



LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2025 Summer Library Program

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Family Game Night

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM

We have all your favorite board & card games. Free popcorn!

Story Time

Tuesdays, June 10-Aug 19* • 10:15 AM

Stories, movement & learning! Geared for preschoolers but children of all ages welcome. Afterward, stay for process art & other hands-on activities. *No Story Time July 1.

Babygarten

Wednesdays, July 9-Aug 6* • 6:15 PM or
Thursdays, July 10-Aug 7 • 10:15 AM

For babies 0-18 months & caregivers. Share nursery rhymes, songs, books & projects. Plus, free time for play! Call to register. *No evening class July 30.

Movers & Shakers

Wednesdays, Aug 13-Sept 17 • 10:15 AM or 6:15 PM

For children 18 months-3 years & caregivers. Toddlers need to MOVE to learn! Active storytelling, engaging play & music. Call to register.

STEAM in Action

w/ TRHS STEAMPunk *FIRST*Robotics Team #4531

Geared for school-age children (younger with a grownup). No registration required.

Forces, Motion & Air

Wednesday, June 18 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Up•down•push•pull! Experiment with the science of motion. Explore how gravity, air & force affect the way things move. And learn how objects can fly with hands-on activities & real-world examples!

Art & Design

Wednesday, July 16 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Science meets colorful creativity! Discover how motion, pattern & color come together through hands-on projects. Explore the beauty of symmetry, spirals & surprising science-inspired art.

Sound & Water

Wednesday, Aug 13 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Dive into the wonders of water & sound! Experiment with waves, pressure & movement using simple materials. See how water reacts to sound & motion—and uncover the science behind splashes, swirls & vibrations.

Tom Pease

Wednesday, June 25 • 2:00 PM

Dance, sing, LAUGH: Tom Pease entertains on the library lawn. Fun for all ages!

Brat Fry

Wednesday, Aug 6 • 12:00-3:00 PM

Brats, burgers, 'dogs & drinks. We deliver to businesses and city departments, too! Proceeds help build community health & early literacy.

Art Splash

Wednesday, Aug 6 • 1:30-3:30 PM

The MESSIEST, most COLORFUL fun of summer: BIG painting & FOAM! Bring towels. Swimsuits and goggles A-OK. Prep for the extreme fun by filling bellies at the **BRAT FRY**. Art Splashers can't go inside the library once the MESSY begins—so plan accordingly.



Creative Roots

Wednesday, July 9 • 2:00–4:00 PM

The magic of trees! Make seed necklaces & nature journals. Shadow art! We'll go inside if it rains. For all ages. A Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry program.



Nature is an Artist @ Zander Park

Wednesday, July 30 • 2:00–4:00 PM

A new StoryWalk® selection: *Nature is an Artist* by Jennifer Lavallee. Nature prints. MUD! Plus, paint alongside Senior Center members to turn rocks into a BIG OL' SNAKE! Gonna be one fun MESS.

TEENS
grades 6-12

NEW Teen Anime Club

Thursday, June 12 • 2:00–4:00 PM • Grades 6-12

Anime & manga fans: Watch anime, talk about favorite series, do creative projects—and SNACK of course! Action, romance, slice-of-life...there's something for everyone. Collaborate to choose a regular meeting time & what to watch next.

Wander Squad

Tuesday, June 24 • 6:00–8:30 PM • Grades 6-12

Time to hit the trail! Start at the library to zazzle water bottle holders & hiking sticks. Then step out for a hike along the lake with a stop at McDonald's for cones—because adventure should ALWAYS end with ice cream. *Call to register.*

Garden Party

Tuesday, July 29 • 6:00–8:30 PM • Grades 6-12

Make mosaic pots perfect for a sweet succulent, or bedazzle a birdhouse. Sip bubble tea to gear up for lively hide-and-seek with a garden-y twist. *Call to register.*

Foam Fest

Tuesday, Aug 12 • 6:00–8:30 PM • Grades 6-12

High-energy music, tons of foam & all the summer vibes. Refreshing drinks, party treats & non-stop dancing under a mountain of bubbles. Bring towels and dress for MESS (swimsuits OK). Just add water, plus your crew & best moves. It's gonna be a blast! *Call to register.*

LPL Pages Teen Book Subscription • Grades 8-12

Get books selected just for you! Scan the QR code to answer a few questions, then pick up your box at the library and start reading. Each one includes two great books and some fun surprises. Boxes are issued every other month. If not already subscribed, sign up by June 15 to receive the June edition.



