

# Charleston Carnegie Public Library

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**iREAD**  
Summer reading at its best



# Find Your Voice!

Welcome to Summer Read! Find Your Voice!

Entries accepted May 29-July 30, 2023

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate!

## What is it?

A reading/activity oriented program. Read 2 hours or more, complete activities, or play BINGO to earn chances to win our grand prizes!

*\*You can pick up a BINGO card at any desk.*

## How do I join?

No registration or Library card required. Submit your reading/activity that you have completed online at [www.charlestonlibrary.org](http://www.charlestonlibrary.org).

Please ask staff for any help with submissions.

## Enter whenever you read 2 or more hours or complete an activity below (please do not repeat tasks):

- Learn about someone else's voice: check out a Biography or Memoir.
- Commit a random act of kindness!
- Get lost in an adventure with an audiobook!
- Unplug for a bit: do a puzzle, color, meditate...read!
- Do some Genealogy research and find your family's voice.
- Discover a new writing style: try out a graphic novel!
- Learn how to use your voice: check out a civic engagement book!
- Get creative: try out some of our Take & Make Crafts!

**All Entries must be entered by 11:59pm, Sunday, July 30th.**

**Grand prizes will be drawn on Wednesday, August 2nd.**

*All winners will be called and notified.*

**Prizes must be picked up by Wednesday, August 9th.**

## BINGO for more chances to WIN! May 30-July 30

This Summer we are playing BINGO for more chances to win a grand prize! Everyone who gets a BINGO gets an entry to win a grand prize.

*BINGO = across, down, diagonal, 4 corners, & blackout.*

Pick up your BINGO booklet at any of the library desks or print off of our website. Visit our website to submit your BINGO entry at [www.charlestonlibrary.org](http://www.charlestonlibrary.org). *No need to turn in booklet; it's for your reference.*



# For All Ages

## Design a SUMMER Shirt!

Tuesday, May 30 (This event will be rescheduled if it's raining.)

Drop in between 10:30am-12:00pm

KidSpace Patio

All ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Bring a dark-colored, mostly cotton shirt, tank top, bandanna, bag, etc. to stencil with a fun summer-themed design. We will use a bleach-water solution to design your shirt.

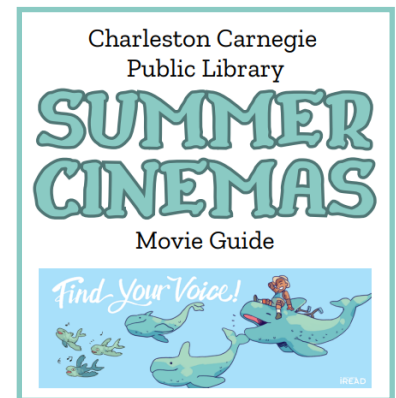
*This program uses bleach and may emit an odor and may be messy, so please wear appropriate clothing.*



## Summer Cinemas @ the Library

Throughout May 30-July 30

Make sure to pick up our Summer Cinemas Movie Guide to find out all of the great movies we are showing during Summer Read! From Throwback Thrillers to Sing-Along Sundays, we have something for everyone!



## Adventurers Wanted Presents: More than Dragons in these Dungeons

Friday, June 30th

4:00pm

Rotary Room

All ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Join us as we discuss the wide range of game systems you can use in your table top roleplaying game.



# Mini Golf in the Library

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Wednesday, May 31—Sunday, June 4th

All ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

10:00am, Wed.—5:00pm, Sun.

Start at the KidSpace Desk

Love mini golf? Want to putt putt through the stacks? Bring your family and friends to play Mini Golf in the Library! Holes will be designed and set up by library staff.



# For Kids

Kids 3-12, the more you read the more entries into the Grand Prize Drawing you earn!

**2 hours gets you 1 entry and every extra half hour of reading earns you 1 more entry!**

Enter up to 14 hours at a time! That's up to 25 potential grand prize entries with each submission!

**But, wait! There's more!**

First reading entry in June = a book of your choice!

Second reading entry in June = a Monical's personal pizza!

First reading entry in July = a book of your choice!

Second reading entry in July = a Dairy Queen cone token!

Grand Prizes for Babies: Pigeon Plush + Book, MEGA BLOKS Play Bag, or Magnetic Doodle Board

Grand Prizes for Ages 3-12: Pigeon Plush + Book, Magnetic Doodle Board, 175 Piece Deluxe Art Set, botley 2.0 The Coding Robot, or Amazon Fire HD 10 Kids Pro tablet.



