



MOKENA
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SUMMER READ NEWSLETTER 2021

JUNE & JULY 2021: MOKENA COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER READ 2021 & BEANSTACK

Make sure you register for programs online when there is a patron limit listed for a program. Sign up for the Beanstack tracker app to log books read for Adults, High School, and Jr. High participants and log the minutes read for the Children with the library this summer; you'll have a chance to win fabulous prizes and bragging rights for completing our challenges.

Adult, teen, and kids, we have reading programs for all of you!

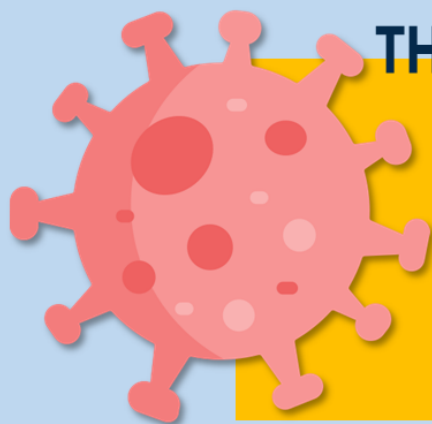
Please contact the library at 708-479-9663 if you have any questions or concerns.

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READ & COVID-19

This year's Summer Read has been structured and planned with the safety of you, our patrons, in mind. Most of our programs have patron limits and require registration through our event calendar. If you see a patron limit then go to WWW.MOKENALIBRARY.ORG, click on our event calendar, select the program, and register. *****Please pay attention to the prompts as some programs have special requirements for registering.***

We have more programs with 2 or more sessions to accommodate more patrons since we can only have smaller groups for certain programs. You can only register for one session per program.

Please call or email us for any comments, questions, or concerns.



ADULT SUMMER READ INFO

ADULT SUMMER READ: READING "PAYS" @ THE LIBRARY

Registered participants are challenged to read ten books during the eight week reading program to be entered for a chance to win a **\$100.00** gift card to a local Mokena business. Also, each week we'll be giving away three **\$25.00** gift cards from local Mokena businesses to registered participants.

Those who read more than ten books will receive bonus tickets which will be put into the grand prize drawing. Two winners will be drawn at the end of the summer reading program and receive a \$100.00 gift card to a Mokena business.

Remember, reading really "pays" at the Mokena Public Library.

YOGA FOR THE BACK - VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Tuesdays in June & July, 11:00AM

Join Certified Personal Trainer, Nancy Richmond in a live Yoga for Back class led via Zoom. Nancy will guide you on poses that will work on posture, breath, core stability/strength, balance and flexibility. Releasing tight muscles in your back and helping alleviate pain. All levels welcome.

Registration is free and required to receive Zoom link and password. Please include your email address when registering. The link will be sent to the registered email address 24-48 hours prior to program.

MORNING PILATES - VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Thursdays in June & July, 11:00AM

Join Certified Personal Trainer, Nancy Richmond in a live Pilates class led via Zoom. Pilates will help develop core strength, posture, and balance. Nancy will be working on strengthening and toning the entire body. Increasing stability, flexibility, and mind/body awareness. All fitness levels are welcome!

Registration is free and required to receive Zoom link and password. Please include your email address when registering.

CHAIR YOGA - VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Saturday, June 5th, 11:00AM & Saturday, July 3rd, 11:00AM

Join Certified Personal Trainer, Nancy Richmond in a live chair yoga class led via Zoom. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga accessible to everyone. Sessions will include seated poses on the chair and standing poses using the chair for balance and support. We will focus on developing small and large muscle groups, balance, strength, mobility, flexibility and mind/body awareness.

Registration is free and required to receive Zoom link and password. Please include your email address when registering.

