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Summer Reading Guide

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Library Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 8 pm

Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Closed on: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

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Donation Creation at Eli's Coffee Shop in June

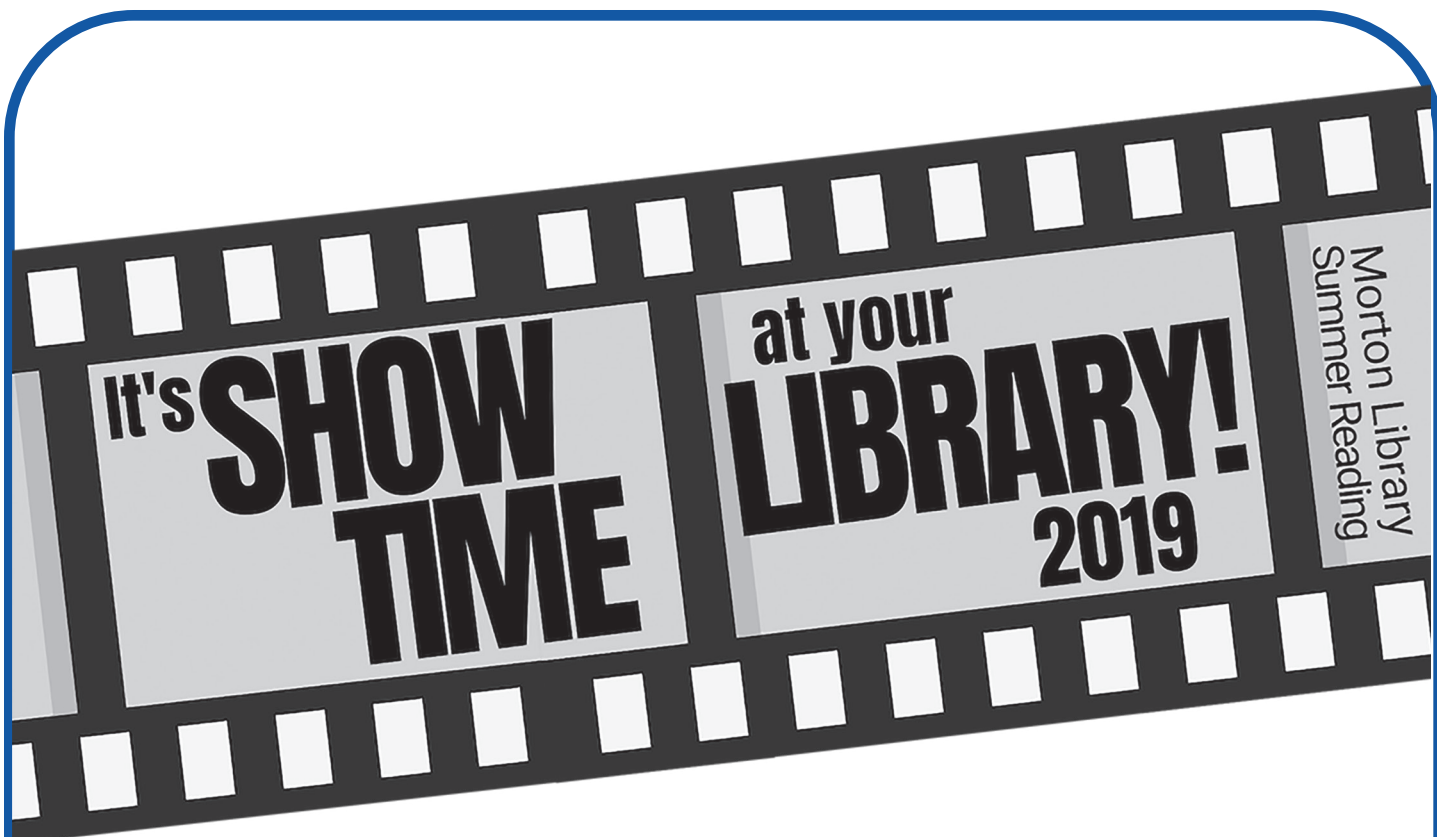
Visit the Morton Location of Eli's Coffee Shop during June and purchase their donation creation. Enjoy their special drink and \$1 will be donated to the Library's summer reading fund.

Support Summer Reading through the Morton Community Foundation

If you would like to support summer reading please consider donating to the Morton Community Foundation and put "summer reading endowment" in the memo. The Morton Public Library benefits from two funds at the Morton Community Foundation: The Bernice R. Oberlander/Lynn R. Walters Library Summer Reading Endowment fund, a component fund of the Morton Community Foundation, and the Morton Library Endowment Fund, a field of interest fund. Donating to either fund helps the library to continue to offer great programming for the community each summer!

