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Plainfield Public Library District Newsletter

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## LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

**Monday, May 28**

Memorial Day

Look for **Celebrate Illinois** programs listed throughout this newsletter, identified by this symbol.



Get excited for **Fandom Fest!** Special



programs are identified throughout the newsletter by this symbol. See page 7 for full event details.

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## Classes and programs

### Adults

#### Cooking

##### Bingo and Bites

Thursday, March 1, 11:00 AM

##### Smoothies

Thursday, April 5, 11:00 AM

##### Salads

Thursday, May 3, 11:00 AM

##### Fruit Cups

Meet at Peter Rubi Produce Headquarters, 15412 S. Route 59, Suite 150, Plainfield, for bingo and healthy snacks.



#### Chicago World's Fair Classic Treats

Saturday, April 7, 10:00 AM

Chef Rose prepares classic foods introduced at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, such as caramel popcorn, fusilli pasta and mouth-watering brownies. Recipes and tastings provided. *Registration begins March 1.*



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### Children

#### Watercolor Art

Ages 5 to 10

Thursday, March 15

*(Registration begins March 1)*

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Use the techniques of watercolor resist and salt to make your own masterpiece.



#### The Great Escape Room Challenge

Ages 8 to 12

Monday, March 26

*(Registration begins March 12)*

1:30 to 2:30 PM

3:00 to 4:00 PM



You'll find yourself locked in a room with only your wits. Solve the mysteries or you'll be trapped forever! Please register for only one session.

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## Did you know...

users saved \$7,611,017.75 last year by using the Plainfield Library?

# Classes and programs

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

## Wild about Strawberries

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 PM

Chef Rose demonstrates how to roast strawberries in the oven and use them in bar cookies, strawberry arugula salad with chocolate balsamic dressing and classic strawberry shortcake. Recipes and tastings provided. *Registration begins March 1.*



## Crafts

### Social Stitch & More

Every Tuesday, 1:00 to 2:30 PM

Bring your current project or get ideas from others that share the love of knitting, crocheting or crafting. Drop in anytime, no registration. Last session for the season is May 15.



## Bunny Board

Tuesday, March 6, 6:00 PM

Create a custom wood bunny sign with stencils and paint to brighten up the spring décor in your home. Supplies provided. Limited to Plainfield cardholders.



## Let's Paint

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 AM OR  
Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 PM

Create your own work of art by painting on canvas with step-by-step instruction from local artist Shane Rotkis. Supplies included. Please register for one session only. Limited to Plainfield cardholders. *Registration begins March 1.*



## Movies



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

### Friday Movie Matinee

March 2

*Battle of the Sexes* (PG-13)

April 6

*The Greatest Showman* (PG)

May 4

*The Circle* (PG)

### Thursday Critics' Choice Movies

March 15

*Wonder* (PG)

April 26

*Breathe* (PG-13)

May 17

*Max* (PG)

## History

### Queen Elizabeth II

Thursday, March 8, 11:00 AM

In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard explores the life of one of Britain's famous monarchs, Queen Elizabeth II, known for her spirited personality and savvy intelligence.



## Green Village Series

*In partnership with the Village of Plainfield*

Second Mondays

### Greening Your Life

Monday, March 12

7:00 PM

Seize the opportunity to go green by reducing waste. Marta Keane from Will County Green provides useful ways to recycle and reuse many household items.

### Spring Lawn Care

Monday, April 9

7:00 PM

Master Gardener and University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, Nancy Kuhajda, answers your questions and gives tips on what you can do now for a beautiful lawn this summer.



### Dragonflies

Monday, May 14

7:00 PM

Dragonflies are one of the oldest and most mysterious insects in Illinois. Cindy Crosby, author and dragonfly steward at the Morton Arboretum and Nachusa Grasslands, discusses the history and importance of dragonflies. Books available for purchase.



## Genealogy

### Sound Research Practices: Sources & Citations

Monday, March 26, 7:00 PM

Ginger Frere, owner of Information Diggers, shares the basics of evaluating a document and how to cite sources appropriately.



### Newspaper Necessities

Monday, April 30, 7:00 PM

Newspapers hold an astounding amount of genealogical and local data. Find the hidden gems and learn where digital copies and online indexes live.

