Dear Plainfield Community:

The Library Board and staff wish to thank those who participated in the last 24 months of the Library’s expansion planning process.

As neither the March 15, 2016, nor the April 4, 2017 referendum were successful, that process is at a close. Having heard from the voters that the district was not ready to support the 2016 plan for a new building nor the 2017 plan to renovate and expand the existing facility, there is no immediate plan for a future referendum. We will undergo further review of the building and library services before making that decision.

During this period of evaluation, the changes to reduce operation expenses following the March 2016 ballot measure will continue.

These include:

- All operating budget lines in the new fiscal year, beginning July 1, remain frozen or reduced
- The Library will remain closed on Sundays
- Programming costs will remain reduced by 50%

We will continue applying the ideals of our mission, “Educate, Captivate, Connect,” to Library services and as a guide for our decision-making. Please check the quarterly newsletter and on social media for information and opportunities to participate in the planning process.

Carl F. Gilmore
Library Board President
Classes and programs

Registration is required for all adult programs (ages 18 and over unless specified). Call the Reference Desk at 815.327.2515 or visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org to register. Registration for adult programs is now open, unless otherwise noted in the online calendar or below.

Cooking

Summer Entertaining
Thursday, July 6, 7:00 PM
Impress your guests by using the bounty of the farmer’s market or your own garden in your recipes. Chef Maddox demonstrates techniques for preparing fruits and veggies with culinary ease. Recipes and tastings included. Registration begins June 1 at 9:00 AM.

Crafts

Design a Card
Saturday, June 24, 10:00 AM
Bring out your crafty side by creating five of your own all-occasion greeting cards along with a card holder. Supplies included. Space limited to 20 attendees. Registration begins June 1 at 9:00 AM.

Painting Party
Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 PM
Create a work of art on canvas with step-by-step instruction from local artist Shane Rotkis. Supplies included. Space limited to the first 20 attendees. Registration begins June 1 at 9:00 AM.

Higher Education

Five Ways to Maximize Your College Visit
Monday, June 19, 7:00 PM
Visiting a campus is an integral part of the college process. It allows families to learn more about a particular school while also showing demonstrated interest. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will provide high school families with tips maximizing your college visits while helping to increase your admissions chances.

How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College
Wednesday, July 26 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Each year, the cost of tuition rises higher than the annual inflation rate. With these steep increases, how can college bound families afford to pay for college? Thomas returns to share his expertise on meeting this challenge.

Health

Transitional Living
Thursday, July 20, 11:00 AM
Learn how to age better by keeping your body strong with overall healthy living. Discussion includes food choices, exercise and games to stimulate the mind.

Music

American Country Music
Thursday, June 22, 11:00 AM
Musician Steve Justman brings country music to life with songs and stories of your favorite performers of the late 1920’s to today.

History

Lake Michigan Lighthouses
Tuesday, June 13, 1:00 PM
During the 1800’s, more than 50 lighthouses were built to guide ships through Lake Michigan’s treacherous waters. Learn the history of these fascinating and romantic navigation aids.

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale
Thursday through Saturday, August 24 to 26
“Like” the Friends of the Plainfield Library on Facebook and check the page for donation days, hours and special sale events. www.facebook.com/libraryfriends

Movies

Movies begin at 1:00 PM. Doors open at 12:30 PM. You are welcome to bring snacks.

Sizzling Summer Movies
Monday, July 17
Arrival (PG-13)
Tuesday, August 1
Collateral Beauty (PG-13)
Services for Readers and Writers

Introducing Ashlee Errthum, 2017 Writer in Residence

Would you like assistance with anything from a cover letter to a college application essay, or simply need a fresh set of eyes to check something you’ve written or a form you’ve filled out? Drop in to see Ashlee:

- Thursday, June 15, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 21, 1:30 to 3:30 PM
- Thursday, July 13, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 19, 1:30 to 3:30 PM
- Thursday, August 3, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Plainfield Writers Group
Third Tuesday, 7:00 PM

All writers are welcome to get together and share ideas and writings. No registration is needed. New faces are always welcome.