How to Register for Programs

Register by visiting mortonlibrary.org, clicking the Events Calendar and finding the program you're interested in. Events are marked if registration is required. If registration is not required you may still enter your email address or phone number in order to receive a reminder or be notified of a cancellation. **Online program registration will begin on Wednesday, May 1.**



Read to Me

Birth to Kindergarten

Children 5 and under who are not yet reading on their own can participate with their parents. Pick up an activity card and build early literacy skills by practicing the building blocks of reading (writing, singing, reading, playing). Complete an activity card to earn a ticket for the Pool Party. Don't stop at one card - we offer multiple cards for a summer of fun and learning!

School Age

Entering grades first through sixth

School aged children can complete their own log sheet to earn prizes when they meet their reading goal. Children entering grades K through 2 may color in a star for every 10 minutes they read, or are read to, and redeem ten stars for a ticket to the Pool Party. Reading more than this goal will earn them additional prizes. Children entering grades 3-6 may read their choice of books, and can fill a star for every 20 minutes they read, then redeem ten stars to earn their Pool Party ticket.

Teens

Entering grades seven through twelve

Design your own program this summer by picking up a Bingo card at the Information Desk. Each completed bingo will earn you an entry into the weekly drawing as well as a prize. You'll get a prize when you sign up and after your first bingo you'll receive a ticket to the Pool Party.

Adults

For every hour you read or listen fill out a ticket and submit it into our weekly drawing for a gift card. All tickets will roll over into the grand prize drawing. Audiobooks, eBooks, magazines, and reading to your children all count towards your reading time! This year's grand prize will be two season tickets to the Morton Fine Arts Association Fall-Winter Series.

All Ages Programs

Children's Chat and Storytime

Thursday, May 16 at 9:30 am *Registration Required.*

We need YOU! Are you a regular at our children's programming? We'd love to get to know you better. Come have coffee and chat with the children's librarian about how we can better serve you and your family at the library. We'd love to hear what books you want to read, and help you get the most out of your time at the library with children in tow. We will have a focus group chat while your little ones are entertained with a storytime in the Hauter Room. Moms, dads, and caregivers are all welcome!

Learning Apps + Storytime

Wednesday, May 22 at 10 am *Registration Required.*

There are all kinds of really great (and free!) apps you can use to keep kids learning throughout the summer and to help when school starts up again. We've done the hard work, come learn what to download on your devices! No need to find a babysitter, a storytime for kids will be available during the presentation!

Better Sleep, Better Shape Inside & Out

Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm *Registration Required.*

Learn valuable tips for better quality sleep and family life. Covers the connection between sleep and ADD/ADHD, poor grades, delayed growth, bullying, crowded teeth, daytime sleepiness, unresolved allergy issues, night terrors, etc. Discusses how sleep quality affects hormones and weight control. Presented by Koala Center for Sleep.

Family Showtime

Monday, June 10, July 8, and August 5 at 6 pm

Bring the whole family for a movie night; we'll provide popcorn! Need to stretch your legs during the movie? We'll have a movie related, DIY craft set up in the Hauter Room. Movie titles will be announced one month prior to the showtime date.

Hansen Family Jugglers

Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm

Storytelling, unicycling, basic juggling techniques - come enjoy this fun family show!

American Girl Day

Saturday, June 15 from 10 am to 2 pm

Join in the fun experience downtown and be sure to bring your dolls to the library for crafts and more!

Power Up: The Buzz on Safety

Wednesday, June 26 at 10 am

Ameren stops by the library to give us the buzz on staying safe with power, and the science behind how we keep the lights on.

Hero Day

Saturday, July 20 from 10 am to 2 pm

Visit the library to celebrate Hero Day, the SUPER way! Crafts and games will get you ready to save the day!

Summer Reading Pool Party

Tuesday, July 30 from 7 to 8:30 pm, Morton Pool at Idlewood Park

Redeem your ticket and have fun celebrating your reading success with your friends! Take a jump off the diving board or whiz down the slide. Younger children can enjoy the splash pad with their toys.