## I Spy Find-It Challenge

May 30-July 30

For families

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside and get active! As a way to help you get outside, get moving, and enjoy the great outdoors, the Library is issuing a summer-themed I Spy Find-It Challenge to all families in the community. You may pick up an I Spy Challenge card at the KidSpace desk all summer long from May 30th to July 30th. If you enjoy this challenge, feel free to create your own or check out our I Spy and 'I Spy' style books on a special display outside of the KidSpace area.



## Take & Make: Mystery Crafts

June 1—July 30

Ages 3-12

One craft at a time per child, while supplies last.

Mystery Crafts will appear randomly and without warning on the KidSpace Desk this summer! Be sure to stop by frequently for crafty surprises!

Supplies you may or may not need at home: Crayons/Colored Pencils/Markers, Safety scissors, and Glue stick. Parental supervision is advised. Instructions included.



## Preschool Story Time

Fridays, June 2-30

10:30am

Kiwanis Park Amphitheater (corner of Division and Jackson Streets) WEATHER PERMITTING

Ages 3-5 with an adult

Join us at Kiwanis Park Amphitheater for Story Time! We'll read stories, sing songs, play games, and maybe make a craft or two!





# For Kids

## Nintendo-Themed Library Scavenger Hunt

Monday, June 5 - Sunday, June 11

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop in event

Players begin at the KidSpace Desk

There are Nintendo characters hidden all over the Library! Can you find them all?



## Campfire Stories

*Presented by Douglas-Hart Nature Center*

Monday, June 5

10:30am

Children ages 3-12, under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Rotary Room

Since the beginning of time, people have gathered around the campfire & used their voices to entertain, teach lessons, & share history. Learn stories from around the world & about the real-life animals that inspired them. This educational and entertaining experience includes a craft and a live animal!



## Books & Babies

Thursdays, June 8-July 20

10:30am

Rotary Room

Ages 0-36 mos. with an adult

Join us for a special time with baby! We'll have stories, lap bounces, finger-plays, sensory activities, and songs! This flexible story time is just right for curious babies. Walkers will walk, crawlers will crawl, babies will cry, and that's ok!



## Nature is Calling *Presented by Douglas-Hart Nature Center*

Monday, June 12

10:30am

Rotary Room

Children ages 3-12, under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn how birds use their voices nearly as much as humans do. Birds sing, call and chirp to communicate, but what are they saying? Find out when you answer the call of nature and attend "Nature is Calling." This educational and entertaining experience includes a craft and a live animal!



## Mario Kart Tournament

Friday, June 16

4:00pm

Ages 8-17

Rotary Room

Put your driving and shell-throwing skills to the test in our Mario Kart Tournament! We will be setting up the Library's Nintendo Switch in the Rotary Rooms so competitors can race on the big screen! Racers can bring their own controllers, but it isn't required—the Library has Joy-Cons for players to race with!



## Speak for the Trees *Presented by Douglas-Hart Nature Center*

Wednesday, June 28

2:00pm

Rotary Room

Children ages 3-12, under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Do you speak for the trees? Take a Lesson from the Lorax and learn how to care for the Earth. Find your voice and use it to be an advocate for nature! Join us for an educational and entertaining experience including a craft and a live animal!



# For Teens

Teens 12-18, 7th–12th grade, the more you read the more entries into the Grand Prize Drawing you earn!

**2 hours gets you 1 entry and every extra half hour of reading earns you 1 more entry!**

Enter up to 14 hours at a time! That's up to 25 potential grand prize entries with each submission!

**But, wait! There's more!**

**First reading entry in June** = a book of your choice!

**Second reading entry in June** = Charleston Rotary Pool Pass!

**First reading entry in July** = a book of your choice!

**Second reading entry in July** = a Dairy Queen cone token!

## Grand Prize: Nintendo Switch Mario Choose One Bundle



## Teen Buttons

Tuesday, June 13

Tuesday, July 11

4:00pm-5:00pm

In the Zone

For Middle & High Schoolers

Design and create your own buttons to wear & share! Keep it clean, keep it kind!  
Limit of 2 buttons per participant.



## Switch on a Game

Available to play in the KidSpace area

**Ages 8-17, under 8 must play under supervision of adult, caregiver, or high schooler**

Stop by KidSpace and Switch on a Game on the Library's Nintendo Switch! Bring some friends or make some new ones here while playing games like *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe*, *Mario Party Superstars*, and *Super Smash Brothers Ultimate*! Be prepared to take turns and keep the competition friendly!

The Switch will only be available for use outside of school hours/days set by Charleston School District or during a library-sponsored program and will be shut down 30 minutes before the Library closes.