All Things Hamilton

From Cedar Point to Hamilton: My Life Backstage
Monday, June 12, 7:00 PM

Meet Heather Yerrick, Wardrobe Supervisor for Broadway in Chicago’s production of Hamilton. Hear how she got her start in theater as a teenager and worked her way up to the hottest ticket in town. Registration begins June 1. Funded by a generous gift from The Friends of the Library.

Hamilton’s Women
Thursday, July 13, 11:00 AM

In this living-history program, meet the real women in Alexander Hamilton’s life: his wife, Elizabeth Hamilton; her sisters, charming, witty Angelica Schuyler Church and high-spirited Peggy Schuyler van Rensselaer. Actress and scholar, Leslie Goddard, portrays all of these exceptional women. Funded by a generous gift from the Plainfield Library Foundation.

Self Help
The Organized Family
Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 PM

With a plan and commitment, families with busy, active school-aged kids can get organized. Learn how to handle paperwork and artwork, set-up routines and schedules and get kids to do their chores.

Author Signings

An Evening with Nathalia Holt
Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 PM

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to realize that women have long been left out of history books. Nathalia Holt, New York Times bestselling author of Rise of the Rocket Girls, introduces the little-known true story of how a group of young women broke the boundaries of both gender and science at NASA in the mid-twentieth century, transforming rocket design and making space exploration possible. Attendees will receive a book to be signed by Holt, funded by a generous gift from the Friends of the Plainfield Library.

An Evening with Mary Kubica
Monday, July 17, 7:00 PM

Welcome Plainfield resident and New York Times bestselling author of Don’t You Cry, Mary Kubica, who is back with another exhilarating thriller as a widow’s pursuit of the truth leads her to the darkest corners of the psyche in Every Last Lie. Q&A and signing follows. Books will be available for purchase.

A Novel Idea Book Group

Second Thursday, 7:00 PM OR Third Wednesday, 2:00 PM

June 8 and 21: Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt
July 13 and 19: The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman
August 10 and 16: Leave Me by Gayle Forman

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Genealogy

Limited to Plainfield cardholders
Presented by Reference Librarian, Tina Beaird.

Computer Help for Genealogists
Thursday June 15, 10:00 AM
Thursday August 17, 10:00 AM

Need help navigating the Library’s genealogy databases? Confused on how to research military records? Sign up for this 90-minute session and we’ll work together to break through those genealogy brick walls and find a solution.

Courthouse Finds
Monday, June 26, 7:00 PM

Courthouses are a great resource for personal family history. Probate files, chancery cases, land sales and lawsuits are some of the records one can access there. Join Tina for tips and tricks for securing these records.

Mapping Your Migrating Ancestors
Monday, July 31, 7:00 PM

Explore the types of maps which can help you pinpoint your ancestor’s whereabouts across the United States, from plat maps to railroad maps to Google maps.

Grandma Nellie’s Scrapbook
Monday, August 28, 7:00 PM

Many people become heirs to a box of unidentified family photos and have no clue what to do with them. Learn to identify these “lost” family members using genealogy sources in conjunction with observational techniques.

For English Language Learners

ESL Life Skills
Mondays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Key vocabulary words, questions and phrases are learned in the context of daily life activities you can use at home, work or communicating with your child’s teacher.

Reading Club
Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Reading is a great way to increase your English language skills. Get together with others to read books and articles that are perfect for learning vocabulary in context, practicing pronunciation and sharing ideas.

Grammar Club
Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM

The principles of English grammar relevant to an adult learning English are covered in this weekly group. Learn grammar and writing skills in a practical yet fun way.

Conversation Club
Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM OR 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Practice speaking English while making friends. Share ideas and culture, play games, discuss current events, family life and anything relevant to life in the United States.

Green Village Series

In partnership with the Village of Plainfield

Canning 101: Homemade Jam
Thursday, June 29, 6:00 PM
Mary Krystinak, of Mary’s Wholesome Living, demonstrates how simple, economical and healthy it is to make your own jam. Attendees will take home one jar of strawberry jam and detailed instructions. Space limited to the first 20 attendees. Registration begins June 1 at 9:00 AM.

