

June Program Guide

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Summer Reading Program 2026

June 1 - August 15, 2026

Scan to sign up!



Main Library

520 W. Superior St.

218-730-4200

Monday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mount Royal Branch

105 Mt. Royal Shopping Cir.

218-730-4290

Monday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	CLOSED

West Duluth Branch

5830 Grand Ave.

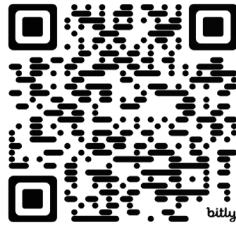
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Monday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Event Information

Register online at duluthlibrary.org > Events

Or, scan the QR code:



For questions and to register by phone:

Main Library: 218-730-4200

Mount Royal Branch: 218-730-4290

West Duluth Branch: 218-730-4280

Please note that kids age 7 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

DPL is working to make our programs accessible to all. Please email us at webmail@duluthmn.gov to let us know how library staff can support you to participate fully and comfortably.

Visit online: duluthlibrary.org

Thank you to the following orgs for making free library programming possible!



Adventure Book Club: *Tree Trek*

Talk books, then head out on a gentle hike led by Parks & Rec. June's book is nonfiction title *Tree Trek: A Daughter's Walk Through Grief*. The group is lucky to be joined by author Stephanie Mirocha to discuss her book, which weaves together accessible tree ID tips with Mirocha's deeply personal journey through grief and how nature can serve as companion and guide toward healing. For June's gathering, meet at Fairmont Park. Registration is required on the Duluth Parks and Recreation website at duluthmn.gov/parks.

Friday, June 12 10:00 am-12:00 pm Fairmont Park

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club • Adults

Meet monthly at the Main Library to discuss compelling human stories within the genre of Sci Fi and Fantasy. June's selection is *The Buried Giant* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Follow Axl and Beatrice as they set off across a troubled land of mist and rain in the hope of finding a son they have not seen in years. For adults. No registration needed!

Tues. June 16 6:00-8:00 pm Gold Room

PLANT A SEED, READ Summer Reading Program 2026

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Readers of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program!

Getting started is easy:

- Sign up using the Beanstack app, or
- Pick up a paper reading tracker from library staff.

Track your reading minutes throughout the summer to monitor your progress toward your reading goals and become eligible to win fun prizes!



Featured Storytimes



Duluth Huskies Storytime • All Ages

Join players from our local minor league baseball club, the Duluth Huskies, for special storytimes at Wade Stadium and the Mount Royal Branch! Players will read stories and sign autographs. Youth five years and older (Kids under 5 attend for free!) can pick up a ticket for the "Books & Baseball" game on Sunday, July 19. Supplies are limited. This special event is geared to younger kids, but all are welcome to attend. No registration needed.

Duluth Huskies Storytime @ Mount Royal Branch

Thursday, June 11 10:15-11:45 am

Duluth Huskies Storytime @ Wade Stadium 101 N 35th Ave W

Thursday, June 25 10:15-11:45 am

Betsy Ross Storytime • All Ages

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America with this special story time! We'll learn how women used secret codes to help win the war from special guests Ann Clark and Carol Johnston, who will read *Redcoats and Petticoats*. This program is geared to kids and their caregivers but all are welcome! No registration needed. For both storytimes, we will gather outside and move inside if the weather is cold. Please gather on the Library Plaza at Main and on the lawn at West Duluth!



Betsy Ross Storytime @ Main Library, Michigan Street Plaza

Friday, June 12 10:15-10:45 am

Betsy Ross Storytime @ West Duluth Branch, library lawn

Mon. June 22 10:30-11:00 am

STORY AND PLAY AT THE PARK

Storytime: 9:30-10:00 am

Playtime: 10:00-11:30 am



Join us at a different neighborhood park each week for storytime and youth-focused recreation activities with Duluth Parks & Rec! Little Library Go will be present as well, with mobile library services. Storytimes introduce kids to books, rhymes, music, and other early literacy activities! Geared to children ages birth to 5 and caregivers, but all ages are welcome!

Mon. June 8 — Merritt Park • 4017 W 7th St

Mon. June 15 — Lincoln Park • Lincoln Park Drive

Mon. June 22 — Blackmer Park • 8301 Beverly St

Sat. June 27 — Keene Creek Park • Bristol St.-63rd Ave W

Mon. June 29 — Wheeler Park • 3501 Grand Ave



Main Library and Online

For Adults

Crop Art: Learn and Make! • Adults

Local crop art artists Katherine Erickson and Annmarie Geniusz will share their knowledge: how to get started and what it takes to enter the Minnesota State Fair. Then, create your own mini crop art masterpiece! Supplies are limited-registration is required..