### Computer Help for Genealogists

Thursday, April 19, 10:00 AM

Need help navigating the Library's genealogy databases? Confused on how to research military records? We will work together to break through those genealogy brick walls.



### DNA Behind the Scenes

Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 PM

DNA testing has become a standard part of genealogy, but what does it really mean? Who should be tested? How can DNA testing be used to answer genealogical problems? Dr. Daniel Hubbard shares his insights and experience.

NEW

Resources

### America's Genealogy Bank

Easily search and browse more than a billion genealogy records from 1690 to the present, including obituaries, marriage notices, birth announcements, casualty lists, military and government documents and more. Accessible through the "Online Resources" page of the Library's website. *Requires Plainfield Library card for remote access.*

### Digital Access to Yearbooks and More

Plainfield High School Central campus yearbooks from 1949 to 2000, Plainfield phone directories from 1928-1946 and the Georgia Lockwood Collections including nearly 100 years of Plainfield history are now available on the Library's website or by visiting <http://bit.ly/ppldlocalhistory18>.

### Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair

Thursday, March 15, 7:00 PM

Bestselling author William Hazelgrove talks about his latest book, *Al Capone and*



*the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago.* Take a look at Chicago while under Al Capone's control in the darkest days of the Great Depression. Books available for purchase and signing.



### Illinois Tales and Trivia

Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 PM

Test your knowledge about Illinois history and learn some humorous tidbits about the Prairie State. Prizes and more in this fun-filled hour.



### The Six Wives of Henry VIII

Thursday, May 10, 11:00 AM

In this living-history program, entertainer Martina Mathisen weaves through true stories of six fascinating women in a world of passion, power and politics.

### Technology

#### Smartphone Photography

Thursday, April 19, 7:00 PM

Great pictures are right at your fingertips. Learn about camera hacks and apps to help you take your smartphone photography to the next level.

#### Insight into Podcasts

Thursday, May 17, 7:00 PM

Learn about the most popular podcasts and discover how you can record your own podcast.



# Services for Businesses

## SCORE: Small Business Mentoring

**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>. Click on "Make an Appointment for Free Mentoring" and follow the steps to register.

## Drop-in Business Help

**First Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

Confused about how to use a database, create a business plan or find statistics? Receive guidance to resources and help for businesses big and small, from corporations to home-based operations.



## Business Happy Hour

**Tuesday, April 10, 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Enjoy complimentary drinks and giveaways while you network with local business leaders. Use this opportunity to make new connections and learn how the Library can help you grow your business with resources such as RefUSA and more.



# Services for Readers and Writers

## Plainfield Writers Group

**Third Tuesdays, 7:00 PM**

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

## A Novel Idea Book Group

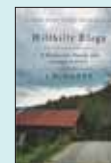
**Second Thursday, 7:00 PM  
OR Third Wednesday, 2:00 PM**

**March 8 and 21:**  
*Small Great Things*  
by Jodi Picoult



**April 12 and 18:**  
*The Hamilton Affair*  
by Elizabeth Cobbs

**May 10 and 16:**  
*Hillbilly Elegy*  
by J.D. Vance



# 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.

## March 21: Behavioral Interview Storytelling

*Jim Fergle, workNet DuPage Career Center*

Storytelling is important for interviewing. This workshop teaches participants when to use stories and how to tailor them to your audience.

## April 18: Rich Resources for Job Seekers

*Kiley Mullane, Plainfield Public Library District*

Learn how library resources can help expand your job search.

## May 16: Mind Mapping Your Network of Advocates

*Jennifer Weggeman, workNet DuPage Career Center*

Job seekers who cultivate a strong network tend to access better leads and company information. Learn how to build your network.

## Mobile Workforce Center

**Wednesdays  
9:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
1:00 to 3:30 PM**

The Workforce Services Division of Will County Mobile Workforce Center visits the Library every Wednesday to help residents looking for a job. Services include: access to computers, assistance in creating or revising a resume, job board listings and trained staff.

## Technology Training

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>.



### Clases de Computadora para Adultos

Se ofrecerán clases básicas de computación en español para adultos. Se requiere registración.

