

UNIVERSITY PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT SUMMER 2026

SUMMER READING CLUB 2026

Registration open until July 25, 2026

Register for "Plant a Seed, Read" Summer Reading Club. Stop by the library to sign up and set reading goals. Read and WIN along the way!

The Music Bar

Ages 10-18, Registration Required.
 Sat., Jun. 27, 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., Jul. 7, 6:30 p.m.



Want to make music, sing, or write songs? The Music Bar Production Truck is rolling through for you!

MINI RAVINI

MICHAEL FLOWERS & MFX NATION



Wed., July 8, 6:30 p.m.
FREE, ALL AGES!
 Join us for a night of music under the stars. Bring your own chairs and treats! Goodies & giveaways too!!

Plant a Seed, READ:

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.
 Fri.-Sat.: 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.
 CLOSED SUNDAY

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Juneteenth: Fri., Jun. 19,
 Independence Eve: Fri., Jul. 3
 Labor Day: Mon., Sep. 7

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Library is to open doors to a world of information, education and recreation, thereby enhancing the economic, social, and cultural vitality of our community.

The University Park Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires special accommodation, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library is requested to phone the library at 708-534-2580 at least five (5) working days prior to the scheduled event.

SELF-DEFENSE 101

Sat., Jun. 27, 2:00 p.m.

Ages 12 & up. Learn basic self-defense to avoid, de-escalate, and escape dangerous situations. Please wear comfortable clothes.



AI is here to stay, but what is AI?

WHAT IS AI?

Thurs., Jul. 9, 6:30 p.m.

AI

MAKE AI WORK FOR YOU!

Sat., Jul. 18, 3:00 p.m.

AUTHOR WORKSHOP



Sat., Aug. 15, 3:00 p.m.

Featuring local authors, door prizes, & more! Come hear lessons from others on what it takes to get your book published.



STORYTIME Ages 0-5
Saturdays 1:00 p.m.
Enjoy stories and a craft.



Pringles Building Challenge
Thur., Jun. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Magnetic Slime
Thur., Jul. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Science
Thur., Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m.



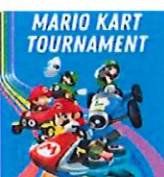
Juneteenth Luminary Craft
Make a stained glass luminary.
Wed., Jun. 17, 6:00 p.m.



Gardening Basics for Kids
Mon., Jul. 20, 6:00 p.m.
Plant your own seeds and learn how to make your own garden at home.

Happy Birthday USA Drop in Craft

Wed., Jul. 1, 6:30 p.m.
Create a craft to celebrate U.S.A.'s 250th birthday.



Mario Kart Tournament
Sat., Jul. 11, 12:00 p.m.
Test your Mario Kart skills against other competitors in a bracket tournament. Prizes will be awarded to top drivers.



Henna for Teens and Adults
Wed., July 15, 6:30 p.m.
Ages 10 and up. All participants ages 10-17, must have a signed waiver from their parent/guardian.



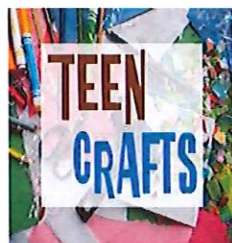
Need service hours? Students in grades 6-12 can earn service hours at the library.

Mon., Jul. 13, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Beginner Guitar (Ages 5 and Up)

Fri., Jun. 26, 3:30 p.m.
Fri., Jul. 10 & 31, 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 8 & 22, 3:30 p.m.



Upcycled Cassette Tapes
Thur., Jun. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Shoe Charms
Thur., Jul. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Locker Magnets
Thur., Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m.



Cursive Handwriting

Learn to write cursive.
Mon., Jun. 29, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Jul. 13 & 27, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 10 & 24, 6:30 p.m.



Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Sat., Jul. 11, 3:00 p.m.

GOAT

Sat., Aug. 1, 3:00 p.m.



