



## 2026 Summer Reading Program Pearl City Public Library District

The summer reading program at the Pearl City Public Library is open to children ages 3 through 12th grade. Registration is May 11-30, 2026. A parent/guardian will need to register their child/children to participate in the program, either by stopping in the library, calling the library **815-443-2832** or emailing [pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com). Once a child is registered they may begin to log their reading time. **Children have until July 25th to meet their reading goal.** All age groups will be tracking their reading by the amount of time they have spent reading.

### **READING GOAL: (All Age Groups) READ 20 HOURS**

**(2 - Full Reading Log equals 20 hours)**

Families will track the number of minutes your child has read and will mark that on the Reading Log. Readers will not be required to keep track of the titles and/or authors of the books they have read for the library program.

Included in your Summer Reading Program packet: 2-Reading Logs with stickers (**if reader fills their logs, continue to track minutes on a separate sheet and attach to the Reading Logs when turning in**) **Reading Logs return date Saturday, July 25th**; 1-Bingo Challenge Sheet, and 1-Coloring Sheet (**returned to the library with your completed Reading Log by Saturday, July 25th**); bookmark; and pencil. Reading Logs, and Bingo Sheets may be returned either in-person or via the book drop by the library's main entrance. As Reading Logs are being kept at home, please keep them in a safe place. If lost, library staff will have no record of what a participant has read.

**Statistics show that children who read during their summer break start the new school year in the fall better. We do encourage children to read at the reading level they had been reading at the end of the school year.**

We will end our Summer Reading Program with **OPEN HOUSES on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st from 9 am to 12 pm each day** with door prizes drawn for each day. The Open Houses are an opportunity for the participants to stop in the library for refreshments, pick up their prizes, and enter the door prize drawing. Families may choose which Open House they wish to attend. Participants may only enter one door prize drawing.



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

**Summer Reading Crafts** will be **“TAKE & MAKE”** craft kits: Kits will include instructions and most of the materials for the projects. Families will need to supply some materials (i.e. glue, crayons, etc.) to complete the projects. **“TAKE & MAKE” kits will be available Monday through Saturday during library service hours on the following dates June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. Kits will be available on a “First Come, First Served” basis.**

**“FAMILY CRAFT DAYS”:** **“Flower Frogs”**, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 12 pm, and July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 12 pm (This is a 2 class session with class times as indicated).

**“Rock Painting”**, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 12 pm (Class is open house style).

No registration is needed for the Family Craft Days. Bring the whole family and do some crafting together!

**Storytime (for all ages):** will be held **each Wednesday at 10:30 am beginning May 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We may even have some guest readers! No advanced registration is required to attend Storytime.

**University of Illinois Extension Program:** Kelly Lafferty, 4-H Youth Development Educator will be presenting a program on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. Program is open to all youth with most activities accommodating ages K-6<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is not required, but preferred to ensure the instructor has ample supplies.

**Stephenson County Farm Bureau “Agriculture in the Classroom”:** Debbie Steinbach, Agriculture Literacy Coordinator, will be presenting a program on **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**. Program is open to all youth with most activities accommodating ages K-6<sup>th</sup>. No registration is required to attend this program.

For more details or questions, please call the library at **815-443-2832** or email us at [pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com). Like Pearl City Public Library on Facebook or check the library’s website <https://pcpl.specialdistrict.org> for updates.

**“If you have a garden and a library,  
you have everything you need.” - Cicero**