### Tech Tuesdays

**New Time!** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Drop in with your technology questions during one of these weekly sessions. Instructors can help you with eBooks, tablets, Windows 10, Microsoft Office, Library online resources, internet searching and more! Use the lab computers or bring your own device. No registration required.

### The Arduino Circuit

Use Arduino, an open source electronics platform, to design, build and customize circuits; Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

**May 1: LED Lights**  
**May 8: Photoresistor**  
**May 15: Servo Motor**



### Book a Librarian: 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: <https://plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian>.



## For English Language Learners

These weekly programs are provided for adults with English-speaking skills at all levels. For more information, email Tania at [thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org](mailto:thess@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org), text 815.263.8145 or call 815.327.2524. Se habla español. *No registration required.*

**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 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**

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.

**Technology Club**  
**Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM**

Explore how iPads, mobile phones and online resources can help you learn English.

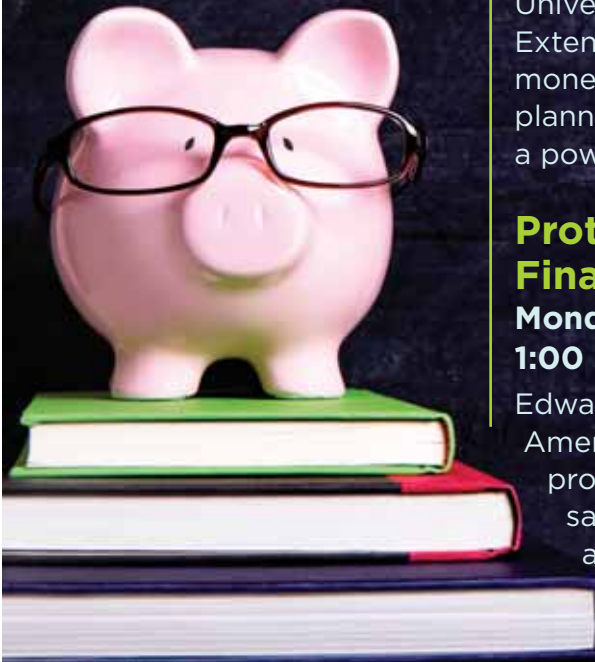


# MONEY SMARTWEEK®



## April 21 to 28

*Time to get smart with your money and learn how it can work for you.*



### Managing Your Money

**Monday, April 23**  
10:00 AM

Plan ahead and make financial decisions for your future. Sasha Grabenstetter, University of Illinois Extension Educator, explains monetary transfers, estate planning and how to appoint a power of attorney.

### Protecting Your Finances

**Monday, April 23**  
1:00 PM

Edward Pizzo from First American Bank gives protection advice to safeguard your money against cyber financial crimes.

### Medicare 101

**Monday, April 23, 3:00 PM**

Get the facts on Medicare enrollment, Part A and B benefits, premiums and co-payments by Medicare expert Diane Adduci. Medicare supplement plans, how they work, what they cover and which one may be right for you will also be discussed.

### Utility Bill Review

**Tuesday, April 24, 10:00 AM**

Save money on your utility bills by bringing your gas, electric and landline phone bills for a one-on-one analysis with a Citizens Utility Board representative. Special registration for this event through CUB: contact 312.263.7872 or email your name, phone number and the name of this event to: [events@citizensutilityboard.org](mailto:events@citizensutilityboard.org).

## Give Back to the Community

### Volunteer Fair

**Saturday, March 10**  
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Volunteering isn't just for teens who need service hours! Adults and teens are welcome to connect with representatives from local organizations and find out how you can get involved and make a difference in your community!





# FANFEST

## April 23 to 28

Plainfield's first ever Fandom Fest is all about the pop culture you love. Whether you're obsessed with anime, a wand-carrying Potterhead or a Whovian at heart, join us for an all-ages, multi-day celebration of all things geek!

Visit <http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org/fandomfest> for more information.

### Create a Lightsaber

All Ages

Monday, April 23

(Registration begins April 9)

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Create your own quasi-functional lightsaber. Please register each person crafting a lightsaber. Recommended for ages 8 and up, including adults.



### Special Effects Makeup Demonstration

All Ages

Wednesday, April 25

(Registration begins April 11)

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Actress and special effects makeup artist, Devon Ford, brings the living dead to life in this live demo.