ADULT SUMMER READ INFO

THE BEACH BOYS - GOOD VIBRATIONS: VIRTUAL CONCERT

Saturday, June 12th, 1:00PM

Join us in celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Beach Boys Good Vibrations. The Beach Boys were known as having the sounds of Summer... Surf, sun and California dreaming! Gary Wenstrup will focus the Beach Boys "sunniest" years from 1962-1967, and will include interview and performance video clips. We will remember hits like Surfin' USA, Fun Fun Fun, and California Girls. Surf's Up!!!

This will be a virtual concert held via Zoom. When registering, please include an email address for the Zoom link to be sent to. The link will be sent 24-48 hours prior to the event.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, June 17th, 7:00PM & Thursday, July 15th, 7:00PM

The discussion group meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00PM. Stop by the library to get a copy of **June's** book **ASK AGAIN, YES** by **MARY BETH KEANE**. "Francis Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie NYPD cops, are neighbors in the suburbs. What happens behind closed doors in both houses; the loneliness of Francis's wife, Lena, and the instability of Brian's wife, Anna, sets the stage for the explosive events to come."

Then come to the library to get a copy of **July's** book **THE IMMORTALISTS** by **CHLOE BENJAMIN**. "It's 1969 in NYC and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children, four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness, sneak out to hear their fortunes. The prophecies inform their next five decades." *This program may be held over Zoom or in-person.* Please call ahead for more information and ask for Carol T.

RAINBOW FOREST PAINTING: CELEBRATE PRIDE MONTH

Saturday, June 19th, All Day

We're celebrating Pride Month! Learn how to paint fun, colorful rainbow forests in two different styles with art teacher Christine Thornton of Hello Art Studio. You will use simple supplies available for pick-up starting on Monday, June 14th. You must be registered for this program to receive the supply bag. You will need to have a cup of water and paper towels also to complete this project. An instructional video will be sent to those who register.

MO BEAT BLUES: VIRTUAL CONCERT

Saturday, July 10th, 1:00PM

Join us in welcoming back the musical talents of Mo Beat Blues. From Blues to Swing, this dynamic duo will **BLOW YOU AWAY** with their unique remixes of familiar songs from the 50's - 90's, soulful harmonies, and jokes! Please register to be part of this music-filled afternoon.

This will be a virtual concert held via Zoom. When registering, please include an email address for the Zoom link to be sent to. The link will be sent 24-48 hours prior to the event.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

- Sidney Sheldon

ADULT SUMMER READ INFO

THE REAL LIFE OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER: VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Saturday, July 24th, 1:00PM

Join Laura Keyes for her mesmerizing portrayal of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Have you met Laura Ingalls Wilder? Not the girl from the books, and not the woman from television – this is the real Laura Wilder. In this presentation you will hear the real history of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and discover the times, places, and people who inspired her wonderful books. The beloved Little House books are based on Laura's life, but they are fiction. This program explores the real life of Laura Ingalls Wilder with all its hardships and tragedies.

Laura Keyes is the Director of the Dunlap Public Library in Central Illinois. She recently received the "Excellence in Performance" Award from the Association of Lincoln Presenters. *This program will be presented via Zoom. When registering, please include the email address the Zoom link should be sent to. The link will be sent 24-48 hours before the event.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READ: READING COLORS YOUR WORLD

Our Children's Summer Reading Program is for Infants - 5th Grade and will run from June 4th - July 31st. Once registered in the Children's Summer Reading Program, you will be able to log and record your minutes read throughout the summer.

The more you read, the more badges and raffle tickets you'll earn. There will be five grand prize raffle basket drawings per age category. Throughout the summer, as you earn more and more tickets, you can submit those raffle tickets into the basket(s) of your choice. There will also be virtual and passive Activity Badges to complete throughout the summer on each age's Summer Reading Program Beanstack.

The winners will be chosen and notified on August 3rd.

Instead of weekly raffle drawings, we will have reading tiers to earn prizes. As you read and unlock specific badges and reading amounts, you will earn different prizes. The prizes are paperback books from our book giveaway cart and coupons and gift cards to local businesses and restaurants.