Benefits of Eating Organic
Monday, August 7, 7:00 PM
Start the evening at the Library with a discussion, then take a short walk to Wine & Cheese by TCC, 24104 Lockport Street, to sample complimentary tastings. Registration begins June 1 at 9:00 AM.

For More Information

These weekly programs are provided for adults with English-speaking skills at all levels. For more information, contact Tania at 815.263.8145 or thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org. Se habla español.
Adult Programs

Services for Job Seekers

**Job Club**
Third Wednesday, 12:00 to 1:30 PM
Bring a lunch to this casual networking opportunity. Share and learn from guest speakers in a friendly and helpful atmosphere.

**June 21: Networking for Introverts, Extroverts & In-Between-Verts**
Abby Kohut, Staffing Symphony Networking is a powerful personal and professional tool. Get comfortable with making contacts during this interactive event.

**July 19: Expect the Unexpected: Interview Questions You Know You’ll Be Asked**
Cathy Giacobbe, Community Career Center
Learn how to answer both the common and the tricky questions to show potential employers why they should hire you.

**August 16: Job Club Handbills and Elevator Pitches**
Sarah Breithaupt, Youth and Family Services for Lisle Township
Review what works and how to best use these important tools for success in networking and landing your next job.

**Mobile Workforce Center**

**Services for Business**

**Small Business Reference Center**
Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 PM
Entrepreneurs need all the help they can get. The Small Business Reference Center brings together hundreds of sample business plans, journals and multimedia content, which cover all areas of starting and operating a business.

**Small Business Mentoring (SCORE)**
Second and Fourth Mondays, 7:00 and 8:00 PM
SCORE is a national non-profit association dedicated to helping owners of existing and start-up businesses. The local Fox Valley Chapter offers free, confidential mentoring at the Library. Space is limited and registration is required through the SCORE website: [http://foxvalley.score.org](http://foxvalley.score.org). Click “Make an Appointment for Free Mentoring” and follow the steps to register.

**Technology Training**

Limited to Plainfield cardholders. Presented by Reference staff and volunteers.

**Computer Classes**
A variety of free, 60-minute classes are offered on a rotating basis in a lab setting on computers featuring the Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft (MS) Office 2016. For descriptions of these classes and to register, connect with the Library at 815.327.2515 or visit: [https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/events-programs/technology-training/](https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/events-programs/technology-training/).

**Extra Help for Tech and Beyond**
These one-hour personal instruction sessions are held in the Library, with the time determined by you and the librarian. Reservations are dependent upon staff availability. Call the Reference Desk at 815.327.2515 or book your session online: [http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/library-info/book-a-librarian.aspx](http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/library-info/book-a-librarian.aspx)
Drop in Programs

These programs do not require registration.

Children’s Programs

Storytime in the Park
Birth to Age 6
Tuesday, June 13, 20, 27
Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25
Tuesday, August 1
11:00 to 11:30 AM
Join us for storytime in Village Green Park, at the corner of Des Plaines and Chicago streets.

Preschoolers and Pajamas Storytime
All Ages
Thursday, June 22
Thursday, July 20
6:30 to 7:00 PM
Put on your pjs, grab your favorite stuffed animal and join us for a fun family storytime full of books, music and games.

Plainfield Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course for Families
All Ages
Thursday June 29
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Test your skill and speed on our Ninja Warrior-inspired obstacle course. Who is the fastest in your family? This event will take place outside weather permitting.

LEGO Takeover!
All Ages
Saturday, July 15
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
The Chicago Area LEGO Users Group is taking over the large meeting room and showcasing their design talents with amazing member LEGO displays. Plan to stay awhile and build your own creations.

Sensory Storytime: Play with Art
Ages 3 to 9 with caregiver
Wednesday, July 26
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Free play, socializing, tactile activities and storytime designed for children of all abilities. Friends and siblings are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For Everyone’s Enjoyment

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Punctuality We understand that there are times when being late cannot be avoided. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes after a program’s start time to avoid disruptions and to make sure your child receives all the information and instruction that is presented at the beginning of the program.

