

Discovery Guide

SUMMER READING 2024



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JUNE 1 - JULY 27



This summer, READ, RENEW, REPEAT with QPL! Dive into your Summer reading adventures with a restorative method of self-improvement and self-preservation.

Make reading fun for all ages by enjoying what YOU like: books, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, audiobooks, or picture books! However you read - being read to, reading to someone, or reading on your own - all reading counts.

How does it work?

Sign up in Beanstack on or after June 1.

Log the minutes you read to unlock the prize level(s). Once you unlock the prize level(s), come to the library and pick up your reward for reading!

*paper logs available at QPL



Challenges!

KIDS

Birth - 3 years old:
8 hours: Rubber Duck
14 hours: Lady Bug Mini Beach Ball
20 hours: Book

4 - 12 years old:
2 hours: Silicon Bracelet for Shoe Charms
5 hours: Shoe Charm
10 hours: Shoe Charm
15 hours: Shoe Charm
20 hours: Book

Earn 1 ticket for every ODD hour of reading up to 39 hours.

*The raffle tickets (earn up to 20 tickets) are available to enter for 4 bikes and various prize baskets

TEENS

1 hour (60 minutes):
Recycled Tire Keychain
15 Hours (900 minutes): YA Book
30 Hours (1800 minutes):
VIP Cinema Pass
30 Hours + Submit Book Review: Entered into Kindle drawing.

Activities that work towards badges:
*Each activity can be done twice

Selfie in a park or on a trail badges: 60 minutes towards time
Selfie taking out recycling badges: 120 minutes towards time

ADULTS

Earn 1 raffle ticket* for every ODD hour of reading, up to 30 hours.

6 hours of reading earns you a ticket to Book-It & Beer at the Quincy Axe Company on July 25.

Receive 5 bonus raffle tickets at 30 hours for completing the adult summer reading challenge.

*The raffle tickets (up to 20 earnable) can be used to enter the drawing for the adult prize baskets.

Take & Make: Mini Journals or Art Books!



Summer Reading | June 3 - June 29

Get creative with upcycling! Transform a used deck of cards into a customizable book! Make it a journal, art book, or photo album with included supplies like cards, binder rings, glue stick, and embellishments. Personalize it further with your own touches! Pick up your kit at the library's "Ask Here" desk, while supplies last. Adult/Teen Take & Makes available on a first come, first served basis. Registration doesn't secure your kit, so act fast!



More Than a Color: The Marginalization of African Beauty Through History

Lecture | June 8 | 1PM - 3PM

Karen Anderson, a dedicated artist and speaker, celebrates

Black women by exploring the historical devaluation of Black beauty. Through her presentations, she aims to empower those affected by racial biases, shedding light on the rich history of women of African descent and reshaping societal perceptions of beauty. This program is brought to you by Illinois Humanities.

The 411 on Climate Change



Summer Reading | June 20 | 6PM - 7:30PM

As the Earth undergoes rapid changes due to climate change, it is hard to discern fact from fiction about the topic. The Quincy Public Library hosts Jesse Risley, a seasoned Weather Reporter, Storm Chaser, and Educator, to dispel misinformation and delve into the impact of climate change and weather on human health and prosperity.

Take & Make: Beeswax Wraps

Summer Reading | July 1 - 31

Discover an eco-friendly alternative to plastic wrap and aluminum foil with beeswax wraps! Take a step towards reducing plastic waste by switching to this easy-to-make, reusable solution. Grab your kit from the library's "Ask Here" desk and make your own beeswax wraps at home. Limited to 40 kits on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.

Renewing Our Soil: How to Compost with or Without a Yard

Summer Reading | July 11 | 6PM - 7:30PM

Discover the myriad benefits of composting for your garden and the environment. Composting is the ultimate solution for cultivating vibrant plants, revitalizing soil, and nurturing the environment. Even without a yard, learn how to compost and shrink your ecological footprint through outdoor and indoor methods. Join us to explore composting options and kick-start your journey!

Meet the Monarchs: How and Why to Grow Pollinator Plot in Your City Yard



Summer Reading | July 18 | 6PM - 7:30PM

Discover the lesser-known importance of monarch butterflies as vital pollinators and their endangered status. Join us at QPL to learn from Illinois Master Gardener Robin Thomson about the significance of pollinator plots for the survival of monarchs and other species. Gain insights into starting a pollinator plot in your yard, even with limited space. Plus, get up close and personal with monarchs as Robin brings some in for an immersive experience!

