees in Hannah's Reading Garden.

Check the Library's Facebook page for weather updates.

JUNE

- 4 Dan Gogh**  
Experience the magic and art of Dan Gogh! Dan uses his art-themed magic tricks to entertain and teach your kids about art and creativity.
- 11 Dean of Juggling**  
Juggler Dean Franzen is the "Dean of Juggling." His performances include a unique combination of juggling, comedy, and unicycling.
- 18 Whiz Bang Science Show**  
Come hear Dr. Dave tell tales of tails in a fun program that focuses on the workings, science, and uses of animal tails.
- 25 Puppetfolk Productions**  
You know the story of Little Red Riding Hood, but you've never seen it quite like Puppetfolk Productions performs it, with lively music and a happy ending.

JULY

- 2 Firetruck**  
Come climb aboard a fire truck, visit with firefighters, and learn a little about fire safety. Parents - don't forget your camera for this photo op!
- 9 Wildlife Prairie Park**  
Come see some of your favorite animals and learn all about them.
- 16 Mr. Taylor Sings**  
Imagine your story while you dance and sing along with Mr. Taylor Sings.
- 23 Jeanie B.**  
Kids will be jumping, rolling, wiggling, and dancing to the music of Jeanie B! Her original lyrics and music speak to kindness, honesty, and fairness.

Showtime in the Garden programming is made possible by a grant from the Bernice L. Oberlander/Lynn R. Walters Library Summer Reading Endowment fund, a component fund of the Morton Community Foundation. If you would like to help support summer reading programs, please consider writing a check to the Morton Community Foundation and put summer reading endowment in the memo. Learn more about this fund at: <http://www.mortoncommunityfoundation.org/summer-reading-fund>



# Ages 0-5

## Toddler Time

Ages 0-5

*Fridays in May | 9:30 am*

*Fridays in June-Aug | 9:30 am & 10:30 am*

Bring a blanket and join us for rhymes, songs, and a story in Hannah's Reading Garden! In case of rain, storytime will be held on Facebook Live at 9:30 am.

## Pajama Storytime

Ages 0-5

*Thursdays, May-August | 7 pm*

Your children can experience Pajama Storytime from home! Visit our Facebook page to join this virtual storytime.

## Sign & Sing

Ages 0-5

*1st & 3rd Mondays | 9:15-10 am*

Join Communication Junction for rhymes, stories, & basic American Sign Language in Hannah's Reading Garden. There will be no Sign & Sing on July 5.

## Harry the Dirty Dog Storytime & Craft Kit ✓

Ages 2-5

*Pick-up May 3-8*

Have a storytime at home centered around the classic book "Harry the Dirty Dog" by Gene Zion! Each kit will contain everything you need, including a link for a video readaloud, songs and rhymes, and a themed craft. Want to read it yourself? We'll have copies available at the check out desk.



## SIGN UP FOR 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!

It's never too early to start reading with your little one. Reading together improves language and listening skills, promotes a lifelong love of reading and nurtures a special bond between child and adult.

Ask at the Information Desk for a packet to get started. For every 100 books you read together, you and the child will receive a prize!



## Oil & Watercolor Painting ✓

Ages 3-5

*Thursday, June 3 | 10-10:30 am*

Oil and water don't mix, but oil and watercolors can make some cool art! Join us in the garden for this process art project.

## Scissor Storytime ✓

Ages 2-5

*Thursday, June 17 | 10-10:30 am*

Learn what scissors are used for and practice scissor skills at this activity-based storytime for preschoolers.

## Cling Wrap Painting ✓

Ages 2-4

*Thursday, July 1 | 10-10:30 am*

Learn about color-mixing and then try it for yourself using a low-mess technique for painting.

## Bubble Painting & Fun ✓

Ages 2-5

*Thursday, July 15 | 10-10:30 am*

Create art by blowing bubbles and then play with more bubbles while waiting for your masterpiece to dry.