Deal Me In card game series

Deal Me In: The Great Dalmuti

Tuesday, June 11 from 6 to 7:30 PM

Registration Required

We are kicking off the Library's card game night series with The Great Dalmuti! Life isn't fair... and neither is this game! One round you're at the top, the next you're peasant scum in this fast-paced card game of medieval one-upmanship. Bring your friends and your own snacks, and come work your way to the top of the pecking order to claim the title of The Great Dalmuti! *Ages 12 and up*

Deal Me In: Dutch Blitz

Wednesday, June 19 from 6 to 7:30 PM

Registration Required.

Our card game night series continues with Dutch Blitz! Developed in Pennsylvania Dutch country, Dutch Blitz is a card game that's exciting to play and easy to learn! You'll enjoy spirited competition as you try to get rid of your 10-card Blitz pile before anybody else. Bring your friends, family, and your own snacks to play this wonderful goot game! *Ages 8 and up*

Deal Me In: Dealer's Choice

Tuesday, June 25 from 6 to 7:30 PM

Registration Required

You won't want to miss Morton Public Library's card game night series finale! For this card game night swap, bring your favorite card game, your friends and family, and some snacks to enjoy a night of games and fun! *Ages 8 and up*

Harry Potter a week of magic

Dueling Club

Monday, July 29 at 1 PM

Just like Lockhart and Snape, we're hosting a dueling club! Bring a wand if you'd like. We'll name a dueling master at the end of class. Meet in Hannah's Reading Garden. Grades 4+ *Registration Required.*

Harry Potter Photo-op

Monday, July 29 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Have your picture taken in front of Hogwarts Castle, Diagon Alley, with a hippogriff, with Harry Potter himself, and more using our green screen! Have an email address ready, so we can send you the photo! All ages.

Dark Arts & Crafts for grades K-3

Tuesday, July 30 at 2 PM

Make a magical craft! *Registration Required.*

Dark Arts & Crafts for grades 4-6

Tuesday, July 30 at 3:15 PM

Make a magical craft! *Registration Required.*

Harry Potter Trivia

Wednesday, July 31 from 6 to 8 PM

Put your HP knowledge to the test! Bring a team of 2-6 people and see what you know about the wizarding world! All ages. *Registration Required.*

Harry Potter Movie Showing

Thursday, August 1 at 5 pm

Throughout the week, vote on which of the 8 movies you want to see. The winning movie will be shown on August 1; we'll provide the popcorn! All ages.

Escape Room

Lights, camera, mystery! an Escape Room experience

August 3-12 *Registration Required*

Gather your group of 4-6 people and see if you can escape! Our popular escape room returns for one last blast of summer fun. *Register online at www.mortonpubliclibrary.org.*

Showtime in the Garden

Join us every Friday in June & July for a free, family friendly show beginning at 12:30 pm. Come early, save your spot, and enjoy lunch under the trees in Hannah's Reading Garden. Check the Library's Facebook page for weather updates.

Ventriloquist Chris McBrien

Friday, June 7 at 12:30 pm

Amazing Science Experiments! Jaw Dropping Math Stunts! Hysterically funny ventriloquist puppets! Everyone will enjoy this show that demonstrates how success can be found through reading and your local library.

Jeanie B.

Friday, June 14 at 12:30 pm

Kids will be jumping, rolling, wiggling, and dancing in the garden to the music of Jeanie B. Her original lyrics and music speak to kindness, honesty, and fairness. Bring the whole family to this music-and-fun-making interactive show.

Magician Steve Banning

Friday, June 21 at 12:30 pm

You won't believe your eyes! Come see exciting magic tricks.

Duke Otherwise

Friday, June 28 at 12:30 pm

With his guitar, tap shoes, and distinct baritone, Duke sings his hilarious and imaginative songs that all ages will delight in together. Enjoy clever lyrics, superb music and outrageous fun for all ages.

Fire Truck Visit

Friday, July 5 at 12:30 pm

Come climb into the fire truck and an ambulance and learn about fire safety and what it is like to be a firefighter.

Someone Awesome

Friday, July 12 at 12:30 pm

We're not sure who will be here yet, but we're sure it'll be great. Join us for a fun program!

Puppet Picture Book Show

Friday, July 19 at 12:30 pm

The Picture Book Show brings to life some of the latest and greatest in children's literature. Enjoy a fast-paced mix of stories, puppets, and audience participation lovingly adapted from contemporary children's picture books.

Someone Else Awesome

Friday, July 26 at 12:30 pm

We're not sure who will be here yet, but we're sure it'll be great. Join us for a fun program!

