JULY 2025



		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Registration opens at 9am for July events	2	3	4 CLOSED	5	
Sunday	Monday						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	Space Lab 10:00 ®	Drop-In Craft 9:00-1:00	Mini Makers 10:00 ®	Rockin' Summer Storytime 9:30	Baby Storytime 10:00		
	Drop-In Craft 1:00-7:00			LEGO Club 3:30-4:30			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Pajama Family Storytime 6:00	Baby Playdate 9:30-11:30	Culture Shock Chicago 10:30 ®	Rockin' Summer Storytime 9:30	Cartooning 11:00 ®		
		Bath Bomb Workshop 3:30 ®		Kids Karaoke 3:30-5:00			
20	21 Space Lab 10:00 ®	22 School of Rock	23 Crafternoon	24 Rockin' Summer	25 Baby Sign Language 10:30 ®	26 Drop-In Craft	
	Rock Painting 3:30 ®	Kids Concert 10:30 ®	2:00 or 4:00 ®	Storytime 9:30	Quest: Kids RPG Club 1:00-3:00 ®	10:00-4:00	
	Drop off registered campers for Stuffed Animal Summer Camp July 21-23				Quest: Kids RPG Club 3:30-5:30 ®		
27	28 Stuffed Animal Summer Camp 3:30-5:00 ®	29 Graphic Novel Book Club 3:30 ®	30	31 Librarypalooza 1:00-2:00 or 3:30-4:30 Last day for Summer Reading prizes	 Registration is required for these programs and begins July 1 at 9am. Ela cardholders have priority registration. Non-Ela cardholders may be placed on the waitlist and notified by email. An adult must remain in the building 		

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while their children aged 10 and under are attending a program.

If your plans change and you cannot attend a registered event, please call us at 847-438-3840 so we can offer the spot to a child on the wait list.

July Events for Children at the Ela Area Public Library



Space Lab

Enjoy an out-of-this-world experience as we blast off into space! We will share interactive activities, cosmic crafts, and more. For ages 3-6 with an adult. Registration is required. Monday, July 7 at 10:00am OR Monday, July 21 at 10:00am

Drop-In Craft

Stop by the Children's Department to design unique craft projects with the materials provided. For all ages with an adult. No registration. Mon., July 7 from 1:00-7:00pm - shark portraits Tues., July 8 from 9:00am-1:00pm - shark portraits Sat., July 26 from 10:00am-4:00pm - tambourines

Mini Makers

Preschoolers can practice art and fine motor skills in a crafting class made just for them. Dress for a mess as we try some blueberry fingerpainting. For ages 3-5 with an adult. Registration is required. Wednesday, June 9 at 10:00am

Rockin' Summer Storytimes

Stop by with your kiddo for a casual storytime experience. There will be great music for singing and dancing, plus stories that rock! For all ages with an adult. No registration. Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24 at 9:30am

LEGO Club

If you enjoy building with LEGO bricks, this program is for you! Create and construct using your own ideas or try one of our challenges. For unaccompanied kids ages 6-11. No registration. Thursday, July 10 from 3:30-4:30pm

Baby Storytime

So much more than stories! Join us for lots of movement and smiles as we share songs and rhymes specifically for this age group. You'll go home with new tools to make your day easier and enrich your child's language and literacy skills. Stay after storytime to chat with other caregivers as your little ones play. For ages 0-18 months with an adult. No registration. Friday, July 11 at 10:00am

Pajama Family Storytime

Gather the whole family for fun and cozy stories, songs, and a collaborative craft. Pajamas are encouraged! For ages 2-6 with an adult. No registration. Monday, July 14 at 6:00pm

Baby Playdate

Stop in for a special baby playtime! You and your baby can play and explore sensory bins while visiting with other families. Dress for a mess to create a keepsake art project, while supplies last. For ages 0-24 months with an adult. No registration.

Tuesday, July 15 from 9:30-11:30am

Bath Bomb Workshop

Join the best-smelling library program ever and learn how to make your own custom bath bombs! For unaccompanied kids ages 8-11. Registration is required.

Tuesday, July 15 at 3:30pm

Culture Shock Chicago

Enjoy this group of highly skilled dancers and a resident DJ as they perform and freestyle, then teach you all the coolest hip hop moves. Their interactive performance will have you dancing all summer long! For all ages with an adult. Register for tickets.

Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30am

Kids Karaoke

Make some noise and put on a star-worthy performance with our karaoke machine! Sing your

favorite songs solo or plan a group number with family or friends. For ages 5 and up with an adult. No registration. Scan the QR code for a list of song choices.

Thursday, July 17 from 3:30-5:00pm

Cartoon Escape Room

Oh no, we're trapped in this weird cartoon room! We'll have to look around for puzzles, draw some solutions, and hope that we're clever enough to escape before the end of class! Join Mark Anderson for a lively cartooning program. For unaccompanied kids ages 5-11. Registration is required.

Friday, July 18 at 11:00am

Rock Painting

Libraries rock and you can too! We'll provide smooth stones, plenty of paint, and bit of inspiration to help you get creative and design unique painted rocks. For kids ages 6-11. Registration is required. Monday, July 21 at 3:30pm

School of Rock Kids Concert

Let's rock 'n' roll with the Barrington School of Rock House Band. This high-energy performance by an all-kid band will feature music from many genres and decades, from classic rock and blues to pop, punk, and beyond! For all ages with an adult. Register for tickets. Tuesday, July 22 at 10:30am

Crafternoon

Enjoy an afternoon of crafting with friends and create your own one-of-a-kind beaded wind chime. For unaccompanied kids ages 6-11. Registration is required.

Wednesday, July 23 at 2:00pm OR 4:00pm

Baby Sign Language

Join instructor Katy Roth as she teaches basic American Sign Language vocabulary to you and your little one. Learning ASL is a great way for babies to communicate their wants and needs with caregivers before developing the ability to speak. ASL also builds valuable skills that help with language and literacy abilities later in life. For parents/caregivers and their children ages 0-3. Registration is required.

Friday, July 25 at 10:30am

Quest: Kids RPG Club

Tell your own stories, create fun characters, and embark on fantastical quests in this Dungeons & Dragons-style event. All supplies will be provided by the library. No prior experience needed! For unaccompanied kids ages 8-11. Registration is required.

Fri., July 25 from 1:00-3:00pm OR 3:30-5:30pm

Stuffed Animal Summer Camp

Your stuffed animal friends will have amazing adventures at our summer camp! All plush campers must be dropped off at the Children's Desk July 21-23. Come back Monday afternoon to pick up your camper and create a keepsake photo album of their camp experiences. For ages 3-10 with an adult. Registration is required. Monday, July 28 from 3:30-5:00pm

Graphic Novel Book Club

You love graphic novels-now come talk about them! Share what you enjoyed (or didn't) about Talent Show Troubles by Jess Smart Smiley and trade recommendations to find new favorites. Snacks will be provided. Registrants can pick up their own copy of the book at the Children's Desk beginning Tuesday, July 1. For unaccompanied kids ages 8-11. Registration is required. Tuesday, July 29 at 3:30pm

Librarypalooza

Celebrate the end of a rockin' good summer with a festival of games, crafts, snacks, and of course music! Festival fashion is encouraged for fun photo opportunities. No registration. Thursday, July 31 from 1:00-2:00pm OR Thursday, July 31 from 3:30-4:30pm





