

# ACORN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT Programming Guide

## July & August 2019



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### Kick-Start Your Job Search

**Thursday, July 11, 7:00-8:30 PM**

Job searching has changed radically in the past few years. Attend this program and learn how the job search works now. You will also learn some of the things you can do to increase the likelihood of getting an interview and a job.

### 21 (Almost) Free Things to Do in Chicago

**Saturday, July 27,  
2:00PM-3:00 PM**

Max Grinnell, Chicago expert, tour guide leader and author of three books (including *24 Great Walks in Chicago*) will join us to talk about things to do for little or no money this summer.

Highlights include an overview of the hundreds of free programs offered by the city, the Chicago Greeter program, public parks and more.



### Behind the Stars: The Remarkable Women Who Helped Build Chicago

**Monday, July 29, 7:00-8:00 PM**

The stars on the Chicago flag represent four major events that changed Chicago forever (Ft. Dearborn Massacre, Chicago Fire, World's Columbian Exposition, and Century of Progress World's Fair.) This presentation examines how women responded to these events, and in the process built the city we know today. The talk includes women who risked their lives in the Underground Railroad, built hospitals and schools, contributed to the arts, created the progressive women's club movement and more.

### Meet the Animal Control Officer

**Thursday, August 8, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Bring the whole family for a meet & greet with our city's Animal Control Officer, Melissa. Many of our Oak Forest residents have all types of pets, and our Animal Control Officer makes sure they are well taken care of, whether it's helping injured animals, lost animals, or educating people on how to care for their animals. Our ACO is also a wildlife rehabilitator! Join us to interact with wildlife, learn what to do if an animal needs assistance, and hear all the cool stories our officer has to share about her job!



### Youth Summer Reading Program Pool Party

**Alsip Aquatic Center  
11930 S. Kostner Ave.**

**Saturday, August 3  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Participants should arrive at 9:45 AM to hear pool rules. All ages-must be accompanied by an adult. Finishers of the Summer Reading Program are eligible to come to our closing pool party! You must have completed at least 10 days of the reading program in order to be eligible to register for the pool party, a signed permission slip on file, and all participants must be accompanied by an adult to be admitted to the party. Registration is on a first come first serve basis, any time after the child has completed the first check in.



### Teen Summer Reading Program Lock-In

**Friday, August 9  
5:00-10:00 PM Ages 11-17**

There will be many fun activities including: Amazing Race Library edition, library mini golf, video-games, movies, spa station, crafts, etc. We will also provide pizza, snacks, and refreshments. Open to teens who participated in summer reading and completed at least one check-in. Limited to 30 participants. Parents will have to sign a permission slip and have it turned in by one week prior to event.

### Adult Summer Reading Wrap Up Party

**Saturday, August 3  
2:00 PM-3:30 PM**

If you participated in the Summer Reading Program, join us to wrap up our universal adventure with jeopardy, pizza, and

### National Book Lover's Day

**Friday, August 9**

Fill out a card describing your favorite book and why you love it and you will be entered to win a prize! Also stop by our display of staff favorites and recommendations!



### Resource Spotlight: Nuwav Legal Documents

With your Acorn library card, you can easily compose legal documents in categories like business, contracts, landlord/tenant disputes, divorce and much, much more. Fill the documents out electronically or print blank copies.

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**LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Friday-Saturday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Sunday: Closed

**Chair Yoga****Tuesdays, July 16 & August 6, 10:00-11:00 AM**

Chair yoga is "Yoga for Everybody". If you have trouble getting down to the mat, sit at a desk all day, or just want to deepen your practice, chair yoga is for you. Certified Yoga instructor Marti Lahood will guide you through an hour long practice where you'll learn several ways to practice yoga while seated, or standing by a chair. No prior yoga experience is necessary to participate in this class. Experienced yogis are welcome, too.

**Unscrupulous Individuals and How to Avoid Them**  
**Thursday, July 25, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Our seniors are at a greater risk of exploitations, including charity scams, prize and sweepstake scams, predatory lending policies, counterfeit drug scams, Medicare discount card scams and the dreaded sale calls. This presentation will provide you with tips on how to spot a scam and what you can do if you think you have been the target of an unscrupulous individual.