Tues. June 9 5:30-7:30 pm Green

Northland Garden Talks:

Integrated Pest Management • Adults

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an environmentally sensitive, science-based approach that manages pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools to minimize risks to human health and the environment. Register ahead of time on the library calendar for meeting link.

Thurs. June 11 6:30-7:30 pm Online

Craft and a Movie! • Adults

For adults. Bring a work-in-progress craft and enjoy the 1995 classic: *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*. Three New York drag queens travel across the country to Hollywood only to break down in a narrow-minded Midwest town; PG-13.

Thurs. June 25 5:30-8:00 pm Green

For All Ages

BIG Trucks on the Plaza • All Ages

There will be a variety of large and interesting vehicles on the library plaza for all to enjoy! Kids of all ages are welcome to interact with the vehicles, take pictures, and talk with the drivers.

Thurs. June 25 4:30-6:00 pm Green

Creature Connections Reptile Experience • All Ages

Drop in for fun facts, engaging storytelling, and hands-on learning with the snakes, lizards, and turtles (and humans) of Sarah's Serpentarium. Participants will discover what makes reptiles unique, how they survive in the wild, and why these often-misunderstood creatures are essential to their ecosystems.

Fri. June 26 1:00-2:00 pm Green

For Tweens and Teens

Teen Anime and Manga Club • Grades 6-12

Watch anime, try a craft, play games, and hang out with others who love anime and manga. Pizza will be served while it lasts! Meets monthly. No registration needed. For teens in grades 6-12.

Thurs. June 18 4:00-6:00 pm Green

Enchantment Lake • Grades 4-12

Have you ever wanted to read a book, solve a mystery, and then meet the author of the book you just read next to Lake Superior? Here is your chance! This program involves reading, puzzles, and a visit with author Margi Preus aboard Research Vessel Blue Heron. Learn more and register to reserve your spot at duluthlibrary.org. For sleuths and readers, grades 4-12.



Book Pick Up: Tues. June 23 5:00-6:00 pm Green

For Kids and Their Caregivers

Baby Storytime • Birth to 24 Months + Caregivers

For children ages birth to 24 months and their caregivers. Join us for songs, rhymes, and simple stories followed by time for babies and caregivers to play and socialize. No registration needed.

Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am Gold/Green

Hawk Ridge's Amazing Birds • Grades 2-5

Birds are really cool. Here in Duluth, fun birds hang out and migrate through. Who do we see the most and why do so many species pass through? Where are they coming from and where are they going? This program will feature bird stories, brain-stretching trivia, and bird anatomy. Registration is required!

Fri. June 5 3:00-4:00 pm Green

Maker Mondays at Main! • Grades K-6

Try a new project every Monday to keep you inspired and having fun in your creative practice this summer. Some projects will involve messy materials, so please wear appropriate clothes. The projects change week to week; stay tuned for details about future projects! No registration required. All materials provided.

Mon. June 8, 15, 29 1:00-3:00 pm Green

Read to a Dog with Gracie Mae • Grades K-8

Practice reading aloud with the sweetest pup, Gracie Mae. Sign up for a 10-minute reading spot in the Youth Services area when you arrive. Bring a favorite book or borrow one of ours. Three sessions.

Tues. June 9, 16, 23 3:00-4:00 pm Youth Services

Kids Garden Club Series • Grades 2-5

Learn in the library's garden with new projects each session. 6/10: *Mud and Worms, Secrets of Soil*; 6/24: *Seeds and Microgreens*. Kids 7 and younger will need caregiver support. Things may get messy-please dress accordingly. If the weather is bad, we'll take it inside!

Wed. June 10, 24 3:00-4:00 pm Plaza

STEM for Kids: Creature Features • Grades 2-5

Learn how scientists create categories to make sense of the organisms they study with experts from Great Lakes Aquarium. Explore the five major groups of vertebrates while practicing sorting and classifying skills. Discover what all vertebrates have in common and how they are different, while investigating the special characteristics that help them survive. Registration required.

Tues. June 16 4:00-5:00 pm Green

"We are Happy Dads" with the Jolly Pops • Kids+Care

Take a ride with the Happy Dads and their puppet friends as they sing about alligator dancing, popsicles, trains, pet dinosaurs...and everything in between! The Jolly Pops combine upbeat, original music with a few fun standards for a concert that is sure to please kids and adults alike. Suited for families and children of all ages.

Mon. June 22 1:00-1:45 pm Plaza

STEM for Kids: Stories in Stone • Grades K-4

Rocks can tell all kinds of stories. What are they made of and how did they form? How can you tell them apart? Great Lakes Aquarium will share tips on how to ID rocks from the shores of Lake Superior and beyond. Registration required.

