

BETHALTO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S June Newsletter

2026



WORLDWIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

SAT. JUNE 13TH @ 10AM - 4PM

We invite knitters, crocheters, and fiber artists of all skill levels to join in the celebration of Worldwide Knit in Public Day. This fun and welcoming community event will bring together crafters for a full day of creativity. Expert crafters available for assistance. Attendance prizes throughout the day.

ADULT/TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

ZEN GARDENS

WED. JUNE 24TH @ 6PM

Create a calming Mini Zen Garden using a small shallow tray, fine sand, rocks, and a tiny rake to create mindful, relaxing patterns. Accessories included. Registration required.
\$3/project



WILL STUCK'S MESS SHOW

FRI. JUNE 26TH @ 6PM

Bethalto Senior Citizen Building

We'll be digging up giggles and fun when Will brings his high energy and hilarious M.E.S.S. (Music, Education, Stories and Science) to Bethalto on Friday night.

This event is geared towards kids of all ages and registration is not required.

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY ACTIVITIES

SAT. JUNE 27TH @ 1-3PM

We will provide tools and activities for kids to craft their own mud creations! This event is messy! Wear old clothing or swimsuits. Bring a change of clothing. Event will take place behind the Library.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

TUESDAYS @ 10AM AND 1PM
June 2nd, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Each week we'll explore early literacy through stories, song, movement, and hands-on crafts. Both sessions feature the same activities. Pick the time that fits you best.

On June 16th at 10am the Alton River Dragons will be visiting for a special baseball storytime.



BABY/TODDLER PLAYTIME

THURSDAYS @ 10AM
June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

Our littlest visitors may be too busy to sit for a full story, but they still love spending time at the library! Join Ms. Amy in the Kids Area for a gentle introduction to Preschool Storytime, filled with play, socializing, and early learning.



FAMILY FUN THURSDAYS

THURSDAYS @ 3PM



June 4th - *NEW* Early Reader Book Club - This month we will read Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt. After reading the book together we are creating parachutes for Scaredy Squirrel.

June 11th - Ms. Amy is on vacation. Don't let that stop you from visiting. We will have a hands-on activity for you to enjoy.

June 18th - Kids in the Kitchen - Cupcakes! Let's decorate some cupcakes to enjoy. There will be lots of different toppings to choose from.



June 25th - Movie and crafts in the Kids Area. We will be showing Zootopia 2 (2025 - Rated PG). Popcorn will be provided.

FATHER'S DAY CRAFT

Come make a special "Magic Flashlight" card for dad! The supplies will be available all week leading up to Father's Day, June 15th - 20th.



LIBRARY BUNCO NIGHT

FRI. JUNE 12TH @ 6PM

Get ready to roll the dice! Our Bunco Night promises fast-paced fun, plenty of laughs, and a little friendly rivalry. With tables cheering and dice flying, don't miss your chance to join in! Grab a friend, or three, and head out for a fun night out. Prizes given for different levels. Light refreshments will be served or bring your own!

ADULT BINGO NIGHT

SAT. JUNE 27TH @ 6PM

Join us for Bethalto Library's Adult Bingo Night, where the numbers are hot, the popcorn is popping, and the prizes are worth playing for! Bring your lucky charms and a friend or two for a fun, free night out filled with laughs and friendly competition. Popcorn provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks.

Teen Night - AFTER HOURS

SAT. JUNE 20TH @ 6PM

The Library may be for all ages, but not this night. TEENS ONLY! Are you a teen who is looking for a FREE night of fun?! Join us for games, crafts, music, and so much more. OH and did we mention food?! We will provide food and drinks for everyone who attends.

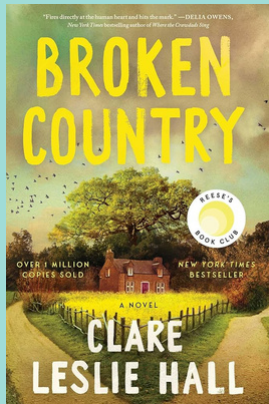
READ WITH MAUI

MON. JUNE 15TH @ 4PM

Come to the Library to meet Maui, nominee for Citizen of the Year! Ask about our Maui loyalty program.



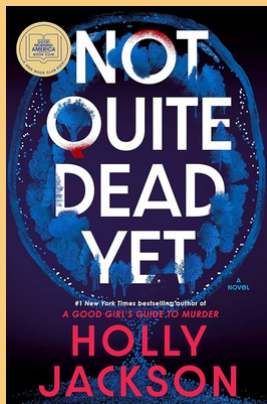
Book Clubs



THE OG BOOK CLUB

Tue. June 2nd @ 6:30pm

Broken Country weaves a tense and emotional story about love, loyalty, and secrets. Set in rural England, it follows characters whose past choices and buried truths begin to surface, forcing them to confront what they owe to one another — and what they are willing to risk to protect the lives they've built.



