



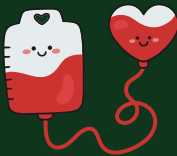
WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

SUMMER 2026 • JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

Versiti Blood Drive

July 8, 2pm - 6pm

The need for blood is constant, year-round, and Versiti depends on dedicated blood drive coordinators to help meet this critical need and make sure demand does not outpace supply. Regularly scheduled blood drives throughout the year to ensure there is a safe and stable blood supply for patients who rely on these lifesaving donations.



Click tinyurl.com/WorthLibraryLifeSavers or scan the QR code for an appointment.



Free Ravinia Tickets!

Our Ravinia tickets are coming back! Paper tickets will be available to Worth Public Library Cardholders on a first come, first serve basis at the Circulation Desk. Tickets will arrive in mid-June and will be available while supplies last.

Our newsletter is also available in Arabic, Spanish and Polish on our website. Follow the link here to read them: worthlibrary.com/newsletters or scan the QR code.

وفي محاولة لتسهيل الوصول إلى مكتبتنا وبرامجنا، تتوفر نشرتنا الإخبارية أيضًا باللغات العربية والإسبانية والهولندية على موقعنا الإلكتروني. اتبع الرابط هنا لقراءتها

En un esfuerzo por hacer que nuestra biblioteca y nuestra programación sean más accesibles, nuestro boletín también está disponible en árabe, español y polaco en nuestro sitio web. Sigue el enlace aquí para leerlo.

W trosce o łatwy dostęp do biblioteki i oferowanych zajęć, nasz biuletyn jest dostępny w języku arabskim, hiszpańskim i polskim na naszej stronie internetowej lub przez zeskanowanie kodu QR.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program is back and open to everyone! We have bingo cards of reading available for readers from birth to 99 and the more you read the more chances you have to win. Every Bingo earns you an entry into the prize basket drawing of your choice. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! Visit the Adult or Youth Services Desk to sign up starting Saturday, June 6th.

Grand Prize Baskets Include:



Summer Reading Kickoff: Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 6, 11am - 1pm

Sign up for our Summer Reading Program and enjoy ice cream from Plush Horse, face painting, balloon twisting, crafts, giveaways and more!



Summer Reading Finale: Bubble Foam Party

Saturday, August 1, 11am - 1pm

You worked hard all summer, and now it's time to celebrate your accomplishment! Join us for popsicles and a Bubble Foam Party. Please wear clothes that you are ok with getting wet and/or dirty. Summer Reading Grand Prize Winners will be chosen at the event (you do not need to be present to win).



KIDS

Programs with **R** require registration. Worth residents will be given priority. To register email ysreg@worthlibrary.com or call 708-448-2855.



Books with Ms. Bonny Fridays, 10:30 - 11am

Enjoy weekly story time with Ms. Bonny! Stories, activities and art for ages 2-5. Older and younger siblings are welcome. No registration necessary, just drop in.



Pawfficer Louie knows the key to success is reading with your child every day!

Reading with your child every day helps to develop pre-reading skills that are a key to success in school and foster a lifelong love of reading. This new, ongoing literacy program is open to any child from birth to five-years-old who has not started kindergarten.

How it Works:

- Sign up at the Children's Services Desk and pick up a starter packet. This self-paced program runs continuously.
- Color in or check off one circle on your log for each book you read together. If you read a book more than once, you can record it every time. You can also include books read at storytime, books read to your child by others, recorded books, and books read on e-devices.
- Each time you read 100 books, come back to the Library! Your child will get a prize, get to put their name on our Proud Paws Window and get their picture taken.



5th Grade and Under Bingo

Thursdays, 4pm
June 11, July 9, August 13

Play Bingo with friends and win prizes. Just walk in! First come, first served.

Museum Passes

Explore More Illinois is a free service provided by the Worth Library that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, sporting events, zoos, park districts, theatres, and other fun and local cultural venues.

With our *Museum Adventure Passes*, you can check out free or reduced admission to a plethora of Chicagoland museums and attractions, including the Brookfield Zoo.

See what passes you have access to at worthlibrary.com/adult-services.

Make Your Own

Pick up a new craft each month to do from home (don't worry, we give you the instructions). *Grades 6th and up.*

June
Seaside Bottles



July
Patriotic Banners



August
Rock Art Tic Tac Toe



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Donuts with Grownups

Saturdays, 10:30 - 11:15am
June 20, July 18, August 15

Come one, come all! Bring your littles for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and of course, donuts. *Ages 3-8 with caregiver.*



Taste Offs

Grades 4-8. Taste the flavors and choose a winner!



June 16
Boba



July 14
Sour Candy

Newest Readers Book Club **R**

Wednesdays, 3:45 - 4:30pm
June 10, July 8, August 12

First, second and third graders are welcome to sign up for reading, activities, and fun! You will receive a copy of each book to keep to start your own library at home. Registration is required. For more information contact Youth Services.