MUSIC IN THE BOX - (LIMIT 6 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Fridays in June, 9:30AM, 10:00AM, & 10:30AM

Music in the Box with our beloved Ms. Gretel is back! Join us for some fun music and dancing! This program utilizes music and literature to encourage a child's ability to concentrate and listen while also encouraging early literacy. There are three, free, 20-minute classes that are each limited to 6 children, due to social distancing and COVID-19 guidelines. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Music in the Box Friday date and session, each month. Please register the child's name ONLY.

CHILDREN'S READ INFO

OUTDOOR STORY TIME: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 30 CHILDREN)

Tuesday, June 8th, 10:00AM

We will read two books with movement breaks in between, where we'll get up to move and shake your sillies out! We will then do a craft that goes along with the theme of our stories. The last fifteen minutes, or so, we will have playtime on the lawn. Please register the child's name ONLY.

FINGER PAINTING - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, June 15th, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, & 12:00PM

We will have three sessions of in-person Finger Painting. Each Finger Painting session will be the same painting project. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the painting project. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

VIRTUAL BEDTIME STORYTIME & YOGA WITH MS. CATHY & MS. KIM

Saturday, June 19th, 6:30PM

Join us for a Pete the Cat & The Bedtime Blues themed bedtime event. Ms. Cathy will read the story followed by a yoga session developed by Ms. Kim, keeping within the theme of the story. This event will be on our Facebook page.

STORYTIME - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, June 22nd, 10:00AM, 10:45AM, 11:30AM, & 12:15PM

We will have four sessions each date of In-person Storytime. Each Storytime session will be the same book and craft. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. We will have five spots for the children to sit to listen to the story, each socially distanced, 3 feet apart. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the craft. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

FREEZE DANCE PAINTING: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 30 CHILDREN)

Thursday, June 24th, 10:00AM

Come prepared to get messy! We'll be moving and grooving to music as we dance and paint on a large white poster paper with our feet. Register the child's name ONLY.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FINGER PAINTING - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, June 29th, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, & 12:00PM

We will have three sessions of in-person Finger Painting. Each Finger Painting session will be the same painting project. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the painting project. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

CAMPFIRE STORYTIME - (LIMIT 20 CHILDREN)

Wednesday, June 30th, 7:00PM

Join our Children's Librarian for a special themed Storytime! We will read some fun books about camping and the outdoors around a fun, pretend campfire. We will get up and move, dance, sing and shake your sillies out! We will then make a fun craft that goes along with our campfire theme. To finish the program, we'll watch a short Children's video and enjoy a healthy snack and beverage.

STORYTIME - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, July 6th, 10:00AM, 10:45AM, 11:30AM, & 12:15PM

We will have four sessions each date of In-person Storytime. Each Storytime session will be the same book and craft. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. We will have five spots for the children to sit to listen to the story, each socially distanced, 3 feet apart. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the craft. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

OUTDOOR GAMES: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 20 CHILDREN)

Friday, July 9th, 10:00AM

We will have fun outdoor lawn games set up in stations for the children. We'll have classic games like badminton, bowling, Frisbees, hula hoops, jump ropes, bubbles, and chalk.

"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It's an enormous force for good."

- Barack Obama

CHILDREN'S READ INFO

FINGER PAINTING - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, July 13th, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, & 12:00PM

We will have three sessions of in-person Finger Painting. Each Finger Painting session will be the same painting project. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the painting project. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

MAKE & TAKE: PLAY-DOH & SLIME - (LIMIT 20 CHILDREN)

Friday, July 16th, 10:00AM

We'll provide the materials, and you'll provide the fun and creativity! We'll have stations set up for children to come make an ooey-goopy creation!