Cancellations If you are not able to attend a program for which you are registered, please let us know so that we can open your spot for someone else.

Travel Kits

Whether you are leaving by train, plane, boat or car for vacation, the Library would be delighted to pack a bag with books, magazines, audiobooks and music to entertain your child.

Travel Kits, specifically for children through Grade 5, check out for the duration of your trip. Every effort will be made to fill requests, but some items may not be available. Please allow seven days to prepare your kit. To submit a request, visit https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/resources/parents-place/.

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Registration Required Programs

All you need to register for the programs below is a valid Plainfield Public Library card. Visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

Fun with Music
Ages 9 months to 8 years with caregiver
Tuesday, June 13, 9:30 to 10:15 AM
(Registration begins June 5)
Monday, June 26, 1:00 to 1:45 PM
(Registration begins June 12)
Monday, July 10, 11:00 to 11:45 AM
(Registration begins June 26)
Tuesday, July 25, 3:00 to 3:45 PM
(Registration begins July 11)
Children and their caregivers sing, dance and play a variety of musical instruments together.

Let’s Take a Closer Look: The Night Sky
All Ages
Friday, June 16
(Registration begins June 5)
9:00 to 10:00 PM
Join us at Plainfield Central High School for a chance to view the night sky using the telescope in the PCHS observatory. Bring a blanket, flashlight and, if you have one, a telescope. Please register each person attending. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Roll ‘em: Tenzi for Families
All Ages
Wednesday, June 14
(Registration begins June 5)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Looking for a fast and fun game that the whole family will enjoy? Tenzi is the answer.

Eric Carle Stories and Crafts
Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver
Friday, June 16
(Registration begins June 5)
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Come listen to some favorite Eric Carle stories and do fun critter crafts.

Let’s Take a Closer Look: The Woodland Ecosystem
Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver
Thursday, June 22
(Registration begins June 8)
10:00 to 10:45 AM
Explore the wooded trails at the south end of Settlers Park with us. Parking is available on Van Dyke Road. Meet at the playground pavilion near Van Dyke Road and Eyre Circle. Please bring a blanket. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafty Kids: Funky Hair Ties
Ages 7 to 10
Friday, June 23
(Registration begins June 9)
10:00 to 10:45 AM
Create fun and unique hair ties to wear your hair up in style.

Multi-Needs Craftapalooza
Ages 6 to 18
Wednesday June 28
(Registration begins June 14)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Crafts, crafts and more crafts designed for children and teens of all abilities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and caregivers of older children and teens are welcome to stay.

Make and Take: Birdhouses
Ages 6 to 12
Friday, June 30
(Registration begins June 16)
1:00 to 2:00 PM
Assemble and decorate your own wooden birdhouse.

Let’s Take a Closer Look: A Garden
Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver
Wednesday, July 5
(Registration begins June 21)
10:00 to 10:45 AM
Join us as we appreciate the growing plants and the helpfulness of bees (yes, there are hive boxes) at the Plainfield Township Garden Plots. Garden-themed stories included. Please bring a blanket and don’t forget your sunscreen! Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Sequence
Ages 6 to 10
Wednesday, July 5
(Registration begins June 21)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Sequence is a fun, exciting board and card game and a great introduction to games of strategy.

How to Draw Pokémon with Christine Thornton
Ages 7 to 12
Thursday, July 6
(Registration begins June 22)
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Learn to draw Pokémon characters following a step-by-step process.

Sharpie Tie-Dyed T-shirts
Ages 9 to 12
Friday, July 7
(Registration begins June 23)
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Create a tie-dyed treasure without the mess. Each participant must bring a white cotton t-shirt to the program.

Coding for Kids
Ages 6 to 10
Monday, July 10
(Registration begins June 26)
Monday, July 17
(Registration begins July 3)
Monday, July 24
(Registration begins July 10)
Monday, July 31
(Registration begins July 17)
10:00 to 10:45 AM
Explore the world of coding and robotics. You can even design your own video games. Beginners welcome!