Tues. June 30 4:00-5:00 pm Green



Mount Royal Branch

Family Storytime • Birth to PreK + Caregivers

For ages birth to PreK and caregivers. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and movement together with your little ones and build early learning, listening, and social skills. No registration needed.

Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am Blue

Baby Storytime • Birth to 24 months + Caregivers

For ages birth to 24 months and caregivers. Join us for songs, stories, and play time with your baby. No registration.

Tuesdays 10:15-10:45 am Blue

Mount Royal Book Club: *The Lost Bookshop* • Adults

Meets monthly to discuss fiction and nonfiction. For July: *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. No registration; new members welcome!

Wed. July 1 3:00-4:00 pm Blue

Plant Swap • All Ages

Plant too many tomato seedlings for your garden? Too many aloe plants taking up all your window space? Bring any healthy extras you've got to swap for other plants and grow your collection!

Wed. June 3 4:30-7:30 pm Blue

Glow in the Dark Creature Workshop • All Ages

Jump into the future with Z Puppets Rosenschnoz from Minneapolis and make a glow in the dark animal puppet. Tap into your imagination through the wonders of blacklight and create an amazing critter to take home. Registration required.

Fri. June 5 2:30-4:00 pm Blue

Book Bingo • All Ages

Cover that free space and enjoy book bingo. If you call bingo, you bring home a book. Fun for the whole family! No registration needed.

Fri. June 26 11:00 am-12:00 pm Blue



West Duluth Branch

Family Storytime • Birth to PreK + Caregivers

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Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am Evergreen

Baby Storytime • Birth to 24 months + Caregivers

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Fridays 2:30-3:00 pm Alcove

Star Turtle with Z Puppet Theater • Grades K-3

Journey on a musical quest with Dagsi Turtle and Jisdu Wabbit to help Grandmother Turtle, diving into Cherokee language and culture. Sing along and you, too, can help keep alive an Indigenous language. No registration needed.

Thurs. June 4 6:00-7:00 pm Evergreen

Tralala Mandala • Grades 6-12

Drop in and color your own mandala magnet or work on the large community one while enjoying snacks and music. Grades 6-12.

Mon. June 8 2:00-3:00 pm Alcove

Read to a Dog with Winslow • Grades K-8

Practice reading aloud with the sweetest pup, Winslow! No registration-sign up for a reading spot when you arrive. Bring a favorite book to share or borrow one of ours. For grades K-8.

Tues. June 9 3:00-4:00 pm Alcove

Mending Clinic with CRAVEbyCRV • All Ages

Bring in a clothing item for on-the-spot repair with Carli of local business CRAVEbyCRV while you hang at the library! Rips and tears, broken straps, missing buttons, and other repairs are welcome. Please no alterations. First come, first served!

Mon. June 8 3:00-7:00 pm Blue

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens • Grades 6-12

Meet for guided D&D "one shot" campaigns. Registration is required to reserve your spot. Exclusively for teens. Two dates.

Wed. June 10, 17 4:00-6:00 pm Blue

Storytime with the Duluth Huskies • All Ages

Please find full details on page 2 of this guide!

Thurs. June 11 10:15-11:45 am Blue

Crafternoon • PreK-Grade 5

For PreK to grade 5. Drop in and join Mt. Royal staff for a variety of crafts. No experience or registration needed. Supplies provided.

Fri. June 12 2:00-3:00 pm Blue

"We are Happy Dads" with The Jolly Pops • Kids + Caregivers

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Thurs. June 18 1:00-1:45 pm Blue

Fantastic Frogs with Great Lakes Aquarium • Grades PreK-2

Hop, Jump, Plop! Frogs are fantastic with their slimy skin and watery ways. Learn to sing like a frog, practice your jumping, and learn about their special, transforming lives. Registration required.

Mon. June 22 10:15-11:15 am Blue

Food Preservation 101 • Adults

Learn the fundamentals of water bath canning, along with basic instructions for safely freezing and dehydrating fruits and vegetables from U of M Extension. Resources and recipes shared. Q&A session.

Thurs. June 11 6:00-7:30 pm Evergreen

Junior Naturalists • Grades K-5

Do you like exploring outdoors and learning about the natural world? Try hands-on activities while learning about topics like tracking urban wildlife, plant ID, North Shore geology, and more.

Mon. June 15 1:30-2:30 pm Evergreen

Book Bingo: Minecraft • All Ages

In a twist on the classic game, bingo numbers get replaced with book covers and other images. June's theme: Minecraft!

Tues. June 16 6:00-7:00 pm Evergreen

West Duluth Book Club • Adults

All are welcome to discuss fiction and nonfiction! If you are interested in joining, just ask for future titles at the front desk. For June, the group will meet on Thursday due to Juneteenth closure.

Thurs. June 18 3:45-4:45 pm Alcove

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