OUTDOOR STORY TIME: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 30 CHILDREN)

Tuesday, July 20th, 10:00AM

We will read two books with movement breaks in between, where we'll get up to move and shake your sillies out! We will then do a craft that goes along with the theme of our stories. The last fifteen minutes, or so, we will have playtime on the lawn. Please register the child's name ONLY.

SPLASH DAY: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 20 CHILDREN)

Friday, July 23rd, 11:00AM

Come prepared to get wet and have some fun as we play some classic outdoor games with water balloons, like water balloon hot potato, water balloon ring toss, and water balloon duck, duck, splash. Remember to bring water, sunscreen and a towel/change of clothes.

FINGER PAINTING - (LIMIT 5 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Tuesday, July 27th, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, & 12:00PM

We will have three sessions of in-person Finger Painting. Each Finger Painting session will be the same painting project. We will begin promptly, due to limited time. The program will be in our Activity Room in the Children's Department. Each child and adult will have their own space at the table to create the painting project. The materials will all be prepackaged and cleaned after each session.

Registration is required. Each session is limited to 5 children and 1 adult per child (5 adults). No exceptions. Ages Infant - 5th grade. Each child is limited to signing up for only one (1) In-person Finger Painting Friday date and session, each month. Please register child's name only.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TIE-DYE: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 10 CHILDREN PER SESSION)

Friday, July 30th, 10:00AM & 11:00AM

We will provide the shirt, you bring the creativity! Must submit each child's T-shirt size when registering.

JR. HIGH PROGRAMS

JR. HIGH SUMMER READ: LET'S GET CREATIVE (6th - 8th Grade)

Registered participants in 6th grade through 8th grade have a chance to win one of three prizes by earning raffle tickets for every book that they read. In addition, some of the programs are contests where participants can win prizes. *All programs require online registration on our website's event calendar.* Logging books, earning raffle tickets, and placing them towards prizes will be done through Beanstack.

Children in 4th - 5th Grades will be allowed to participate in some programs. There will also be virtual and in-person passive programs available to earn more raffle tickets.

DIY BIRD FEEDER & BIRD HOUSE - (LIMIT 20 PER SESSION)

Tuesday, June 8th, 2:00PM & 6:00PM

Choose, assemble, and paint a bird house and a bird feeder during our first Summer Read program of 2021. We'll have 3 different styles of birdhouses to choose from and one style of bird feeder. Paints and brushes will be provided.

IMPROV NIGHT - (LIMIT 30)

Tuesday, June 15th, 6:00PM

Flex your creativity and improvisational skills on Improv Night. We'll randomly choose 4 performers for each game who will create characters, scenes on the spot, in the style of short-form improvisation games. Topics for the games will be based on either audience suggestions or predetermined prompts from us, which will set up a game and situation that the performers would improvise.

PERLERS - (LIMIT 20 PER SESSION) (4TH - 8TH GRADE)

Saturday, June 26th, 11:00AM & 2:00PM

Make your very own 3D stippled creation with Perler beads! You can choose a design ahead of time or decide to make your own creation. If you choose a design ahead of time (Like Mario, Cinderella, SpongeBob, Etc) please fill in the section when you register. We will then create the design for you and make sure we have enough beads to make it. If you choose to make your own creation then you'll use the beads that we have available.

JR. HIGH PROGRAMS

WATER BALLOON GAMES - (LIMIT 30) (4TH - 8TH GRADE)

Tuesday, June 29th, 12:00PM

Get ready to get wet! We will play some classic water balloon games like Hot Potato, Relay Race, Balloon Roll, and others. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and bring a towel to dry yourself off.

TRIVIA NIGHT - (LIMIT 30)

Tuesday, July 6th, 6:00PM

Put your thinking caps on and answer pop culture questions about video games, movies, and music for a chance to win prizes. *Bring your own phones, tablets, or laptops in order to play.*

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT - (LIMIT 30)

Tuesday, July 13th, 6:00PM

Choose your favorite character and test your skills against other players in this double elimination tournament. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists win a prize. Pizza, snacks, and soft drinks will be available.