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# Grades K-3

## Virtual Lego Club ✓

Grades K-6

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 3:15-4 pm

Explore the possibilities of building with LEGOs! Share your latest creation with the group and complete building challenges from home. LEGO Club will be meeting via Zoom; you will receive a Zoom link after registration.

## Whiz Kid Trivia ✓

Grades K-3

Thursday, May 6 | 4-4:30 pm

Calling all whiz kids! Join us on Zoom for trivia where you can show off your knowledge or just become even more of a brainiac.

## Taco Tuesday ✓

Grades K-3

Tuesday, May 25 | 3:30-4 pm

Do you love tacos? Join us for a celebration of this delicious handheld food that will include books, a craft, and music.

## Kaleidoscope Craft ✓

Grades 1-3

Wednesday, June 9 | 2:30-3 pm

Make your world more colorful by creating your own kaleidoscope.

## American Girl Day

Grades K-6

Saturday, June 12 | 9 am-5 pm

It's All American Girl Day in Downtown Morton! Bring your dolls and stop in the library to pick up a craft you can make at home.

## Curiosity Club: Color Experiments ✓

Grades K-3

Wednesday, June 23 | 2:30-3:15 pm

You already know what colors you mix to make green, but do you know what colors they mix to make gray markers? Come experiment with color.



## Boomwhacker Choir ✓

Ages 5-7

Thursday, June 24 | 10:30-11 am

Join Courtney Genard of Note By Note Music Therapy, LLC in a fun afternoon of music through the use of boomwhackers. This group is a fun opportunity for kids to engage and enjoy a different way of playing music!

## Crayon Batik ✓

Grades K-3

Wednesday, July 7 | 2:30-3 pm

Do you have the courage to crumple up your artwork? Use crayons and paint to mimic the look of wax-resist dyed fabric.

## Hero Day

Grades K-6

Saturday, July 17 | 9 am-5 pm

Stop into the library to celebrate Hero Day, the SUPER way! Pick up a craft to make at home.

## Curiosity Club: Sun Prints ✓

Grades K-3

Wednesday, July 21 | 2:30-3 pm

Did you know that one of the earliest photography techniques is easy to try for yourself? Come experiment with SunPrints.

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# Grades 4-6

## "I Love You Because" Pencil Holder ✓

Grades 3-5

*Pick-Up May 3-10*

Create a pencil holder that's perfect to give to Mom, or any other special person.

## Crazy 8s Math Club ✓

Grades 4-6

*Mondays, June 7-July 19 (not July 5)*

*10:30-11:30 am*

Join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music, make a mess...it's a totally new kind of math club. You'll get to take home some cool gadgets, too!



## Abstract Art Dance Party: Colorburst Crayon Art ✓

Grades 4-6

*Tuesday, June 15 | 1-2 pm*

It's an hour of art, music, and dance breaks! We'll create simple colorburst crayon art while listening to music. Dance breaks welcome!

## Boomwhacker Choir ✓

Ages 8-10

*Thursday, June 24 | 11:30 am-12 pm*

Join Courtney Genard of Note By Note Music Therapy, LLC in a fun afternoon of music through the use of boomwhackers. This group is a fun opportunity for kids to engage and enjoy a different way of playing music!

## Abstract Art Dance Party: Doodle Name Art ✓

Grades 4-6

*Tuesday, July 20 | 1-2 pm*

It's an hour of art, music, and dance breaks! We'll create simple doodle name art while listening to music. Dance breaks welcome!

# Family Programs

## Family Mural Painting ✓

Families

*Tuesday, June 8 | 6-6:45 pm*

How can you create a mural without touching the paper? Here's a clue: You're going to want to come dressed to get messy. Create a Jackson Pollock-inspired painting as a family and learn a little bit about his process while your painting dries.

### FAMILY BINGO CHALLENGE

Don't forget to grab a Bingo card! For every row a family completes, you'll be entered into a drawing! More info can be found on page 2.