### KidsCon

Friday, April 27

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

You're never too young to be a fan! Join us for a kid-focused day of fun including a maker fair, mystery green screen, family trivia challenge and more.

### How to Cosplay

All Ages

Tuesday, April 24

(Registration begins April 10)

7:00 to 8:00 PM

Interested in dressing like your favorite character at comic and entertainment conventions but have no idea where to begin? Kasey from Purple Plum will be here to give tips and tricks for becoming a cosplay superstar!

### Fandom Finale

Saturday, April 28

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Gather and geek out with other fans! Whether it's Marvel or manga, video games or *Game of Thrones*, we're taking over the Library and celebrating all the fandoms. Featuring four-time Eisner award-winning artist Gene Ha, the authors of *Doctor Who in America*, an Artist Alley, trivia, crafts and so much more will be part of this amazing day.

### After Hours Fandom Fest Fashion Show

All Ages

Saturday, April 28

Door Open 6:00 PM

Fashion Show begins 6:30 PM

Time to show off your best cosplay. Suit up and strut your stuff for our panel of judges for a chance to win fandom fame and prizes! Costumes from all genres welcome, but please keep them PG-13.



# Storytimes and More

**Session 4: March 5 to April 19** (Registration begins February 19)

All programs in the calendar are drop-in unless they are **highlighted**. Registration for Fun with Music sessions are required and begins February 19. Please register for one class only with a valid Plainfield Library card. To register, visit [www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org) or the Youth Services Desk.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
<b>9:15 to 9:45 AM</b>		<b>Baby and Me</b> Ages 6 to 23 months with caregiver	<b>Baby and Me</b> Ages 6 to 23 months with caregiver	
<b>9:30 to 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Fun with Music</b> Ages 9 months to 4 years with caregiver	<b>Fun with Music</b> Ages 9 months to 4 years with caregiver		<b>Family Storytime</b> All Ages
<b>10:00 to 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Baby and Me</b> Ages 6 to 23 months with caregiver	<b>Tales for Tots</b> Ages 2 to 3 years with caregiver	<b>Tales for Tots</b> Ages 2 to 3 years with caregiver	
<b>10:30 to 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Fun with Music</b> Ages 9 months to 4 years with caregiver			
<b>10:45 to 11:15 AM</b>	<b>Preschool Storytime</b> Ages 3 to 5, independently	<b>Preschool Storytime</b> Ages 3 to 5, independently		
<b>5:00 to 5:45 PM</b>	<b>Family Music and Movement</b> All Ages			

## Registration Required

### Panera Bread Presents: Storytime, Milk and Cookies

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Tuesday, March 6**

(Registration begins February 20)

**Tuesday, March 20**

(Registration begins March 6)

**Tuesday, April 3**

(Registration begins March 20)

**Tuesday, April 17**

(Registration begins April 3)

**Tuesday, May 1**

(Registration begins April 17)

**Tuesday, May 15**

(Registration begins May 1)

**10:00 to 11:00 AM**

Enjoy a storytime and craft as well as milk and cookies at the Panera Bread located at Route 59 and 127<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Peter Rubi Storytime

**Ages 3 to 5**

**Tuesday, March 13**

(Registration begins February 27)

**Tuesday, April 10**

(Registration begins March 27)

**Tuesday, May 8**

(Registration begins April 24)

**10:00 to 10:30 AM**

Enjoy a story and a fruit or veggie snack at Peter Rubi Produce Headquarters, 15412 S. Route 59 Suite 120 in Plainfield.

## Drop-In Programs

### Family Music and Movement

**All Ages**

**Mondays, 5:00 to 5:45 PM**

Spend time as a family dancing, singing and playing musical instruments. Plus, play with the big parachute and pop some bubbles!

### Sensory Storytime

**Ages 3 to 9 with caregiver**

**Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 to 6:45 PM**

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.

### Baby Playtime

**Ages 1 month to 23 months**

**Tuesday, May 1, 9:30 to 11:30 AM**

Caregivers and children under two are invited to join us for playtime. We provide the toys and music while you meet other parents and make new friends.



## Registration Required Programs

Register for the programs below with a valid Plainfield Public Library card.