Pajama Storytime

Thursdays, 6pm
June 18, July 16,
August 20

Join Ms. Olivia in your most comfy pjs (you can even bring a stuffie friend) for an evening storytime to get you ready for bed.



Tonies

Have you checked out one of our Tonies kits yet?! Each bag comes with a speaker box and 3-4 figurines, each of which will tell your child a story. We have a variety of themes such as Pixar, Mickey Mouse, Things That Go, Non-Fiction titles, Classics and more, sure to capture the attention of your child. Find them at the top of the stairs in the Youth Department.

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DIY STEAM+ Workshops

JUNE

June: 17

Oobleck Slime

June 24

Outside Canvas Painting
(please wear sunscreen)

JULY

July 15 **R**

Tie Dye T-Shirts

July 21

Crystal Rocks

July 28

Baking Soda Volcano Experiment

July 29

Large Scale Painting

AUGUST

August 13

DIY Kaleidoscope
(please bring a paper towel roll with you)

August 18

Ice Cream in a Bag



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Monday Movie Matinees Mondays, 11am

Start the week right with popcorn and a movie on our big screen! Just drop in.



June 8
Zootopia 2 (PG,
108 minutes)



June 15
The SpongeBob
Movie: Search for
SquarePants (PG,
88 minutes)



June 22
Hoppers (PG,
105 minutes)



June 29
GOAT (PG, 93
minutes)



July 6
Garfield
Movie (PG,
101 minutes)



July 13
Gabby's
Dollhouse:
The Movie (G,
85 minutes)



July 20
The Little
Mermaid (PG,
135 minutes)



July 27
Super Mario
Galaxy Movie
(PG, 108
minutes)



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Now available as a grab and go collection! Each bag will contain 4 board books and an educational toy on a theme or concept for our littlest learners. Pick from topics like holidays, seasons, dinosaurs, and more! Available for checkout now from our Youth Services Department.



Vox Books

VOX™ Books are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary print book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read. **These books are great for building reading confidence and we have titles in English, Spanish, and Arabic with more on the way.**

ADULTS

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Worth residents will be given priority.
Call 708-448-2855 to register.



Do you love the library? Our programs, collections, and outreach? Want to do more? We would love to have you in our newly formed **Friends of the Worth Public Library Group** to support the Worth Public Library through fundraising, volunteering, and community engagement.

Email friendseworthlibrary.com to express your interest and learn more.

Make Your Own

Each month a new kit will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk. Limited quantities available on a first come-first serve basis.

June 8-15

American Art Exhibition pickup



July 13

Seashells and Pearls Picture Frame



Spice of the Month Club



June
Paprika



July
Chamomile



August
Chinese
Five Spice

Explore a world of flavor from the comfort of your home. Each month we will explore new spices, their history, and how to use them. Kits available while supplies last. Pick up yours starting on the first Monday of the month!

Craft with Carol: Decorate a Trinket Box

**August 11,
1pm**

Join Carol for a guided crafting session. We'll provide the trinket box and decorations—you bring the creativity. Refreshments will be served.



Worth Watching Movies start at 1pm
Just drop in to join us for a movie and fresh popped popcorn!



June XX

Send Help (113 minutes, R)



July XX

Project Hail Mary (156 minutes, PG-13)



August XX

Michael (127 minutes, PG-13)

Computers Skills for Everyday

presented by
 **Pathlights**

Computer Basics

June 3, 11am

The Introduction to Computers is a beginning class geared to the student who has little or no computer skills, covering the basics of computer use.

Basic Computer Troubleshooting

June 10, 11am

Whenever you have a problem with your computer, **don't panic!** There are many **basic troubleshooting techniques** you can use to fix issues like this. In this lesson, we'll show you some simple things to try when troubleshooting, as well as how to solve common problems you may encounter.



How to Navigate Social Media

June 17, 11am

When learning social media as a senior, it's important to start with the basics like posting updates, commenting, and uploading photos, while prioritizing privacy settings, understanding how to identify scams, and focusing on connecting with friends and family on different platforms.

Telehealth and Patient Portals

June 24, 11am

A lot of health information is now communicated online, through patient portals connecting you with your doctors. In this class, learn how to navigate these websites as well as telehealth (online doctor's appointments).

Tech Wrap Up

July 1, 11am

This last session will be an overview of the classes covered.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Paul McCartney: The Solo Years

June 18, 6pm 

Join us for an exciting celebration of Paul McCartney and Wings with Gary Wenstrup, renowned Rock & Roll historian from the College of DuPage. Gary will take us on a fascinating journey through McCartney's post-Beatles career, sharing how Paul and Linda McCartney built a new musical legacy and helped define the sound of the 1970s. We'll also celebrate Paul's 84th birthday with Paul's favorite cake! Come ready to learn, reminisce, and celebrate the music of a true legend!