Bug Bites: When Humans Bite Back

Lecture | August 17 | 2PM - 4PM

Fed up with bug bites? Join us at QPL where we bite back! Over two billion people worldwide regularly consume insects as part of their diets. This growing trend is recognized for its sustainability, nutrition, and health benefits, with over 2,000 edible insect species available. Explore the history of entomophagy (eating insects) and, if you dare, sample some yourself for a chance to win a prize!

Crop Swap!

DIY | August 24 | 10AM - 12PM

Bring your excess produce, set up a table, and trade it for something new like green beans, turnips, or herbs. Anything you've grown too much of is welcome for exchange. Remember to bring your own tote bag or box to carry home your new finds. Any leftovers will be donated to a local food pantry. Don't need anything in return? Donations are also appreciated!

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSIONS

Book Clubs

Bookies Book Club

Wednesdays | 1 - 2:30PM

<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	June 5
<i>The Cloisters</i>	July 3
<i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i>	August 7

Unshelved Book Club

Wednesdays | 1 - 2PM

<i>Calling for a Blanket Dance</i>	June 12
<i>Nineteen Minutes</i>	July 10
<i>Underground Railroad</i>	August 14

Banned Book Club

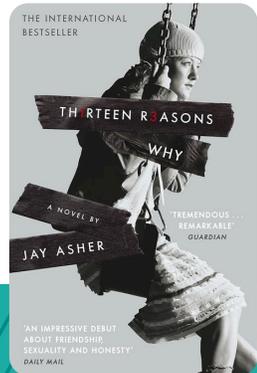
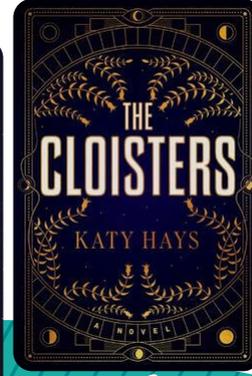
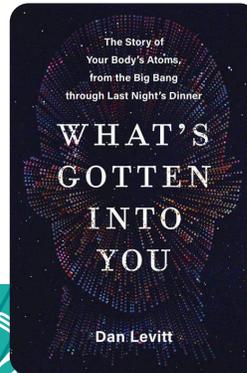
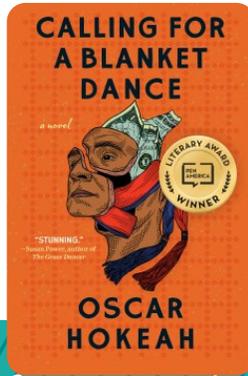
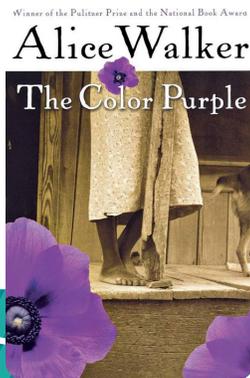
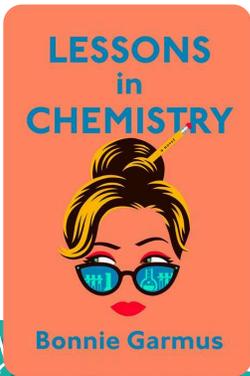
Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:45PM

<i>The Color Purple</i>	June 11
<i>Thirteen Reasons Why</i>	July 23
TBD	August 27

Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30PM

<i>What's Gotten Into You</i>	June 11
<i>An Immense World</i>	July 9
<i>Towards Zero</i>	August 13



Discussion Groups

Socrates Cafe

June 14, July 12 &
Aug 9 | 10 am - 12 pm |

June Topic: Christian
Nationalism

July Topic: Propaganda

August Topic: A Central
Illinoisian in the Chicago
Burbs

Candid Conversations

June 29, July 27, &
Aug 31 | 10 am - 12 pm |





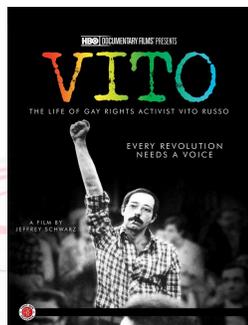
MOVIES & MORE

Movie Mondays

June 3
1 & 5PM



June 10
1 & 5PM



June 17
1 & 5PM



June 24
1 & 5PM



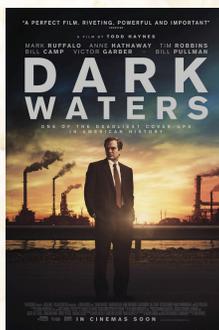
July 1
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July 8
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July 15
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July 22
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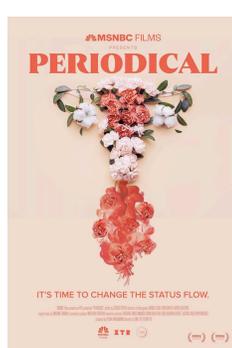
July 29
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Aug 5
1 & 5PM



Aug 12
1 & 5PM



Aug 19
1 & 5PM



Aug 26
1 & 5PM



KIDS & FAMILIES



To register for these great children's events, scan the QR Code.



