

YOUTH

ROLLING MEADOWS LIBRARY

JULY • AUGUST 2026

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



LA BÚSQUEDA DE LA FELICIDAD

DESAFÍO DE LECTURA DE VERANO 2026

June 3 to August 16 ♥

Summer is finally here, and the fun is in full swing! Join us for smiles, activities, and good vibes. Complete challenges, win prizes, and celebrate with us all summer long. **Sign up at the Ask Me Desk.**

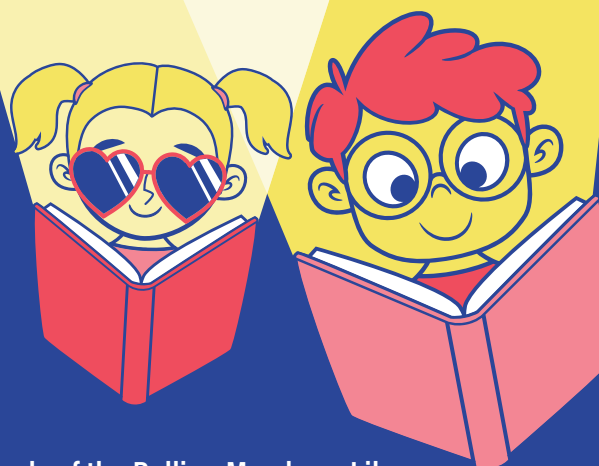
del 3 de junio al 16 de agosto ♥

¡Por fin ha llegado el verano y la diversión está en pleno apogeo! Acompáñanos para compartir sonrisas, actividades y buenas vibras. Supera los retos, gana premios y celébralo con nosotros durante todo el verano. **Inscríbete en el Ask Me Desk.**



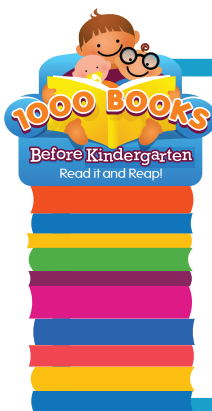
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Smile Station ^{NR}
Youth of all ages
June 3 to August 16

Strike a silly pose and capture your smile in our fun photo spot. Stop by often to see new backgrounds every few weeks.



^{NR} No Registration Required

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1000 Books Before Kindergarten®
Babies–Age 5

Reading together is fun! The goal is to reach 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten. Stop by or call the Ask Me Desk to get started or learn more at rmlib.org/1000-books.



100 Books Before High School
Grades 4–8

We're challenging all 4th–8th graders to read **100 books before high school!** Read at your own pace and earn awesome prizes along the way! Sign up at the Ask Me Desk to get started.

Rolling Meadows Library | Babies-Grade 8

Register for these programs online at rmlib.org/rsvp, on the library's app, or call the Ask Me Desk at 847-259-6050 x140. Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome, if space permits.  Indicates no registration required.

SERIES

Coding Club

Grades 3-8

Fridays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

August 7

Interested in coding? No matter your experience level, the Coding Club is for you! Register for as many (or as few) sessions as you'd like.



Precious Prints!

Ages 3 months to 3 years

Fridays | 10:30-11:30 a.m.

July 3

August 12

Little hands + precious prints = lasting memories. Families will enjoy fun, safe, and easy activities while making treasured keepsakes together.



Dog Days of Summer:

Paws-itive Hangout 

All Ages and Families

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

July 8 & 22

August 5 & 19

Celebrate the dog days of summer with some friendly four-legged visitors! Come spend time with calm and attentive therapy dogs.



Kawaii Stitches Series I

Grades 6-8

Wednesdays | 3:30-5:00 p.m.

July 29, August 5, & August 12

This more advanced sewing project will take three classes to finish.



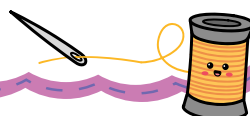
Kawaii Stitches Series II

Grades 6-8

Thursdays | 3:30-5:00 p.m.

July 30, August 6, & August 13

This more advanced sewing project will take three classes to finish.



Junior Picassos

Grades 3-8

Saturdays | 10:00-11:00 a.m.

July 11

August 8

Come channel your creativity through drawing, painting, and crafts. No experience needed.



Reader's Theater Presents

Grades 4-6

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

July 14

August 11

Catch the acting bug! Laugh and have fun reading and acting out stories. No memorizing or acting experience needed. Performance at 7:45 p.m. for friends and families.



Saturday Science

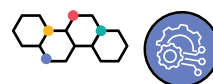
Grades 4-8

Saturdays | 10:00-11:30 a.m.

July 18: Engineering Mystery Bags

August 15: Candy Science

Explore science at the library with a cool new science project each month!