**Reducing Stress through Meditation**  
**Thursday, August 22, 6:30-8:00 PM**

The scientific community has recently been exploring the use of meditation as a healing modality. Join Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW as she discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration and mental equilibrium.

**MOVIE MATINEES**

Every other Friday at 2:00 PM. Popcorn is provided. Titles are subject to change.



**Friday, July 12**  
*Isn't It Romantic*  
rated PG-13



**Friday, July 26**  
*The Upside*  
rated PG-13



**Friday, Aug. 9**  
*Captain Marvel*  
rated PG-13



**Friday, Aug. 23**  
*Dumbo*  
rated PG

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS AND CLUBS****GENEALOGY DROP-IN, Wednesdays July 3 and August 7, 7:00-8:00 PM**

Need assistance with your genealogy research? Patty Higgins, president of the South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society, is available to answer your questions. For more information about SSGHS, visit [www.ssghs.org](http://www.ssghs.org)

**CRAFT CONNECTION, Monday, July 8, 6:00 PM, Galaxy Rock Painting**

Come to the Library to create and connect with new friends! Crafters of all skill levels are welcome to join. All materials are provided.

**TRIVIA NIGHT, Monday, July 15, 7:00 PM, Space/Sci-Fi Trivia**

Join us for themed trivia nights at the library. You may register in teams of up to five people, or individually and we will place you on a team. Put your knowledge to the test for a chance to win fun prizes!

**TUESDAY NIGHT BOOKIES, Tuesdays, July 16 & August 20, 7:30 PM**

For more information and movie titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**ACORN MOVIE CLUB, Wednesdays, July 17 & August 21, 7:00 PM**

Acorn Movie Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at the library to discuss a variety of films. For more information and movie titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**NEEDLECRAFT CLUB, Thursdays, July 18 & August 15, 6:30 PM**

Love crafting and looking to meet new people? Bring your needlework, or any craft project, to work on, and sit back and enjoy chatting and sharing skills with other crafters.

**SOOTHING ART SATURDAYS, Saturdays, July 20 & August 17, 2:30 PM**

Join us for fun and unique ways to unwind with adult coloring books and other forms of art therapy while enjoying friendly conversation. Bring your own materials or use what is supplied. Tea will be provided. Adults only please!

**EARLY BIRD BINGO Tuesdays, July 23 & August 27, 10:00 AM**

Join us for bingo and light refreshments for a chance to win fun prizes!

**FICTION IN A NUTSHELL, Wednesday, July 31, 2:00 PM**

*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celest Ng

For more details and to reserve a book, contact the Adult Services Department.

**NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, Thursday, August 1, 7:30 PM**

For more information and book titles, contact the Adult Services Department.

**COMPUTER CLASSES**

Computer classes for adults cover topics that range from a basic introduction to the computer, internet, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Each class is 60 minutes and registration begins 3 weeks before the class. See the program calendar for dates and times.



# ALL AGES PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

## **Magic Show with Gary Kantor**

**Friday, July 5, 2:00 PM, All Ages**

Don't miss this thrilling show packed with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks and a variety of hilarious tricks and will keep us all laughing.

## **Dinosaur Encounter**

**Saturday, July 6, 2:30 PM, Ages 5 and Up**

Learn the latest theories on dinosaurs, see fossils and museum-quality replicas of real dinosaur bones, including a 5'7" Apatosaurus femur. Meet award-winning author Janet Riehecky as she presents her extensive collection of fossils.

## **Family Tie-Dying**

**Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 PM, All Ages**

All Participants must bring a clean white t-shirt to dye, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a family event, with parents and children creating the t-shirts together!



## **Professor Suds Crazy Bubble Science Show**

**Saturday, July 13, 2:30 PM, All Ages**

The science of bubbles made fun and exciting with interaction from the audience, music and LED lighting, and bubbles that will blow your mind!

## **Dave Dinaso's Travelling World of Reptiles**

**Saturday, July 20, 11:00 AM, All Ages**

Dave Dinaso will be bringing his collection of live reptiles to the Library!



## **Kids Movie Matinee**

**Wednesday, July 17, 11:00 AM, All Ages**

Enjoy a newly released movie in the air-conditioned library! Snacks will be provided.



# PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

## **Space Science**

**Saturday, July 13, 10:30 AM, Ages 7-10**

Join us for space themed activities and experiments.



## **So You Wouldn't Want To Be An Astronaut...or do you?**

**Monday, July 15, 2:30 PM  
Ages 7-12**

If you believe you have the right stuff to be an astronaut, don't miss this program. We will try our hands at some of the skills astronauts must master before they can go into space. Sorry, we will not be in weightlessness during this program.

## **Wooly Bug Alien Craft**

**Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 PM, Ages 7-11**

Come and make a one-of-a-kind fuzzy space friend!

## **Kids Drop-In Crafts, Rockets**

**Thursday, July 25,  
2:00-4:00 PM & 6:00-8:00 PM**

Our drop-in crafts are perfect for busy families! Stop in the library on the above dates and times to make a craft together. No registration required.



## **Girls Who Code Club**

**Wednesdays, July 10, 1:00 PM, Ages 8-10**

We will learn more about what coding is, why it's fun and spend time working with Scratch.

## **Kids Mario Kart Tournaments**

**Monday, July 22, 3:00 PM, Ages 7-11**

Play Mario Kart with your friends and meet other kids who love to play too!

## **LEGO Club**

**Saturdays, July 27 &  
August 24, 2:30 PM,  
Ages 6-12**

Each month we'll choose a theme to build around! Let your creativity run wild! Registration for each date begins two weeks prior, ending when full.



## **Cooking for Older Kids**

**Saturday, August 17, 10:30 AM, Ages 8-11**

Learn basic cooking skills while creating yummy treat!



# PROGRAMS FOR BABIES, TODDLERS, & PRESCHOOLERS

## Blocks, Bean Bags and Balls

**Saturdays, July 27 & August 24, 10:00 AM**

**Ages 3 and Under**

This fun program for babies and toddlers features open play with a variety of toys that help develop cognitive, social and early literacy skills.

## Story Time Fun

**Tuesdays, July 16 & August 20, 6:30 PM, Ages 3-8**

Join us for a night of stories, songs and a craft. Registration begins two weeks prior.

## Little Builders

**Saturday, August 10, 2:30 PM, Ages 3-6**

Join us for open play where kids can create and build using different materials such as mega blocks, building shapes and other age appropriate materials.

## Story Time at Panera Bread

**Wednesdays, July 3 & August 7, 10:00 AM**

Join us for stories, songs and all children will get a treat, courtesy of Panera Bread, 15845 Harlem Ave, Tinley Park.

## Cooking for Younger Kids

**Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM, Ages 4-7**

Learn basic cooking skills while creating yummy treat!

## TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

### Candy Bar Bingo

**Monday, July 15, 11:00 AM,**

**Ages 9-17**

Join us for candy bar bingo. Maybe you will win your favorite treats!



### Babysitting Class

**Wednesday, July 24, 2:00-4:00 PM**

**Ages 11 and up**

Learn how to become a better babysitter! You'll learn how to stay safe, provide care for young children and infants, and how to choose age appropriate activities. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion and a goody bag.

### Teen Video Game Tournament

**Wednesday, July 17, Super Smash Bros.**

**Wednesday, August 14, Pokken**

**3:00 PM, Ages 11-17**

Play video games with your friends and meet other people who love to play too!

### Teen Movie Nights

**Monday, July 1, Wall-E rated G**

**Monday, August 5, Earth to Echo rated PG**

**6:30 PM, Ages 10-17**

Join your friends for a movie on the Library's big screen. Snacks will be provided.

### Tween Jedi Training Academy

**Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 PM, Ages 9-13**

We will test our skills with a series of Star Wars activities, including light saber training!

### Tween STEAM Challenges

**Thursday, July 11, Design a Planet**

**Thursday, August 8, Moon Living**

**3:30 PM, Ages 9-17**

Use your creativity and learn science concepts to challenge your engineering skills.

### Tween & Teen Craft, DIY Moon Rocks

**Friday, July 12, 3:00 PM, Ages 9-17**

Create awesome moon rocks! We will provide all the supplies.

### TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

**Thursday, July 18,**

**7:00 PM, Ages 11-17**

Do you love to volunteer? Join our group! In addition to volunteering at the library and in the community, we also participate in fun activities!