HATCH & GROW BRINE SHRIMP - (LIMIT 20 PER SESSION) (4TH - 8TH GRADE)

Saturday, July 24th, 11:00AM & 2:00PM

Ever hear of Sea Monkeys or Aqua Dragons? These little aquatic critters are brine shrimp and we're going to provide you a small aquarium, decorations, brine shrimp eggs, and all the necessities to hatch your own brine shrimp in a little over a day!

DIY CORK BOARD CALENDAR - (LIMIT 20 PER SESSION) (4TH - 8TH GRADE)

Saturday, July 24th, 2:00PM & 6:00PM

We'll have all the materials that you'll need to craft your very own cork board calendar. You'll make tags for each month and for all possible combinations of days to make a calendar that you change daily. Make it for yourself or make it as a gift.



**"Put me in summer... and
I'll be a happy snowman"
– Olaf**

TEEN PROGRAMS

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READ: WE HAVE FOOD! (9th - 12th Grade)

Registered participants in 9th grade through 12th grade have a chance to win one of three prizes by earning raffle tickets for every book that they read. In addition, some of the programs are contests where participants can win prizes. *All programs require online registration on our website's event calendar.* Logging books, earning raffle tickets, and placing them towards prizes will be done through Beanstack.

There will also be virtual and in-person passive programs available to earn more raffle tickets.

CLASSIC VIDEO GAME HIGH SCORE CHALLENGE - (LIMIT 30)

Wednesday, June 9th, 6:00PM

Warm up your thumbs, earn the highest score, and see if you can conquer the high score of the retro games we choose. Playing on the Nintendo Switch, you'll be tasked with taking on a retro game from our selection in a single play-through to earn a high score, then a librarian will try to beat your score. If your high score stands, you win a prize. If it doesn't, you'll be entered into a raffle for a small prize.

If you're feeling a lil spicy, you can choose a retro game from our selection that allows you to directly challenge a librarian. You beat them, you win a prize. If you lose, then you earn a raffle ticket for a small prize. We will have snacks and softs drinks available.

DEAD BY DAYLIGHT CHALLENGE - (LIMIT 30)

Wednesday, June 23rd, 5:00PM

Dead By Daylight is a 4 vs. 1 horror themed multiplayer game where 4 players try to fix enough generators to escape an enclosed area while 1 player stalks the others and tries to prevent them from fixing the generator and then escaping.

We will randomly assign teams, have each team face a librarian, and calculate points in the end. The game grades each player and gives them points so those will be the points we will use to grade each player. If your whole team escapes, each team member will earn an extra 5 thousand points. If 3 team members escape, each member will earn an extra 3 thousand points. If 2 team members escape, each member will earn an extra 1 thousand points. There will be no extra points for 1 team member escaping.

Everyone will have get to play twice. So work as a team and help each other escape together!

SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT - (LIMIT 30)

Wednesday, July 7th, 6:00PM

Choose your favorite character and test your skills against other players in this double elimination tournament. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists win a prize. Pizza, snacks, and soft drinks will be available.

TEEN PROGRAMS

PAINTING FANTASY MINIATURES - (LIMIT 30)

Wednesday, July 21st, 6:00PM

We will be purchasing a variety of fantasy-themed heroes and monsters for you to choose from. You'll be able to choose one. Our librarians will show you techniques and tips for painting miniatures. We will have brushes and paints for you. We'll have some food and soft drinks, plus we'll talk about maybe showing a movie or listening to music while we paint.