Family Storytime

Babies-Age 5 & their families

Thursdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

July 9, 16, & 23

August 6, 13, & 20

Babies to preschoolers (and their siblings) are invited to enjoy stories at this evening storytime. Great for families with kids of multiple ages.



Arrorró bebé

bebés de 6 a 24 meses

Los miércoles | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

15, 22 y 29 de julio

5 y 12 de agosto

¡La hora del cuento diseñada para bebés y su acompañante ha llegado! Disfrutarán de cuentos cortos, música, rimas y canciones.



STORYTIMES

The Cradle Will Rock

Ages 6-24 months

Fridays | 10:30-11:00 a.m.

July 17, 24, & 31

August 7 & 14

Books, music, songs, fingerplays, and bubbles for caregiver and baby.



Puppy Dog Tales

Ages 2-3 years

Thursdays | 10:00-10:30 a.m.

July 9, 16, & 23

August 6, 13, & 20

An inviting and engaging time for caregiver and child to enjoy books, songs, and a simple craft together.



Storytime

Ages 3-5 years

Wednesdays | 1:15-2:00 p.m.

July 8, 15, & 22

August 5, 12, & 19

Hear a story, make a simple craft, get some wiggles out, and have lots of fun! Children should be able to attend without a parent.



1, 2, 3...¡Música y más!

Preescolar-2do. Grado

Los martes | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

14 de julio

11 de agosto

Acompáñanos en este programa lleno de música, canciones, manualidades y juegos tradicionales. Este programa se llevará a cabo en español.



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Kids' Graphic Novel Club

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays | 3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Join the club for kids who love graphic novels! We all read the same book, then meet up to talk about it. Stop by or call the Ask Me Desk for a copy of the book.



July 21

The Cardboard

Kingdom by Chad Sell



August 18

New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Limited eBooks & eAudiobooks are available on the Libby app.



Book Match Subscription Box

All ages

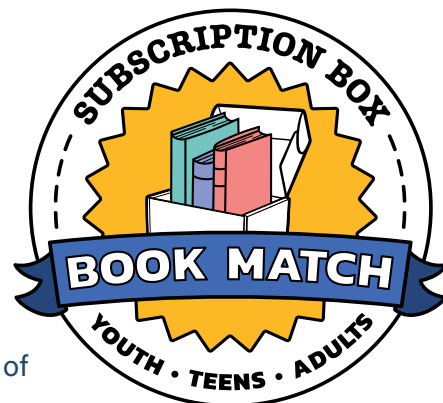
Tell us what you love to read, and we will select a few books matched to your tastes. Each box also includes surprise goodies to brighten your month and enhance your reading journey. The best part? It's totally FREE!

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JULY

The Stuffed Animal of Your Dreams

Grades 2-4

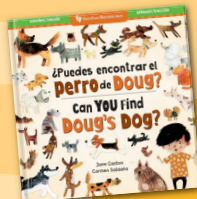
Thursday, July 9 | 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Come and dream up your own stuffed animal! We'll provide the inspiration, you provide the imagination. Then, bring your own design to life as a two-dimensional felt creation.



SUMMER 2026 **NR**

StoryWalk



June 1-August 31

An outdoor reading adventure to enjoy with your family! Take a summer stroll and enjoy the new StoryWalk®.



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Start Stitching!

Grades 3-5

Monday, July 20 | 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Learn to sew by hand. We will make a project from start to finish.



Explore Your Senses!

Grades PreK-1

Tuesday, July 21

1:00-2:00 p.m. **OR** 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join your child in engaging their senses as they explore and uncover a variety of textures, sounds, scents, colors, and patterns.



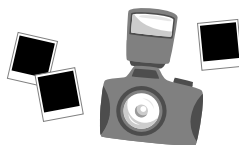
Kids' Camera Club:

Focus on Nature

Grades 2-5

Friday, July 31 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Come join the club where we use instant cameras to take fun photography tours. Get ready to focus on nature! Rain or shine, we'll have something exciting to capture and create. The best photos will be proudly displayed in the Youth Services Art Gallery!



AUGUST

Invitation to Create

Grades 2-4

Monday, August 3 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Welcome to our artists' studio. Create *process art* with paints, pastels, stickers, and more. Try something new at every station! Bring your creativity and dress for a mess.



Oreos and Opinions

Grades 4-6

Friday, August 14 | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Sample a variety of Oreo cookies in our ultimate taste-test and cast your vote in some wacky surveys!



Drop In Crafts **NR**

Youth of all ages

June 5 to August 14

New projects every Friday!

Drop in to the library and create a fun craft! Little ones may need some help.