THRILLS & CHILLS BOOK CLUB

Wed. June 10th @ 6pm

Not Quite Dead Yet is a fast-paced mystery that follows a young woman caught in a dangerous web of secrets, suspicion, and unexpected twists. As the stakes rise and trust becomes harder to place, she must uncover the truth before time runs out and the past catches up with everyone involved.



JUST ANOTHER BOOK CLUB

Wed. June 17th @ 10am

The Poppy Fields is a thought-provoking novel that explores grief, memory, and the ways people cope with loss. When a mysterious treatment offers the chance to ease emotional pain, several strangers are forced to decide what parts of their past they are willing to hold onto — and what they might leave behind.

JULY'S UPCOMING TITLES

The OG: July 7th - The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Thrills and Chills: July 8th - The House Next Door by Anne Rivers Siddons








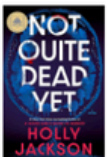


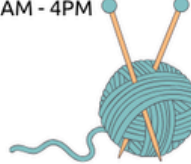



















Just Another: July 15th - The Wedding People by Alison Espach

JUNE 2026

Library Events

**PLANT
A SEED,
READ**

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

 Log your reading.	1	2 Preschool Story Time 10 AM & 1 PM  The OG Book Club 6:30 PM 	3	4 Baby/Toddler Playtime 10 AM  Family Fun Thursdays Early Reader Book Club 3 PM 	5	6	
 Log your reading.	8	9 Preschool Activity - Ms. Amy is on Vacay! 10 AM & 1 PM 	10 Thrills & Chills Book Club 6 PM 	11 Baby/Toddler Activity - Ms. Amy is on Vacay! 10 AM  Family Fun Thursdays Hands-On Activity 3 PM	12 Library BUNCO Night 6 PM 	13 Worldwide Knit in Public Day 10AM - 4PM 	
14 Father's Day Craft June 15-20 - Open Hours 	15 Read with Maui 4 PM 	16 Preschool Story Time 10 AM* & 1 PM 	17 Just Another Book Club 10 AM 	18 Baby/Toddler Playtime 10 AM  Family Fun Thursdays KnK - Cupcakes! 3 PM 	19 Library Closed 		20 TEEN NIGHT After Hours 6 PM 
 Log your reading.	22	23 Preschool Story Time 10 AM & 1 PM 	24 Adult/Teen Art Night Zen Gardens 6 PM 	25 Baby/Toddler Playtime 10 AM  Family Fun Thursdays Movie and Crafts 3 PM 	26 Will Stuck's Mess Show 6 PM Bethalto Senior Citizen Building 	27 International Mud Day Activities 1 PM - 3 PM  Adult Bingo Night 6 PM 	
 Log your reading.	29	30 Preschool Story Time 10 AM & 1 PM 	Important Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs with a  require registration. • Programs are in person at the Library unless noted. Visit bethaltolibrary.org to explore more about the Library.				

*The Alton River Dragons Baseball Team will only be at the 10AM Storytime.

Find details for all events on the back of this calendar. Visit our website and Facebook for full descriptions.





Plant A Seed, Read! - Summer Reading Challenge



TIMELINE – The Challenge started on May 22nd and will continue through July 31st.

SIMPLE LOGGING METHOD! – For each day you read, all you have to do is record that you read. That’s it. Really! Any amount of reading counts. We are not requiring a certain number of minutes, pages, or books. We simply want you to read.

PERSONALIZE THE CHALLENGE – Set your own reading goals this summer. Each kid, teen and adult can have a different reading goal that suits them.

AND DON'T WORRY – Did you forget to log your daily reading during the fun of a vacation trip? Simply change the date in the Beanstack App to log reading – on those past dates.

FUN PRIZES – Everyone who reads gets to pick prizes from the Bookcart of Lil’ Goodies during the summer. Want a chance to win an awesome final prize?! You just need to complete the reading challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is available in the Beanstack App and on paper logs.

Here are just a few of the prizes:



Ages 0-12



Ages 13+



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Can we beat the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge stats?



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Days Closed

Juneteenth
June 19, 2026
Independence Day
July 4, 2026

Hours

Mon - Thu: 10:00am to 7:00pm
Fri, Sat: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Sun: 12:00pm to 4:00pm