## Life-size Family Board Game ✓

Families

*Monday, July 12 | 6-6:45 pm*

Bring the whole family to the library for a board game where you're the playing piece. Come ready to roll the dice and complete some crazy activities to move on.



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# G.E.M.S.

## Girls Excelling in Math & Science

This monthly program hosted by the local chapter of AAUW is designed for girls, in grades 4-7 to explore topics and careers in math, science, art, technology, and engineering using hands-on activities and experiments.



## Summer 2021 GEMS Programs

\*All GEMS programs require registration and take place at the Morton Library unless otherwise noted.\*

### **May 18 @ 4-5:30 pm:** Butter & Oobleck & Slime, oh my!

What is a non-Newtonian fluid? Does it matter? (Pun intended.) Come explore the difference between Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids with 4-H as we make butter, oobleck, and slime. Things may get a little messy. Presented by AAUW volunteer, Emily Schoenfelder.

### **June 15 @ 4-5:30 pm:** Let's STEAM Some Vegetables!

Examine the aspects of STEAM in gardening. Use a microscope, participate in a scavenger hunt, and learn about insects: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Weather permitting, this program will be held at the Community Garden, 1020 E. Jackson St (First Presbyterian Church).

### **July 20 @ 4:30-6 pm:** Simulated Blood Typing

Presented by the Society of Women Engineers. Participants will determine who will be the donor to save a patient. The history of blood typing and donations will be discussed. Learn about blood agglutination, lab techniques, and the scientific method. No blood is taken from students; all chemicals are simulated in the experiment. The proper handling of biohazards will also be discussed.



# Tweens & Teens

## 7th grade Orientation ✓

Incoming 7th graders

Thursday, June 3 | 11-11:45 am

Come learn about all of the great things in our Young Adult area as well as the resources that will be helpful to you as a Jr. High Student. Gift bags will be provided on your way out.

## Color by Design ✓

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays June 8, 22; July 13, 27 | 2-3 pm

Use markers or colored pencils to fill in intricate coloring pages while chatting with friends. All supplies will be provided. Meet in Hannah's Reading Garden at the back of the library.

## Teen Book Talk ✓

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays June 9, 23; July 7, 21 | 6-7 pm

Do you want to join a book club but worry it will feel too much like "assigned reading"? Try our Wednesday night Teen Book Talks! We will get together and chat about any and all things bookish. Topics can range from a book you read recently to an old favorite you read years ago to your favorite book-to-movie adaptation and anything else that you want to discuss.

## FOLLOW @MORTONTEENS ON INSTAGRAM!

We post book recommendations and program updates on our teen insta page--go give us a follow!

## Happy Notes ✓

Grades 5-8

Thursday, June 17 | 11 am-12 pm

Come in and design handmade cards that will brighten a child's day. Supplies will be provided and cards will be sent to the Cards for Hospitalized Kids organization from the library. Meet in Hannah's Reading Garden at the back of the library.

## Teen Craft: Nail Polish Art ✓

Grades 7-12

Tuesday, June 29 | 4-5 pm

We will create Marbled Coasters and Marbled Mugs using different colors of nail polish. All supplies will be provided. Meet in Hannah's Reading Garden at the back of the library.

## Nailed It! Art Edition ✓

Grades 7-12

Wednesday, July 14 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Try your hand at painting like a master. Canvas, paint and the visual inspiration of a masterpiece will be provided.

## Are You Smarter than a Teenager? ✓

Grades 7-12

Friday July 23 | 4-6 pm

Calling all teens! Come test the librarians and see if their knowledge can stand up to yours. There will be two teams: Questions will range from common Jr. High or High School knowledge to pop culture and more.



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# Adults

## Let's Make a Date with Paint at the Library

Saturday, May 8 | 2-4 pm

Join Tammy, from Let's Make a Date with Paint and create your own masterpiece!

## Debt Management and Financial Freedom

Thursday, May 13 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Presented by The Institute for Financial Education.