Magnificent Mondays

A Summer Read activity for 3 - 6 years and under. Every Monday @ 6pm.

June 3: Explore Nature

June 10: Paper Collage

June 17: Little Explorers - Ocean

June 24: Underwater Suncatcher

July 1: Salad Spinner T-Shirt

July 8: Little Explorers - Dinosaurs!

July 15: Textured Collage

July 22: Recycled Monster Craft



Monday Funday

Fun, family night perfect for 6 years and under. On Mondays @ 6pm.

*No Monday Fundays in June or July, except for July 29

Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Every Tuesday @ 10am

Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.
Thursdays @ 10am.

*No Preschool Time on July 4

Upcycled Crafts

A Summer Read Craft that takes place every Thursday in June & July at 3 & 6pm. Check out our calendar for more details.

*No Upcycled Crafts on July 4

Playdate

Playdate is best for ages 6 and under.
10am every Friday.

*No Playdate June 14

Friends & Family Time

Fun family night perfect for 12 years and under. Every Thursday @ 6pm.

August 1: Game Night

August 8: STEM Fun - Index Card Castle

August 15: Move It!

August 22: Create - Zentangle

August 29: Game Night



QPL On the Go

June 7 & 21 | July 12 & 26 | 10am - 11:15am

Join Miss Natascha and Miss Gina at First Baptist Church at 739 N. 8th Street, Quincy. The event will feature rotating crafts and book-browsing activities. This program is for children ages 7 and up, but all are welcome to attend. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult or a teenager who is 13 or older.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

June 14 | 10am - 10:45am



Join us for this special Storytime dedicated to Mouse from the "If You Give a" series by Laura Numeroff. Mouse will join us after the Storytime to take photos with the children. This program is designed for children ages 2-6 years old, but all are welcome to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; reservations are requested.

Wild Times Exotic

July 20 | 9am & 11am



Wild Times Exotics, Ltd. is excited to return to the QPL with its trained handler, who will have everyone laughing and amazed by the tricks some of its animal ambassadors can do! Wild Times Exotics, Ltd. is the only fully licensed and insured Zoo to You program in Central Illinois. This program is designed for children ages 5 and up. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; reservations are required.

Craft Clean Up

August 3 | 9am - 12pm

Join us at the library between 9 a.m. and noon to help clean out craft supplies by making leftover crafts! We have a variety of crafts for you to create in this program. This activity suits children aged 5 to 12, but everyone is welcome to participate.

KIDS & FAMILIES

Lego Club

In-person | Lego Club is designed for ages 6 - 12. Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 5pm.

Minecraft Club

This is an unstructured program for children to relax after school and play Minecraft with friends using the library's iPads & Nintendo Switches.

This program is for children ages 7-12 years. Every Tuesday @ 3:30 PM. QPL devices are limited; participants are welcome to bring personal devices.



Make Way for Movies: Monday Morning Movies

June 3
10am



June 10
10am



June 17
10am



June 24
10am



July 1
10am



July 8
10am



July 15
10am



July 22
10am



FOR TEENS



Teen Tuesdays | 4 - 5PM

Ages 13 - 18

Every Tuesday in June. No Teen Tuesday in July. Fun activities, videogames, DIY's, and snacks! Come hangout and have fun!

Teen Time | 3 - 5PM

Ages 13 - 18

Teen Tuesday returns in August, but comes back better than ever! Join us at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Teen Time.

Upcycle Art: Puzzle Piece Tree



Summer Reading | June 7 | 3 - 4:30PM

Discover how to upcycle old art supplies. Breathe new life into leftover puzzles and paints! Create a unique work of art that can be copied but never repeated.

All materials will be provided.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Playtime | June 12 & 26 | 6 - 7:45PM

Join us for a game of 5e Dungeons & Dragons! (One of us! One of us!)



Mindfulness for Teens

Summer Reading | June 15 | 1 - 2PM

We live in a noisy world! It can be difficult to find some quiet, alone time. Join us to learn some techniques for being more mindful and more in control of your emotions. A skill that can come in handy in a world that just keeps moving faster.