The British Re-Invasion with Dave Rudolf

June 25, 6pm

Join multi award winning, gold record artist, Dave Rudolf for a night of music from the British invasion that influenced a whole new world of music, fashion and style. We will hear music from the Beatles, Stones, The Kinks, Who, and many more. C'mon on Love, it will be a gas!

Artificial Intelligence Today: How AI Works, How to Use It, How to Spot it, What's Next?

June 26, 1pm

AI is moving so fast that it's hard to know what the latest information is.

Join Sean Benard as he explains how AI works, how you can use it in your daily life, and how to spot when something is AI generated. Come with questions, Sean will have the answers.



Bingo with Bob

Fridays, 12pm • June 12, July 10, August 14, 12pm

Fun, snacks, and prizes! Our guest Bingo caller is Bob Trzeciak. Bob is a local Historian who has presented several historical presentations at the Worth Public Library. Bob will be calling the Bingo numbers with some trivia, funny facts, and amusing stories.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Happy 250th Birthday to the USA!

July 2, 1pm

Join us for some happy birthday cake as we kick off our country's 250th Birthday! We will be celebrating with cake and coffee. Drop in!

The World Columbian Exposition R

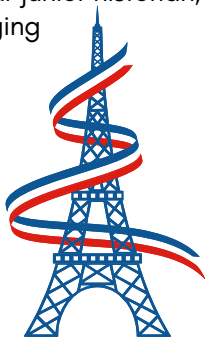
July 9, 6pm

The World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 was the first world's fair held in Chicago. Carving out some 600 acres of Frederick Law Olmsted's Jackson Park, the exposition was a major milestone. More than 150,000 people passed through the grounds each day during its six-month run, making it larger than all of the U.S. world's fairs that preceded it. Bob Trzeciak takes us back to 1893 as we discover the many stories of the *White City*.

Bastille Day Celebration R

July 14, 1pm

Bastille Day (July 14) is France's national day—la Fête nationale. It commemorates the storming of the Bastille prison in 1789, a pivotal event that sparked the French Revolution. Join us as our junior historian, Logan, shares an engaging introduction to the history of France and the significance of Bastille Day. We'll also enjoy some delicious French foods—this time served with good humor and sans attitude!



The American Song Book by Mr. Riley's Ghost R

July 16, 6pm

If weather  its, this concert will be held outside in the PARKing Lot—so bring a lawn chair and get ready to sing along! Enjoy classics like Pink Houses, American Girl, and many other hits that helped shape the American musical landscape.

The Hemingway Family: The Tale of an American Family R

July 30, 6pm

One of the most influential writers of the 20th century, Ernest Hemingway's stripped-down prose new literary voice captivated critics and readers alike. His outsized personality and macho swagger made him a star beyond the printed pages but behind the façade, however, Hemingway faced a lifelong battle against depression, alcoholism and mental health issues. Find out more about his life and what one of his grand-daughters called the "Hemingway curse."

UFO Encounters...Mass Sightings of the unknown R

August 4, 6pm

This timely and fascinating topic has been back in the spotlight, especially with recent government-released UFO footage. Join investigative researcher Sam Maranto as he guides us through some of the most intriguing sightings reported right here in Illinois. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the unexplained and take part in the conversation about what might really be out there!

American History and Today: Recounting the past in photos, film clips and music R

July 23, 6pm

Part One: 1914-64

August 6, 6pm

Part Two: 1964 to Present

This two-part lesson on History will cover 1914 to the present as John LeGear walks through each generation and what it meant to be a young American during some of the most turbulent times.

Worth Library Art Exposition

Calling all artists! In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the Worth Public Library is hosting a Community Art Exposition Contest.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident..."—and we believe everyone is welcome to share their creativity. Join us in celebrating our community's talent and vision!

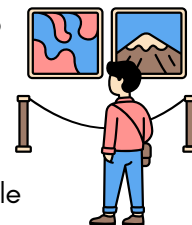
THEME: *We the People*

What does "We the People" mean to you? Put on your creative cap and express your interpretation through art.

Important Dates & Details:

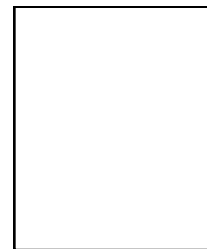
- **June 8:** Fill out an application and pick up art supplies at the Front Desk
- **August 3:** Deadline to return completed artwork
- **August 20:** Art Show Opening Night

Bring your ideas to life and be part of this special celebration—we can't wait to see what *We the People* means to you!





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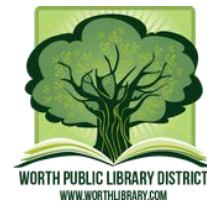
HOURS

Monday- Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-2pm

Library closed days: July 3 & 4



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Worth Public Library District serves as a community gathering space and resource for collections, education, services, and access to information and technology for all.

BOARD MEETINGS

Library Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm (March 11, April 14, May 12). Minutes and agendas are posted on the library website. Meetings are open to the public.

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