Girl-Powered Coding
Ages 6 to 10
Monday, July 10
(Registration begins June 26)
Monday, July 17
(Registration begins July 3)
Monday, July 24
(Registration begins July 10)
Monday, July 31
(Registration begins July 17)
11:00 to 11:45 AM
Explore the world of coding and robotics in a program designed especially for girls. Use your creativity and discover what you can accomplish. Beginners welcome!

CD Redesign
Ages 6 to 10
Tuesday, July 11
(Registration begins June 27)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Redesign, reuse and recycle CDs into spinning tops and hovercrafts.

Make and Take: Buttons
Ages 6 to 12
Thursday, July 13
(Registration begins June 29)
1:00 to 2:00 PM
Design and create your own unique buttons using markers, crayons, stickers and magazines.

Hedgehugs
Ages 4 to 6
Friday, July 14
(Registration begins June 30)
10:00 to 10:45 AM
Create art and play games based on the adorable book Hedgehugs by Steve Wilson and Lucy Tapper.

Rock On: Design a Rock Collection
Ages 5 to 8
Tuesday, July 18
(Registration begins July 5)
1:00 to 1:45 PM
An educator from the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art will help children create their very own, personalized rock collection.

Rock On: Be a Rock Detective
Ages 9 to 12
Tuesday, July 18
(Registration begins July 5)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Learn to recognize minerals through basic hands-on identification including observation skills and hardness tests.

Crafty Lil’ Kids: Wind Catchers
Ages 3 to 5 with adult caregiver
Wednesday, July 19
(Registration begins July 5)
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Time for the little ones to be creative designing wind catchers for your yard.

Spy School
Ages 8 to 12
Thursday, July 20
(Registration begins July 6)
2:00 to 3:00 PM
Want to become a secret agent? Enroll in spy school and learn the tricks of the trade.

Design a Toy
Ages 6 to 12
Tuesday, July 25
(Registration begins July 11)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Use recycled materials to invent new toys you can take home.
**Engineering Team Challenge**  
**Ages 9 to 12**  
**Thursday, July 27**  
(Registration begins July 13)  
3:00 to 4:00 PM  
Work in teams to solve engineering challenges. Can your team be the design champions?

**Life-sized Candy Land**  
**Ages 4 to 6**  
**Friday, July 28**  
(Registration begins July 14)  
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Make your way through Candy Land on a life-sized game board! Enjoy activities along the way.

**Tangrams: Playing with Shapes and Stories**  
**Ages 8 to 10**  
**Monday, July 31**  
(Registration begins July 17)  
2:00 to 3:00 PM  
Be challenged by this Chinese puzzle that consists of a square cut into seven pieces of various shapes as we form them into a variety of figures.

**Let’s Take a Closer Look: The Prairie Ecosystem**  
**Ages 4 to 6 with caregiver**  
**Wednesday, August 2**  
(Registration begins July 19)  
10:00 to 10:45 AM  
Explore prairie plants and animals at the Lake Renwick Preserve. Meet by the pavilion at the Turtle Lake Access on Lockport Street. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Designing and Building: My New House**  
**Ages 5 to 8**  
**Wednesday, August 2**  
(Registration begins July 19)  
1:00 to 2:00 PM  
An educator from the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust will help children survey the local landscape, then design and create a 3-D home of repurposed materials that reflects their environment.

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**Programs for Families**

Please register each child and adult attending with a Plainfield Library card.

**I Think I Can by JJC Children’s Theater Touring Production**  
**All Ages**  
**Monday, June 12**  
(Registration begins June 5)  
10:30 to 11:30 AM  
Becky Watkins has an acute case of “I don’t think I can do it.” Luckily, her house cat leads her through a magical adventure that proves her wrong in this audience participation production.