SENSORY PROGRAMS

SENSORY FLOWER POT GROWING KIT: TAKE & MAKE - (AGES 3 - 9)

Thursday, June 10th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Get your kit using our curbside pick-up. *While supplies last.*

WOODEN TREASURE CHEST KIT: TAKE & MAKE - (AGES 3 - 9)

Tuesday, June 22nd, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Get your kit using our curbside pick-up. *While supplies last.*

KINDNESS ROCK KIT: TAKE & MAKE - (AGES 3 - 9)

Wednesday, June 30th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Get your kit using our curbside pick-up. *While supplies last.*

DINOSAURS: DINO EGG DIG CRAFT - (LIMIT 20) (AGES 3 - 9)

Wednesday, July 7th, 10:30AM

This program will be held outside. Each child will get a project to take home as well.

FAIRY CACTI GARDEN TERRARIUM KIT: TAKE & MAKE-(LIMIT 20)(AGES 3 - 9)

Wednesday, July 14th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Register and get your kit using our curbside pick-up.

WINDCHIME: TAKE & MAKE - (AGES 3 - 9)

Saturday, July 24th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Get your kit using our curbside pick-up. *While supplies last.*

DREAMCATCHER: TAKE & MAKE - (AGES 3 - 9)

Wednesday, July 28th, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Get your kit using our curbside pick-up. *While supplies last.*

“Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink in the wild air.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

FAMILY PROGRAMS

MULTI-LIBRARY GEOCACHING EVENT

June 1st - August 2nd

All ages are welcome to join us for the 9th Annual Multi-Library Geocaching Event! All library patrons are invited to use clues and geographic coordinates to find hidden "geocaches" at numerous participating area libraries. Due to Covid-19 we are going virtual this year! For each listed geocache you discover, you earn a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card. To be eligible for the prize drawing, your library card from a participating library must be in good standing.

Also, you will need to have a QR code reader app on your smartphone to complete the log and prize drawing form. Find all the official clues at <https://multilibrarygeocache.weebly.com> starting June 1st. The competition ends Monday, August 2nd, so let the adventure begin! More information can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/MultiLibraryGeocaching>.

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY: EVENING MEDITATION - (LIMIT 10) (AGES 14+)

Thursdays in June, 6:00PM

Join Gina Slager, Thursdays in June, for a beautiful, guided meditation practice. Gina will help you build skills to manage your stress, transcend the waves of your mind, focus on becoming more present in your life, help reduce negative emotions, mind chatter, stress reduction, and to increase self-awareness, creativity, emotional balance, focus, and imagination. She will also teach you several types of breathing techniques.

AFTER HOURS GAME NIGHT - (AGES 14+)

Friday, June 4th, 6:00PM & Friday, July 2nd, 6:00PM

Join us every first Friday of the month as we play board games like Eldritch Horror, One Night Ultimate Werewolf, Dead of Winter, and any board games that you would like to bring and share. Participants get together and vote on what they'd like to play.

We will also have the large screen down in the spine to play video games like Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Stikbold, Crawl, Dead by Daylight and others.

Of course we will have snacks, soft drinks, and will order pizza based on participants suggestions.

A signed waiver is required for anyone that participates. Patrons aged 14 through 17 must have a parent or guardian sign their waiver. Waiver can be picked up the day of and returned the next After Hours Game Night.

FAMILY YOGA: ON THE LAWN

Saturday, June 5th, 10:00AM

Join us as Gina Slager plants the seeds of yoga and empowerment that bloom into the future. Please bring your own yoga mat or blanket for your family to use on the lawn.



**"AFTER WHAT FELT LIKE AN ETERNITY, ITS FINALLY
SUMMER! TIME TO UNWIND AND CHILL OUT."**

- PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE

FAMILY PROGRAMS

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 30)

Saturday, June 12th, 11:00AM

We're bringing back one of our favorite children's programs! The Teddy Bear Picnic is a fun day for all. Get your family together, pack a lunch/snack, and don't forget a blanket to sit on and your favorite teddy! All children participants will receive a special commemorative teddy bear. It will be an afternoon filled with reading, music and great memories. Please register the child's name ONLY.

FAMILY SUMMER BASH 2021 (All Ages)

The next three programs will be on the same Saturday. We will have an ice cream truck and those who participate will receive a ticket for an item from the truck. Thanks to all the patrons who have supported us throughout these difficult times. Lets have some fun!