## For Young Adults

### Young Adult Buttons

Tuesday, June 6

4:00pm-5:00pm

At the adult computers on the top floor (1B).

Young Adults, EIU, and LLC students are invited to create custom buttons.

You may design your buttons at the Library or beforehand and print your design in color for free at the Library, or bring them printed and ready to place in the button maker. We do not have wifi printing. Limit of 2 buttons.



1.75"



# For Adults

Every 2 hours of reading earns you an entry in the Grand Prize Drawing!

**But wait! There's more!**

**Any adult that participates in Summer Read can pick out 2 free books!**

*Book cart found at the Information Desk.*

## Grand Prizes for Adults:

- Doudna Fine Arts Center gift certificate + \$50 Dirty's Bar & Grill gift card
- One-year membership to the Missouri Botanical Garden + \$50 gas card
  - Little Theatre On the Square gift certificate + \$25 gas card
  - \$100 Ticketmaster gift card + \$25 gas card



## Take & Make Craft: Positive Protest Magnet

1 per person, while supplies last. Pickup near the Information Desk.

Enjoy a fun craft that you pick up here and make at home!

**Positive Protest Magnet**

**May 30-July 30**

Make your own positive protest sign magnet! Supplies you will need at home: hot glue or strong craft glue, the rest is up to you! You can use paint, markers (recommend Sharpie for canvas), stickers, glitter, pressed flowers...get creative!



## Build Your Own Rain Barrel

Friday, June 2

2:00pm

Rotary Room

Interested in saving rain water for your plants and helping reduce storm water runoff and urban flooding in the process? Join us and build your own rain barrel! Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater for future use watering lawns and gardens. Lauren Spaniol, Coles County SWCD's Resource Conservationist, will guide you in this hands-on, step-by-step workshop to make your own rain barrel to take home. Please bring a cordless drill if you have one. All supplies will be provided.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**  
**Registration open May 16-May 24.**  
**Please call 217-345-4913 to register.**



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# For Adults

## Bird Walk at Lake Charleston

Tuesday, June 6

8:30am-10:00am

Lake Charleston & Lake View Trails - Route 130 south out of town, turn left at Bypass Road.

*We will meet at the first parking lot past the red barn at the entrance.*

Join us for a Bird Walk at Lake Charleston with avid birder Ron Bradley. We can expect birds like Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Baltimore Oriole, Common Grackle, and Bald Eagle (possibly). Bring binoculars if you have them! Dress for the weather and walking shoes are recommended (not flip flops, sandals, etc.).



## Tour of EIU's First 3 Buildings

Wednesday, June 14

9:00am - Park in the EIU visitors parking lot (on 7th Street, across from Blair Hall) and walk over to Pemberton Hall and meet in the Formal Lounge

Ages 18+

600 Lincoln, Ave, Charleston, IL 61920

Ever wanted to explore EIU's first 3 buildings (Old Main, Pemberton, and Blair Hall) and hear some EIU history? Now's your chance! Join us for a casual stroll thru these 3 historic buildings and learn how each helped shape the reputation of EIU. Learn what they have in common yet how they are each unique. This will not be the Old Main roof tour we did last year – no ladders this time as we will be keeping our feet firmly planted on the ground. However, we will talk about ghosts, complete with a visit to a gravesite. The tour will be led by Mark Hudson, Executive Director of EIU Housing and Dining and unofficial EIU historian. Casual dress – walking shoes are recommended.



**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Registration open May 23-June 7.**

**Please call 217-345-4913 to register.**

## Build Your Own Vermicompost Bin

Friday, June 23

2:00pm

Rotary Room

Vermicomposting 101: Learn how to turn your yard waste and food scraps into a valuable soil amendment - Black Gold - for your home garden and beyond by harnessing the power of red wiggler composting worms!

Lauren Spaniol, Coles County SWCD's Resource Conservationist, will teach you all you need to know to get started with a vermicomposting (worm composting) bin that fits your needs and lifestyle. You'll build your own bin to take home so you can get started right away! If you have a power drill, please bring it along with a 1/4 in. drill bit. All other supplies will be provided.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Registration open May 31-June 14.**

**Please call 217-345-4913 to register.**



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# Happenings Around Town

## Community Band Concerts

Thursdays, June 1-July 13

7:30pm-8:30pm

All ages

Kiwanis Park Daum Amphitheater, Division St & Jackson Ave

Bring a blanket, chair, and your dinner to join us for FREE Concerts every Thursday evening. Concerts performed weekly by volunteer band members from all over Central IL!