Visit [www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plainfieldpubliclibrary.org) or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.

### Registration Required

#### Tech Tweens

**Ages 9 to 12**

**Thursday, March 1**

*(Registration begins February 15)*

**Thursday, April 5**

*(Registration begins March 22)*

**Thursday, May 3**

*(Registration begins April 19)*

**6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Explore the world of computers, technology and robotics.



#### Character Canvas

**Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver**

**Tuesday, March 13**

*(Registration begins February 27)*

**6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Paint a masterpiece featuring your favorite character.



#### Pi Day Extravaganza

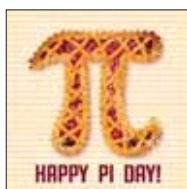
**Ages 8 to 11**

**Wednesday, March 14**

*(Registration begins February 28)*

**7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Let's get mathematical and celebrate the best holiday of the year, Pi Day! Enjoy Pi-related activities, crafts and desserts.



#### What's the Matter with Chemistry presented by SciTech

**Ages 6 to 10**

**Thursday, March 22**

*(Registration begins March 8)*

**6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Be thrilled by this explosive and chemically reactive experience where kids learn about the different types of chemical and physical reactions, states of matter and how the pH scale is used in daily life.



#### Tall Tales and Silly Songs with Todd Downing

**All Ages**

**Monday, March 26**

*(Registration begins March 12)*

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

Join performer Todd Downing for his kids' songs, wild dancing and fun for all during this family concert. Please register each person attending.

#### Mad Scientist Club

**Ages 9 to 12**

**Tuesday, March 27**

*(Registration begins March 13)*

**3:30 to 4:30 PM**

Tweens explore exciting aspects of STEM through fun and wacky interactive science experiments.

### Short Story Contest

#### Author Talk and Award Presentation

**Saturday, March 3**

**10:00 to 10:45 AM**

Short story contest entrants and their families are invited to a talk by the contest judge, author Chris Rylander. Winners will be announced at the program.

#### Switch Up Your Room

**Ages 7 to 10**

**Tuesday, March 27**

*(Registration begins March 13)*

**6:00 to 7:00 PM**

Spruce up your room by creating fan-favorite light and outlet covers.

#### Fandom Slimes

**Ages 9 to 12**

**Wednesday, March 28**

*(Registration begins March 14)*

**1:30 to 2:30 PM**

Make slimes inspired by your favorite movies, books and games. Try nerdy slime concoctions or create your own!



#### RÖBLOX Club

**Grades 4 to 8**

**Wednesday, March 28**

*(Registration begins March 14)*

**Wednesday, April 25**

*(Registration begins April 11)*

**6:00 to 7:30 PM**

RÖBLOX is an online game and scripting platform. Attendees learn how to make their own games as well as play other people's creations. Space is limited to eight players.

### National Library Week

#### Scavenger Hunt

**April 9 to 14**

Celebrate National Library Week with a Scavenger Hunt through the Youth Services Department. Complete the hunt and win a prize.

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



1000 Books  
Before Kindergarten

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school. What better way to accomplish this than by striving to read 1000 books together while earning milestone rewards along the way. This new, ongoing program is open to any child from birth to five-years-old who has not started kindergarten. For more information and to register, visit the Youth Services Desk beginning March 5.

### Jim Nesci Presents Cold Blooded Creatures

All Ages

Thursday, March 29

(Registration begins March 15)

1:30 to 2:30 PM OR

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Are you ready to see alligators, snakes, lizards and a tortoise? Jim helps you explore the world of reptiles during this hands-on experience.

Please register each person attending.



### Kids Creative Canvas: Superhero Edition

Ages 6 to 12

Tuesday, April 3

(Registration begins March 20)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Learn about the art of painting and create your own superhero-themed masterpiece with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions.



### Fingerprint Gardens

Ages 4 to 8

Tuesday, April 17

(Registration begins April 3)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Create unique garden landscapes using your fingerprints.



### Dinosaurs vs. Robots: Drawing with Mark Anderson

Ages 5 to 7

Thursday, April 26

(Registration begins April 12)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

In this draw-along class led by cartoonist Mark Anderson, learn to draw cool dinosaurs on one side of the page and awesome robots on the other. Then decide how they interact!