CROSTOWN EXOTICS REPTILE & BUG SHOW: FAMILY SUMMER BASH - (LIMIT 50)

Saturday, July 17th, 10:00AM

Please welcome Crosstown Exotics' Reptile & Bug Show, they travel throughout Chicagoland providing hands-on educational entertainment. Their lineup of prehistoric creatures consists of a mixture of reptiles, amphibians, and bugs. From African bullfrogs and hissing cockroaches to a giant green anaconda and an alligator snapping turtle. Audiences will get to interact with the animals for an experience unlike anything you'd receive at your local zoo. They take pride in providing memorable encounters with their extensive collection of cold-blooded ambassadors.

MAKE & TAKE CRAFTS & LEGOS: FAMILY SUMMER BASH - (LIMIT 50)

Saturday, July 17th, 11:00AM

Flex your creativity with some crafts and LEGOs! We will have crafts for the younger children in the Activity Room and bins filled with assorted LEGOs (while supplies last) in the Community Room for children ages 6+.

CLARENCE GOODMAN- SUMMER CONCERT: FAMILY SUMMER BASH - (LIMIT 50)

Saturday, July 17th, 1:00PM

Join us and singer-songwriter Clarence Goodman as he brings his unique voice to our library for a Summer concert on June 17th. Accompanying himself on several instruments, his brand of original Americana is a mixture of Pop, Rock, Blues, Soul, and Folk, and he has been described as "...Bob Dylan meets Sam Cooke..." This event will be held outside under a tent.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

OOBLECK WITH MR. MATT & HIS SCIENCE CHAT: ON THE LAWN - (LIMIT 30)

Thursday, July 22th, 1:00PM

Join us for Mr. Matt's STEAM-inspired science experiment as he creates oobleck! Is it a liquid? Is it a solid? Mr. Matt will explain the science behind oobleck while showing everyone how to make their own batch. Plus, he is going to make enough oobleck to allow patrons to play in. Please come ready to get messy! Wear clothes you don't mind becoming stained by dyes or the oobleck.



This is a promotional image for Hoopla. It features a person's hands holding a tablet that displays a digital book with anatomical drawings of an eye and a human figure. The background is a bright blue, bubbly liquid. In the top left, there's a book cover for 'we don't eat our CLASSMATES' by Betsy T. Higgins. In the top right, there's a book cover for 'milk and honey' by rupi kaur. The central text reads: 'Instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, and more, 24/7 with your library card.' The bottom left corner shows the Hoopla logo and the website 'hoopladigital.com', along with icons for various platforms: App Store, Google Play, Amazon, Roku, Chromecast, and Amazon Alexa.



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The Board of Trustees meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30PM, unless cancelled. These meetings are open to the public.

The Americans With Disabilities Act

The Mokena Community Public Library District is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you plan to attend a program and need special accommodations, call 708-479-9663 at least seven days in advance of the event.

Notice Of Photography

The Mokena Community Public Library District reserves the right for staff to photograph and video record all programs and activities for promotional purposes.

~~Friends Of The Library Book Donations (Canceled)~~

The Friends of the Library are always accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books. Patrons may drop off one container of materials at the Circulation Desk or drive around the building to the staff parking lot at door #4 per day. If you are bringing donations to door #4, please ring the doorbell to let staff know that you are there. Staff may provide donors with a tax sheet if requested. There are certain items we no longer accept, please call ahead and check with a librarian.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

In order for all participants to have a fun and safe time please follow the below guidelines: (Parents please ensure your children are following these steps). All patrons must wear a mask at all times following CDC guidelines:

- Must maintain 3ft of space with participants unless you're from the same household.
- Please do not share supplies with anyone unless you're from the same household.
- Only the individual who is registered can participate.
- Registration will be limited to one session per program.