## Spring Florals and Decorating with The Nook

Tuesday, May 18 | 7-8 pm

Heather Nena from The Nook will talk about the best ideas for floral arrangements and decorating this Spring.

## Summer Book Buzz

Tuesday, May 25 | 6:30 pm

Director Alissa Williams will highlight some of the upcoming releases for this summer. She will have several advanced reader copies that will be available to take home!

## Bonjour! Basic French Workshop

Tuesdays, June 8, 15, 22 | 7-8 pm

Learn basic French language skills in this three session workshop. Week 1: Basic Phrases; Week 2: Vocabulary; Week 3: Things to know (visiting tourist sites, going to restaurants, using the Metro). Sign up once for all three sessions.

## Retirement Planning: New Laws that Affect Retirees

Thursday, June 24 | 6 pm

The Institute for Financial Education will discuss the pertinent issues that retirees face today, including taxation in retirement, new law changes, risks to be aware of and the importance of Long-Term Care.

## Summer Event Hosting

Tuesday, July 6 | 7 pm

Sara O'shea, owner of So Chic Boutique, will talk about party hosting ideas for your summer get togethers. She'll show you how to add style with simple, everyday items that don't break the bank but add a lot of charm.

## THE 24 HOUR LIBRARY - Get MPL right at home!



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- Find recordings of some past adult programs





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# Adults

## THE BOOK BAG- Get personalized recommendations! ✓

*Sign-up is open the first week of each month. Space is limited.*

A survey will be sent via email after you register so you can tell us your reading preferences. We'll curate titles that we think you'll love! You can choose to pick up a bag of print books, or opt for a digital book bag and you'll get a list of downloadable recommendations.



## The Stack Builder eNewsletter

Each month we send our book suggestions including new releases, staff picks, and even patron spotlights to help build your stack of books to read!



Sign up by visiting [mortonlibrary.org/contact-us](http://mortonlibrary.org/contact-us) and fill out the newsletter form at the bottom of the page or ask an MPL staff member.

## Binge Boxes

These DVD collections include 3+ movies for your binging delight AND a bag of microwave popcorn.

Boxes currently in our collection:

Greatest Sports movies  
Romantic Comedies | Classics  
Leonardo DiCaprio  
Keanu Reeves  
Indiana Jones | 90s Batman



## SUMMER BOOK GUIDE- Coming June 1

We've curated our favorite adult titles coming out this summer into a one-stop-shop guide. Download it or pick-up a paper copy on June 1. Those who attend Book Buzz on May 25 will get an exclusive first look!

## Temple Grandin- The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism & Asperger's ✓

*Thursday, May 27 | 6 pm*

Temple Grandin, PhD, is one of the most accomplished and well-known adults with autism in the world. Dr. Grandin addresses the real issues of autism that parents, teachers, and individuals on the spectrum face every day. She offers helpful dos and don'ts, practical strategies, and try-it-now tips, all based on her insider perspective and a great deal of research.

This event is presented in partnership with Alpha Park Public Library, Ayer Public Library, Brimfield Public Library District, Chillicothe Public Library District, Eureka Public Library, Fondulac District Library, Henderson County Public Library District, Illinois Prairie District Public Library, Morrison and Mary Wiley Library, Morton Public Library, Peoria Public Library, and Tremont District Library.

## Maintaining Your Garden for the Summer ✓

*Tuesday, June 1 | 6:30 pm*

Master Gardener Ella Maxwell will talk about how to maintain your garden during the hot summer months.

## From Merlin to Doc Martin: A Real-Life Travel Guide to the Best of England's Dramatic Cornwall ✓

*Thursday, July 8 | 6:30 pm*

What a shame that tourists who focus on London miss the rugged gem that awaits in Cornwall, England's far west country bordered by the North Atlantic and the English Channel. Where so much water and land meet has given way to some of the most awesome coastline in the world, and has inspired Celtic legends such as King Arthur at Tintagel Castle. You may have already experienced a slice of Cornwall thanks to shows like PBS's Doc Martin, and novelists like Daphne Du Maurier (Rebecca, Jamaica Inn), Winston Graham (Poldark series), and Rosamunde Pilcher (The Shell Seekers). Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans for a lively discussion about this underappreciated English destination.