CRAFTY KIDS

Stop by and pick up a craft to make at home. Craft kits will be available while supplies last. *Pick up on the First Monday of the month.*

Please register for all programs. Call 708-534-2580



Line Dancing
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 Learn the basics of line dancing from a certified instructor. *Wavier required*



Tai Chi/ Meditation
 Sat., Jun. 20, 11:00 a.m.
 Fri., Jul. 10 & 24, 11:00 a.m.

DIY CRAFTS

Sea Shell Candles

Thur., Jul. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Floral Plates

Thur., Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m.



Art 4 Soul: Ages 16 and up.
 Wed., Jul. 15, 6:00 p.m.
 Wed., Aug. 26, 6:00 p.m.
 Forget all your worries and create!



Bling a Sun Visor
 Sat., Jul. 18, 11:00 a.m.
 Decorate a sun visor for the sunny summer days ahead.



Bid Whist
 Mon., Jul. 20, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn to play Bid Whist, *the classic quick-fire card game for four players.*



Paint & Sip (Ages 18 & up)
 Thu., August 13, 6:30 p.m.
 Sip a little and create a lot!

Adult Summer Reading

Register to receive your READING goodie bag and begin recording your progress to earn raffle tickets for weekly prizes!

TECH CAFÉ
 “Café Tecnológico”



First Tuesday of the month: 1:00 p.m.

Do you need help or have questions about your phone or other devices? Stop by the first Tuesday of the month for tech help and treats.



Sewing Circle
 Thur., Jul. 9, 6:00 p.m.
 Thur., Aug. 13, 6:00 p.m.
 Learn sewing machine basics or bring your own project to work on.



Crochet for Beginners
 Tues., Jun. 23, 5:30 p.m.
 Tues., Jul. 28, 5:30 p.m.



Flip Flop Wreath
 Sat., Aug. 1, 11:00 a.m.



Use the smartest card, your **University Park library card!** Receive admission or special discounts at participating area cultural destinations. Please note, there are a limited number of passes for each participating organization. The passes are available on a first come-first serve basis. Visit museumadventure.org to see what's available for you!

Please register for all programs. Thank You!

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SUMMER READING CARNIVAL! SAT., JULY 25, 3:00 P.M.



HOW TO GET A LIBRARY CARD : You must be a resident of University Park. Please bring in at least three of the following: current Driver's License or State ID, checkbook, utility bill, lease, or mortgage statement. One piece of mail will be accepted with a picture ID. Children under 18 must have a parent or guardian with them to apply.



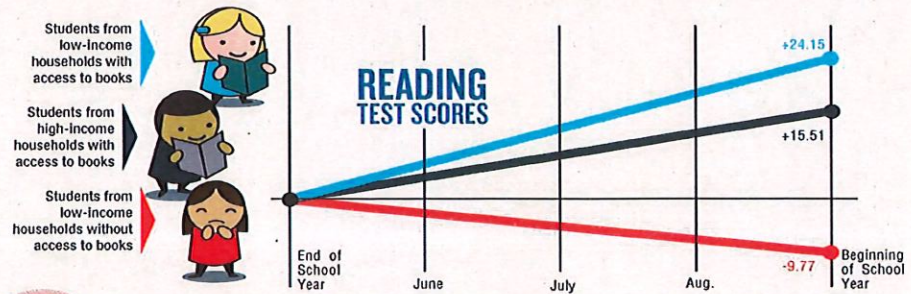
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Help your child succeed at reading by joining our **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program! **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** helps promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers, and encourages parent and child bonding through reading. Stop in and sign up today!

KIDS WHO READ BEAT SUMMER SLIDE

Studies show that access to books during the summer prevents a drastic loss in reading skill – especially for kids in need.



SOURCES: 1. Change in scores between end-of-year and following year testing as shown by the California Aptitude Test. (Stitzel, S. L., Alexander, K. L., Entwisle, D. R., & Olson, L. S. (2012). Counteracting summer slide: Social capital resources within socioeconomically disadvantaged families. Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk, 17(3), 165.)