## Red, White, & Blue Days

July 3 & 4

Morton Park

Featuring concerts by Alex Miller and Drake Milligan, and other fun activities such as the 4th of July parade, kids area, food vendors, and all you can eat ice cream! Fireworks on July 4th at the Coles County Airport at 9:00pm!

## Concerts & Plays in the Park

Tuesday evenings all summer and early fall

7:00pm

All ages welcome! FREE concerts and plays will be at Kiwanis Park, Daum Amphitheater.

A variety of musical performers will play: please visit [www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org) for full schedule of performances. **July 27-29:** Theatre in the Park will feature *Wind in the Willows*.

## Coles County Fair

Sunday, July 30—Sunday, August 6

Coles County Fairgrounds, 603 W Madison Ave Charleston, IL 61920

Eight days filled with exciting carnival rides and games, horse racing, livestock shows and competition, arts and crafts exhibits, tractor pulls, demolition derby, queen pageant, bands, bull riding, and much, much more.

## Farmers Markets

Farmers Market at Courthouse Square:

Every Saturday, June 3- September 23 from 7:30am- 10:30am on the Courthouse Square in Charleston.

Charleston Farmers Market On The Square:

Every Wednesday, June 7-September 27 from 7:00am-10:00am on the Square in Charleston.

## Places to Explore

- Lake Charleston & Lake View Trails - Route 130 south out of town, turn left at Bypass Road  
*\*new to the lake this year: Kayak Rentals through the Rent.Fun app!*
- Fox Ridge - 18175 State Park Rd, Charleston, IL 61920
- Whiteside Garden - 8422 N County Rd 1820E, Charleston, IL 61920
- Warbler Ridge Conservation Area - 17161 Daileyville Road, Charleston, IL 61920
- Woodyard Conservation Area - Old State Road, Charleston, IL 61920 (Between Sister City Park & Lake Charleston)
- Lincoln Prairie Grass Trail - bike/walking trail that runs between Charleston & Mattoon

## Community Resources

### Coles County Social Services Navigator

The Library houses the Coles County Social Service Navigator office on the top floor. The Social Service Navigator program is available to members of the community that may need help with resources such as: basic needs and transportation assistance, SNAP and medical application assistance, affordable internet assistance, and free cell phone assistance.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am-3pm, and Saturday 10am-2pm.

Phone: 217-246-0444 Email: [navigator@charlestonlibrary.org](mailto:navigator@charlestonlibrary.org)

# Coles County Social Service Navigators

Charleston Carnegie Public Library

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CUSD#1  
STUDENTS**



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EVERY FRIDAY (JUNE 9 - JULY 28)

FROM 12:00 P.M. UNTIL  
FOOD IS GONE!

LOCATED ON  
807 MADISON AVE. IN CHARLESTON





# Food Drive for the Food Pantry

*Did you know that in Charleston we have 26.7% of residents living in poverty? And did you also know that CUSD #1 has 48.9% low income students eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunches? -Statistics gathered from Census.gov and charleston.k12.il.us*



## May 30-July 30, 2023

ALL FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
CHARLESTON AREA CHURCHES FOOD PANTRY.

Accepted items: unexpired & unopened

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| *Tuna                         | *Canned Corn            |
| *Ravioli                      | *Canned Peas            |
| *Pork and Beans               | *Instant Potatoes       |
| *Peanut Butter                | *Canned Soup            |
| *Canned Carrots/Mixed Veggies | *Crackers               |
| *Tomato Juice                 | *Cereal/Oatmeal         |
| *Canned Fruit                 | *Canned Evaporated Milk |
| *Canned Green Beans           | *Pasta Sauce            |
| *Macaroni and Cheese          | *Pasta                  |
| *Toilet Paper                 | *Baking Soda            |

Fresh garden fruits and vegetables are also welcome!

Refrigerated items such as milk and butter will gladly be accepted!

*The Library has an available fridge to store fresh items until we deliver to the Food Pantry.*

## Thank you for helping reduce hunger in our community!

*The Charleston Food Pantry would also gladly accept direct monetary donations anytime that can be mailed to:*

*Charleston Food pantry  
P.O. Box 411 Charleston Il 61920*

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Little Theatre On the Square

712 6th Street, Charleston, IL 61920

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Website: [www.charlestonlibrary.org](http://www.charlestonlibrary.org)\*

Email: [information@charlestonlibrary.org](mailto:information@charlestonlibrary.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm \* Saturday 10am-2pm \* Sunday 1-5pm