Reading Challenges

Run June 9–Aug 29

READY to READ?! And yes, audiobooks count! Use **Beanstack** to easily maintain your reading records. Access it online via our website, or download the app. Log books you read to earn digital badges and prizes, and adults earn automatic entries into a drawing for \$100 in Chamber Bucks.

Parents: If you read one book to all your kids, just scan the barcode (or enter the title) **ONCE**—no maintaining multiple paper reading logs!

Lots of folks like to keep an ongoing record of books they read; that's easy, too. Stop at the Help Desk for assistance getting started with anything Beanstack! Don't want to go digital? **Paper reading logs** are available—just ask!

The challenges:



Read to Me (Ages 0–5)

Earn a reading badge & PRIZE for every five books. Read 50 to complete the challenge.



Read on My Own (Ages 6–11)

Earn a reading badge & PRIZE for every two books. Read 20 to complete the challenge.



Teens (Ages 12–17)

Earn reading badges & PRIZES like backpacks, water bottles, art supplies & books! Read five books to complete the challenge.



Adults (Ages 18+)

Receive a prize for reading two books. Read up to 20 books to automatically earn entries into the drawing for \$100 in Chamber Bucks—the more you read, the better your odds!

NEW Dramatic Play Center

Opens June 9

BOOM! SPLAT! A COLOR EXPLOSION as paint spills from the sky. **Build, tilt & roll** with tubes, ramps and balls as you **engineer** epic chain reactions.

Configure art only **YOU** can imagine upon the giant flannel board. **Search, spot & solve** a brand-new **I SPY** puzzle every week.

Use your whole body & PLAY all summer long!



To-go Packs

(Pick up while supplies last!)



Families with STEAM

New packs June 2, July 1 & Aug 1

Families with school-age kids can tackle projects that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art & math. No library card required. Sponsored by NextEra Energy.

Story Time To Go

New packs June 16, June 30 & Aug 4

Packs contain books, music suggestions, finger plays, art, and math & science activities that bolster those five vital early literacy practices: read, sing, talk, play & write! For ages 0–6. Library card required to check out accompanying books.

Youth Art To Go (Ages 6ish–11ish)

New packs out Mondays, June 16–Aug 18

Supplies to create art like optical illusions, polymer tangle beads & rainbow collages inspired by artist Alma Thomas.

Teen Art To Go (Ages 12–18)

New packs out Mondays, June 16–Aug. 18

Terrific art projects like felt succulents, puffy paper clip toppers & watercolor geodes.

TReasure Quest

June 16–Aug 29

A whole new summer conundrum. Follow clues. Solve puzzles. Unravel secrets. Your Mission: **Save The Day!** You & your compadres will receive a succession of six puzzle packets (assuming you have **What It Takes** to progress) that require visits to various spots around Our Fair City.

Pick up your first packet at the library's front desk. The citizens are counting on you.

StoryWalks®

All summer long!

Outdoor storybooks! Read *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More* by Karen Beaumont along the lovely library path & revel in *Nature is an Artist* by Jennifer Lavalley at Zander Park (1406 Parkway Blvd).



For Adults

Attracting Hummingbirds

Live webinar with Melinda Myers

Wednesday, June 4 • 6:30 PM

Invite these dazzling pollinators into your life by planting their favorite flowers & shrubs in gardens & containers. Plus, expert advice on setting up feeders & water sources to keep 'em coming back.

Beekeeping: From Hive to Honey

Thursday, Aug 14 • 6:00 PM

A comprehensive class presented by Steve & Mary Massey. Learn about essential tools and supplies, practices necessary to maintain healthy hives, and how to harvest and process honey. Along the way, explore bee behavior and the interesting roles within the hive hierarchy. And take a look at an observation hive with live bees behind glass!

Summer Craft Classes

Call to register or stop by the Help Desk.

✦ Bug Out

Saturday, June 21 • 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Make cute & colorful bugs with plastic spoons. For adults & children 8+ with an adult.

✦ Resin-ating Jewelry

Saturday, July 19 • Sessions start at 10:20 AM

Sign up for a 20-minute time slot to make a UV resin pendant. Molds, bezels, resin, colors, add-ins & UV light provided. Please furnish your own chain or cord. For ages 16+.

✦ Tiny Wild: Foraged Friends

Saturday, Aug 16 • 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Use pinecones, acorn caps, leaves, wooden beads & other natural materials to create cute critters for bookshelf display. For adults 18+.

LPL Flix

Fridays, June 6, July 11 & Aug 1 • 1:00 PM

A recently released movie on our big screen! Bring a beverage; free popcorn.