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## Jazzercise in the Garden ✓

Wednesday, July 14 | 10 am

Jazzercise is the original dance party workout. Routines are choreographed to hit songs that change up all year long. Please dress for movement and be ready to dance!

## Bike Repair Basics ✓

Grades 7-Adults

Saturday, July 17 | 10 am

Sean Mulkey of Morton Bike Repair will demonstrate some of the basic bike repairs you may find useful as well as how to use the library's new bike repair station.

## The Politics of Tea: The East India Company and British Tea Culture ✓

Thursday, August 12 | 6:30 pm

For all its genteel connotations, the history of tea is steeped in espionage, rebellion, and the rise of an Empire. Join Anglophile and former UK resident Claire Evans to explore the background of the most lucrative corporate venture the world has ever known and the product it brought to the West at any cost. With a nod to the popular "Bridgerton" series, learn how tea infused British society from top to bottom and what to expect should you ever find yourself at high tea.

## END OF SUMMER READING GATHERING

Friday, July 30 | 6:30 pm

Adults! Come celebrate completing summer reading with us at our last Groove in the Garden! Collect your end of summer reading gifts while enjoying some great music. Haddad's and Sucre will be in attendance.



## Book Clubs

### Books & Bites Book Group

3rd Tuesday of the month | 6:30 pm

Pick up a copy of the current month's selection at the Checkout Desk. Find locations updates on the library's website or request to join the Books & Bites Facebook group.

#### May 18 @ Kemp 208

Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

#### June 15 @ Location TBD

Running with Sherman by

Christopher McDougall

#### July 20 @ Location TBD

Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore

#### August 17 @ Location TBD

The Feather Thief by Kirk W. Johnson

### Book Chat Book Club ✓

Thursdays, May 13, June 10, July 15

August 12 | 7 pm

Join us for a new take on your traditional book club! Rather than selecting one book to read, each participant is encouraged to bring one book they've read and really liked. We will be discussing everyone's books and hopefully giving new recommendations to everyone who attends! There is no pressure to bring your own book. If you just want to listen about what everyone is reading, you're more than welcome.

## Take & Make Craft Kits

Supplies and instructions included for craft kits.

### Flower Box ✓

Pick-up May 3-13

### Mason Jar Vase ✓

Pick-up June 21-30

### Floral Garland ✓

Pick-up July 12-22

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# MORTON LIBRARY'S JULY CONCERT SERIES

## GROOVE in the GARDEN

All ages are welcome; Concerts begin at 6:30 pm.  
Food trucks will be announced closer to each date.

Groove in the Garden is made possible by:



### Morton Showcase

*Friday July 9*

Enjoy a variety of local talent including singing, instruments, comedy and more.

### Felix & Fingers Dueling Pianos

*Friday July 16*

A high energy, all-request show that thrives on audience interaction. They'll play anything from the Beatles to Lady Gaga and everything in between!

### Ray's Rockets

*Friday July 23*

Ray's Rockets have been putting down their groove across central Illinois since 2009 playing a kaleidoscope of music from the 1950s thru 1980s.

### Sweetwater

*Friday July 30*

Sweetwater plays rock/pop/country covers from the 70s to today including hits by Bon Jovi, Journey, and more.



## Book Valet



Curbside Service

In a rush? Have kids in the car? Have trouble walking? We'll bring your holds right out to your car!

Patrons with items on the hold shelf can schedule a pick-up time using the myLIBRO app or by calling (309) 263-2200.

When you arrive at the library, park in one of the designated Book Valet parking spots by the bike rack and use the my LIBRO app or call us to check in.