**Duke Otherwise**  
**All Ages**  
**Thursday, June 15**  
(Registration begins June 5)  
10:00 to 10:45 AM  
OR 1:00 to 1:45 PM  
Enjoy this spontaneous, unpredictable, laugh-out-loud performance featuring clever songs and unique showmanship.

**Dave DiNaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles**  
**Ages 5 and up**  
**Monday, June 19**  
(Registration begins June 5)  
10:00 to 11:15 AM  
OR 1:00 to 2:15 PM  
An up-close, live and “hands-on” experience with reptiles and amphibians from around the world.

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**The Better-Than-TV Magic Show**  
**All Ages**  
**Wednesday, June 28**  
(Registration begins June 14)  
10:00 to 10:45 AM  
Mind-bending illusions and unique magic the whole family will enjoy. The show is not over until a child from the audience floats in midair.

**The Music of Jeanie B!**  
**All Ages**  
**Wednesday, July 12**  
(Registration begins June 28)  
10:30 to 11:30 AM  
Kids will dance, sing and laugh their way through this indie-rock concert. Come ready for fun!

**Ben’s Bubble Show**  
**All Ages**  
**Thursday, July 27**  
(Registration begins July 13)  
10:30 to 11:30 AM  
Ben astounds and amazes as he blends art and science to create bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

**Summer Reading Finale Family Concert: Justin Roberts**  
**All Ages**  
**Saturday, August 5**  
(Registration begins July 22)  
10:30 to 11:15 AM  
Get ready to have some fun during this high-energy concert by two-time GRAMMY nominee Justin Roberts. Funded by a generous gift from The Friends of the Library.

**Music Fun for the Little Ones with Dino O’Dell**  
**All Ages**  
**Wednesday, August 16**  
(Registration begins August 2)  
9:30 to 10:15 AM  
Whether he’s counting monsters, fixing spaceships or swimming in peanut butter, Dino’s interactive songs and tall tales will engage your curiosity. Funded by the Youth Services’ ongoing book sale.
Teen Programs
Visit www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

From Cedar Point to Hamilton: My Life Backstage
Grades 6 to Adult
Monday, June 12
(Registration begins June 1)
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meet Heather Yerrick, Wardrobe Supervisor for Broadway in Chicago’s production of Hamilton. Hear how she got her start in theater as a teenager and worked her way up to the hottest ticket in town. Funded by a generous gift from The Friends of the Library.

Howtoons: Trouble Makers
Grades 6 to 12
Thursday, June 15
Stomp Rockets
(Registration June 5)
Thursday, June 22
Marshmallow Shooter
(Registration June 8)
Thursday, June 29
Gami-Bots
(Registration June 15)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Using the popular Howtoons series as inspiration, make shooting rockets, marshmallows and battery-powered robots.

Nintendo Wii-U Tournament
Grades 6 to 12
Friday, June 16
(Registration begins June 5)
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, July 19
(Registration begins July 5)
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Smash, crash and bash your way in Super Smash Brothers tournaments hosted on the Wii-U. Bring your Nintendo 3DS and multi-player games for additional fun playing against other attendees. Personal game controllers not allowed. Prizes awarded to tournament winners.

Cooking for Teens with Chef Maddox
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, June 20
Smoothies and Snacks
(Registration begins June 6)
1:00 to 3:30 PM
Explore great flavors, tastes and textures while Chef Susan Maddox shares recipes for two of the delights of summer - smoothies and snacks.

Wednesday, July 12
Basic Pastry 101
(Registration begins June 28)
1:00 to 3:30 PM
Learn some great beginner recipes and build a base for future sweet creations, featuring pastry cream, pate a choux (cream puff dough), and crème brulée. Chef Susan will also discuss basic methods and techniques in pastry preparation and storage.

Cupcake Wars for Teens
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, June 26
(Registration begins June 12)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Think you have what it takes to create the best tasting cupcake? Contestants will start with a plain cupcake and use provided materials to turn it into a masterpiece.

Multi-Needs Craftapalooza
Ages 6 to 18
Wednesday June 28
(Registration begins June 14)
3:00 to 4:00 PM
Crafts, crafts and more crafts designed for children and teens of all abilities. Parents and caregivers of teens are welcome to stay.