Bilingual Language Classes

Wednesdays through July 30 • 6:00-7:30 PM

Spanish and English speakers: learn or improve skills in the other language! Instruction based on the sandwich technique of pronunciation, conversation & grammar. No registration. Presented by Woods Outreach.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesdays, June 4, July 2 & Aug 6 • 4:00 PM

Discuss great books—both fiction & nonfiction.

Strictly Fiction Book Club

Mondays, June 2, July 7 & Aug 4 • 6:30 PM

Read books of different genres & meet to discuss.

International Films

Tuesdays, June 17, July 15 & Aug 19 • 6:00 PM

Award-winning films from other lands. Free popcorn; bring your beverage.

Book to Art Club

Saturdays, June 28 & Aug 23 • 11:00 AM

Read a book & create art it inspires. Meet to share impressions of the book & show your art.

Book it!

Personalized monthly book subscription

Looking for your next great read? Our expert staff will handpick 2-3 books each month based on your favorite genres or authors, or whatever vibe you're feeling. Find the request forms at the front desk, and fill out by the 15th of each month to receive your customized **Book It!** bundle at the start of the next month.

No commitment required—sign up monthly or as you like. Library card required. For adults 18+.



JUNE

MON 2	NEW Families w/ STEAM pack 6:00 Family Game Night 6:30 Strictly Fiction
WED 4	4:00 Book Discussion Group 6:00 Bilingual Language Class 6:30 Attracting Hummingbirds w/ Melinda Myers
FRI 6	1:00 LPL Flix
MON 9	Reading Challenges begin! Dramatic Play Center opens 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 10	10:15 Story Time
WED 11	6:00 Bilingual Language Class
THU 12	2:00 Teen Anime Club
SAT 14	10:00 Sit'n'Stitch
MON 16	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go NEW Story Time To Go Treasure Quest begins 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 17	10:15 Story Time 6:00 International Film
WED 18	3:00 STEAM in Action 6:00 Bilingual Language Class
SAT 21	10:30 Bug Out Class
MON 23	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 24	10:15 Story Time 6:00 Teen Wander Squad
WED 25	2:00 Tom Pease 6:00 Bilingual Language Class
SAT 28	11:00 Book to Art Club
MON 30	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go NEW Story Time To Go 6:00 Family Game Night

● YOUTH

● TEEN (Grades 6-12)

● ADULT

JULY

TUE 1	NEW Families w/ STEAM pack
WED 2	4:00 Book Discussion Group 6:00 Bilingual Language Class
FRI 4	LIBRARY CLOSED
MON 7	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night 6:30 Strictly Fiction
TUE 8	10:15 Story Time
WED 9	2:00 Creative Roots 6:00 Bilingual Language Class 6:15 Babygarten
THU 10	10:15 Babygarten
FRI 11	1:00 LPL Flix
SAT 12	10:00 Sit'n'Stitch
MON 14	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 15	10:15 Story Time 6:00 International Film
WED 16	3:00 STEAM in Action 6:00 Bilingual Language Class 6:15 Babygarten
THU 17	10:15 Babygarten
SAT 19	10:20 Resin-ating Jewelry Class
MON 21	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 22	10:15 Story Time
WED 23	6:00 Bilingual Language Class 6:15 Babygarten
THU 24	10:15 Babygarten
MON 28	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 29	10:15 Story Time 6:00 Teen Garden Party
WED 30	2:00 Nature is an Artist @ Zander Park 6:00 Bilingual Language Class
THU 31	10:15 Babygarten

AUG

FRI 1	NEW Families w/ STEAM pack 1:00 LPL Flix
MON 4	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go NEW Story Time To Go 6:30 Strictly Fiction 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 5	10:15 Story Time
WED 6	12:00 Brat Fry 1:30 Art Splash 4:00 Book Discussion Group 6:15 Babygarten
THU 7	10:15 Babygarten
SAT 9	10:00 Sit'n'Stitch
MON 11	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 12	10:15 Story Time 6:00 Teen Foam Fest
WED 13	10:15 & 6:15 Movers & Shakers 3:00 STEAM in Action
THU 14	6:00 Beekeeping: From Hive to Honey
SAT 16	10:30 Tiny Wild: Foraged Friends Class
MON 18	NEW Art & Teen Art To Go 6:00 Family Game Night
TUE 19	10:15 Story Time 6:00 International Film
WED 20	10:15 & 6:15 Movers & Shakers 6:30 Teen Battle of the Books
SAT 23	11:00 Book to Art Club
MON 25	6:00 Family Game Night
WED 27	10:15 & 6:15 Movers & Shakers
FRI 29	Reading Challenges end Treasure Quest ends
SAT 30	LIBRARY CLOSED

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MON-THU 10:00-8:00 PM

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SAT 10:00-2:00 PM