### Creative Cartooning with Mark Anderson

Ages 8 to 12

Thursday, April 26

(Registration begins April 12)

7:15 to 8:15 PM

Learn how to draw cartoon faces, sketch bodies in motion and write jokes in this fun hands-on lesson with cartoonist Mark Anderson.



### ABC 1-2-Tea

Ages 3 to 5 with caregiver

Tuesday, May 1

(Registration begins April 17)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

You are invited to a tea party celebrating the ABCs and 123s.



### Baby Art Explorers

Ages 1 to 23 months

Wednesday, May 16

(Registration begins May 2)

10:00 to 11:00 AM

Make a lasting memory by painting with a little help from your baby's feet.

### iMovie 101

Ages 9 to 12

Wednesday, May 16

(Registration begins May 2)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Learn the basics of video editing using iMovie on iPads.

### Springtime Story and Crafts

Ages 3 to 6 with caregiver

Tuesday, May 22

(Registration begins May 8)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Listen to stories and make springtime crafts.

### Make a Mug

Ages 5 to 10

Thursday, May 24

(Registration begins May 10)

6:00 to 7:00 PM

Put your own mug on a mug to make a great gift for someone special.

### Book Celebration Open House

All Ages

Tuesday, April 10

Thursday, April 12

5:00 to 8:00 PM

We love books and want to share some of our favorites with you! Join us for stories and more to celebrate National Library Week.

## Teen Programs

Register for the programs below with a valid Plainfield Public Library card.

Visit [www.painfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.painfieldpubliclibrary.org) or call the Youth Services Desk at 815.439.2877 to register.



### What to Do This Summer to Prepare for College

High School Students and Parents  
Monday, March 5

(Registration begins February 19)

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Summer break is a perfect opportunity to get ahead and prepare for college. Thomas Jaworski of Quest College Consulting provides tips on how to present to college admission officers. This program is designed for both parents and students. Please register all attendees.

### Practice SAT

Grades 9 to 12

Saturday, March 17

(Registration begins March 3)

Saturday, April 21

(Registration begins April 7)

1:00 to 4:45 PM

Sylvan Learning of Plainfield will proctor a practice SAT in a simulated testing environment.

Students and their families will have the option to discuss their results. Open to all high school students. Please bring two pencils and a calculator. Snacks are allowed during breaks between tests.



### Teen STEAM

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, March 19

Build a Wire Tree

(Registration begins March 5)

Monday, April 2

Which Cereal Makes the Best Marshmallow Treats?

(Registration begins March 19)

7:00 to 8:30 PM

In March, make a tabletop tree display from wire. In April, test and eat your creations while answering the question: which cereal makes the best marshmallow treats?



### Fueling the Student Athlete

High School Students and Parents

Wednesday, March 28

(Registration begins March 14)

7:00 to 8:00 PM

In addition to training and conditioning, nutrition is an essential element for young athletes. Learn how maintaining hydration, proper fueling pre/post workout and meeting nutritional needs during tournaments/competition helps promote best performance. Please register all attendees.

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### Teen Painting Party: Chicago Skyline

Grades 6 to 12

Monday, April 16

(Registration begins April 2)

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Celebrate Illinois' 200<sup>th</sup> birthday by painting the iconic Chicago skyline with Shane Rotkis from Imagine Arts and leave with a finished 11"x 14" painted canvas.



### World Book Online

The Library now subscribes to World Book Online. This suite of digital resources includes up-to-date information for children of every age, from preschool through high school.



With features such as educational games, illustrations, maps, audio files, videos, eBooks and primary source documents, World Book Online is a go-to resource for school projects.



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# Be a Summer Reading Intern!

### Teens Going into Grades 8 to 12

Are you going to be in town most of the summer? Need community service hours or just want to help? Stop by the Library beginning April 9 to pick up a summer reading intern application form. Forms are due by 9:00 PM on Monday, April 30. Applicant interviews begin the week of May 14.



### Coming in March: Fandom vs. Fandom!

What is Plainfield's favorite fandom? We've got a bracket of challenging matchups to answer just that! Stop by the Library (or vote online) to defend your favorites and select the champion. Help us Plainfield, you're our only hope!