I Love the 90s Movie Night- FernGully:

The Last Rainforest

Summer Reading | June 25 | 6 - 7:30PM

The 90s are back, baby! Brush up on a classic from the last century.

Movie description: "FernGully is set in an Australian rainforest inhabited by fairies including Crysta, who accidentally shrinks a young logger named Zak to the size of a fairy. Together, they rally the fairies and the animals of the rainforest to protect their home from the loggers and Hexxus, a malevolent pollution entity."

Upcycled Crafts Teen Edition: Pokémon Card Art

Crafts | July 18 | 4 - 5PM

Transform a Pokémon card into a work of art! All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but supplies are limited; reservations are requested.

Teen Movie: Generation Greta

Summer Reading | July 19 | 3:30 - 4:30PM

Think young people can't change the world? Think again!

Movie description: "They are aged between 12 and 24. They have grown up in a world with increasing droughts, floods, fires. And they share a common fight: the climate emergency. In spite of their cultural and geographical differences, nine young female activists are united under the same struggle: raising awareness about the climate emergency, fighting against the inaction of politicians, and promoting radical societal change, so that nature and social justice become our top priority."

Let's Taco 'Bout Books: Teen Book Club

Summer Reading | June 14, July 12, & August 9 | 3 - 4:30PM



Reading a book? Let's Taco Bout It!

Open discussion of whatever you are reading right now, no themes or required reading here. Eat a taco and find your next favorite book or maybe someone to do some buddy reading. You never know what will happen over a salsa packet.

"It's okay to fall apart. Tacos fall apart, and we still love them."

Candy Olympics



Summer Reading | July 27 | 1 - 3PM

Paris 2024 Olympic Games are underway! Let's celebrate our own way - with a sugar rush! Think you have what it takes to win?

Totally Tubular: Sharpie Tie-Dye!

Crafts | August 6 | 6 - 7:30PM

Make your own tie-dye shirt, shoes, bandana, and more without the mess! All you need is a sharpie marker, rubbing alcohol, and creativity!

*Bring your own cotton item of clothing or canvas shoes

Steps for Success: Start School on the Right Foot!

Lecture | August 23 | 3 - 4:30PM

Start your school year out right! Refresh your memory or learn some new tricks.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Book-It & Beer

Summer Reading Prize | July 25 | 6pm - 8pm
Grown-Ups shouldn't have to miss out on the fun of Summer Reading!

Join the Book-It & Beer Adult Summer Reading challenge by downloading the 'Beanstack' app, sign-up for Summer Reading at QPL, then grab a good book, listen to your favorite audiobook, or read an adventure story with your family.

Once you read 6 hours, join us at the Quincy Axe Company on July 25th and receive a coupon for a free beer and an entire pizza. This is a perfect event for the whole family! All forms of reading count towards your free pizza and beer (for the over 21 crowd)!

Not 21 or beer not your thing? No worries! An alternative prize will be available.



QPL On the Go!
June 7, June 21, July 12,
& July 26 | 10am - 11:15am
First Baptist Church

Summer Adventure Park Visit
10am - 11am

- June 3 Upper Moorman Park
- June 10 South Park
- June 17 Johnson Park
- June 24 Upper Moorman Park
- July 1 Bob Mays Park
- July 8 Reservoir Park
- July 15 South Park
- July 22 Upper Moorman Park

Juneteenth Community Festival
June 15 | 1pm - 8pm
Washington Park



artsquincy

Arts Quincy Summer Nights
June 18 & July 16 | 6pm
Jackson-Lincoln Swim
Complex

Farmers Market
June 22, July 27, & August 24
8:30am - 12pm
Washington Park



For more information, visit:
quincyparkdistrict.com



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Library Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fri. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed on July 4th

Follow us on:



Persons with disabilities can arrange for special assistance with library programs by calling (217) 223-1309 two weeks prior to any program.

All programs are subject to cancellation or rescheduling. All program registrants and participants must permit the taking of photographs of themselves during library activities and programs for future publication materials.

Tag us!

Experience something fun while at the library? Make sure to tag us on social media @quincylibrary!



How to Beat the SUMMER SLIDE



Have your child read for at least **20 minutes** every day.



Spend time **cooking** together.



Explore different kinds of **reading material** like picture books, chapter books, and magazines.

Make use of your **local library**.



Listen to **audiobooks** on summer car trips.

Read aloud with your children daily.



Review skills with fun, hands-on review activities.

Engage in **meaningful conversation** and help build your child's vocabulary.



Enjoy a **new hobby!**