How to Draw Pokémon
Grades 6 to 12
Thursday, July 6
(Registration begins June 22)
1:00 to 2:30 PM
Learn to draw Pokémon characters in a step-by-step process presented by art teacher Christine Thornton.

Pokémon Appreciation Day
Grades 4 to 12
Thursday, July 6
(Registration begins June 22)
3:00 to 4:30 PM
Pokémon players, card collectors and fans get time to meet, trade and play. Bring your own video games, cards or memorabilia for this one-time celebration of all things Pokémon.
Anime Movie Night
Grades 6 to 12
Monday, July 10
Evangelion: 1.11: You Are (Not) Alone
(Registration begins June 26)
Monday, July 17
Evangelion: 2.22: You Can (Not) Advance
(Registration begins July 3)
Monday, July 24
Evangelion: 3.33: You Can (Not) Redo
(Registration begins July 10)
6:30 to 8:30 PM
Watch the entire exciting Evangelion trilogy with other anime fans and friends.

Teen Science Fair
Grades 6 to 9
Thursday, August 3
(Registration begins June 5)
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Show off your science smarts by creating a personal (no parental help) project.
Your entry must have a hypothesis, an experiment and conclusion. Please contact the Youth Services Desk after registering to identify your project so there are no duplicates. Your project must fit in a 4’ by 3’ area.

Teen Programs

Practice SAT
High School Students and Parents
Saturday, June 17
(Registration begins June 5)
1:00 to 4:30 PM
Sylvan Learning of Plainfield will proctor a practice SAT in a simulated testing environment. Students and their families will have the option to schedule a free consultation to discuss their results. Open to all high school students. Please bring two pencils and a calculator. Snacks are allowed, but can only be consumed during breaks between tests.

Multi-Needs Teen Game Night
Grades 6 to 12
Tuesday, August 1
(Registration begins July 20)
6:00 to 7:00 PM
Meet up with peer buddies for group play in board games and activities. Bring your own game, if you’d like.

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(Registration begins July 12)
7:00 to 8:30 PM
Each year, the price of college tuition rises higher than the annual inflation rate. With these steep increases, how can college bound families afford to pay for college? Thomas J. Jaworski shares his expertise to breakdown the cost of college, explain changes to the financial aid process and how to find scholarships.

Preparation for College

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Visiting a campus is an integral part of the college process. It allows families to learn more about a particular campus while also showing demonstrated interest. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will provide high school families with tips maximizing your college visits while helping to increase your admissions chances.
Reading by Design

Summer Reading 2017
June 5 to August 5

Have we got designs on your summer! Get inspired by the creativity of artists, architects, authors and everyone who makes our world a vibrant and beautiful place.

Beginning June 5, sign up to explore exciting new paths through reading and imaginative programs. Draft plans to register by Saturday, July 22. Over the course of the nine-week program, follow the blueprints to reach your reading goals by August 5 and win big!*

**Summer Reading Finale**

**Concert: Justin Roberts**
All Ages
Saturday, August 5
(Registration begins July 22)
10:30 to 11:15 AM

Get ready to have some fun during this high-energy concert by two-time GRAMMY nominee Justin Roberts. Funded by a generous gift from The Friends of the Library.

**Registration Information**
Register in person, or if you can’t make it, register online at plainfieldpubliclibrary.beanstack.org.

**Registration Blast Off!**
- Monday, June 5
- Tuesday, June 6
- Wednesday, June 7

**Kona Shaved Ice Truck**
Each day, 10:00 to 12:00 AM
Parked in front of the Library
A portion of proceeds donated to the Library.

**Grumpy Gaucho Empanada Truck**
Wednesday, June 7, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Library Parking Lot

**Potbelly Sandwich Shop**
Wednesday, June 7, 5:00 to 8:00 PM
12750 S. Route 59, Plainfield
Visit Potbelly and 25 percent of your purchases will be donated to the Library.

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