Showtime in the Garden programming is made possible by a grant from the Bernice L. Oberlander/Lynn R. Walters Library Summer Reading Endowment fund, a component fund of the Morton Community Foundation. If you would like to help support summer reading programs, please consider writing a check to the Morton Community Foundation and put summer reading endowment in the memo. Learn more about this fund at: <https://www.mortoncommunityfoundation.org/summer-reading-fund>

Programs for Babies and Toddlers

Babies and Toddlers

Toddler Time

Every Friday at 9:30 & 10:30 am

Join us for learning fun with fingerplays, rhymes, shakers and songs. 18 mo-4 years

Sign & Sing

First and Third Mondays at 10:15 am except August 5 at 9:15 am

Join Communication Junction for rhymes, stories, bubbles and learn basic American Sign Language.

Hand in Hand - Messy Play!

Tuesdays in June, July & August from 10 am to Noon Drop In

Caregivers and children can explore our messy play stations in Hannah's Reading Garden together every Tuesday! Sensory activities will keep kids exploring through play - and learning that sometimes, a mess is ok!

Children ages 3-6

The Very Hungry Caterpillar turns 50!

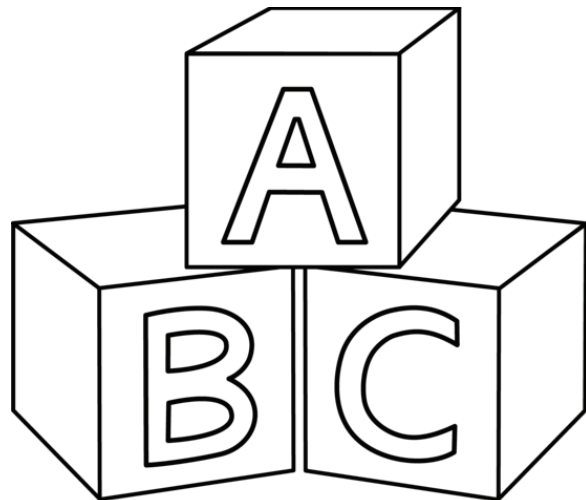
Wednesday, June 5 at 11 am

Come celebrate the birthday of this Eric Carle classic with a story and paints! Then, learn a little more about caterpillars - and why they have such a huge appetite! *Registration Required*

Storytime Nature Walk

Tuesday, June 18 and July 23 at 10:30 am

The sun is shining and we have wiggles to walk out. Let's take this storytime outside! We will find nature stops around the library grounds that bring our story to life. Since we will be outside parents need to stay with their children during the program. *Registration Required*



Online program registration begins Wednesday, May 1.

Please check the calendar on our website for additional programs

School Age Programs

Grades K-3

Mom's Knight Out

Thursday, May 2 from 6-7 pm *Registration Required*

Calling all royal knights and heroes! This mother/son evening is a great chance to build and adventure with your young hero. Enjoy castle building, hero story time, royal challenges, and make a crown.

BeYOUUnique Crafting

Thursday, June 13 at 10 am *Registration Required*

Budding artist or crafter? Melanie Burge of BeYOUUnique Designs will guide you through a show-stopping craft time perfect for our early elementary artists.

Beanie Babies

Wednesday, July 10 from 10-10:30 am *Registration Required*

Want to learn more about what "grows" on around Morton? Students learn about the start of a plant life cycle, and take home their very own baby bean to grow. Presented by Illinois Ag in the Classroom.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, July 13 11 am *Registration Required*

Children will be partnered with a registered therapy dogs for 15 minute sessions of reading.

Storytime from Space

Wednesday, July 17 at 11 am *Registration Required*

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, we are going to look to the sky for this story! We will listen to astronauts read from space, craft, and learn a little more about the historic moon landing.

Icky, Sticky Storytime

Saturday, August 10 at 10 am *Registration Required*

Ew, gross! Learn how germs spread, the body responds, and how to be a Flu Fighter.

Grades 4-6

G.E.M.S

Tuesdays, May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20 from 4 to 5:30 pm *Registration Required*

May- fun with duct tape *June* - pollinator's paradise *July* - Quiver augmented reality *August* - TBA

I Spy with My Bionic Eye

Tuesday, June 11 from 2:30 to 3:15 pm *Registration Required*

Learn about biomedical engineering and get a close up look at different objects using a bionic eye.

BeYOUUnique Crafting

Thursday, June 13 at 2 pm *Registration Required*

Melanie Burge of BeYOUUnique Designs will be at the library to host a fun, showtime "crafternoon."

Egg-Shell-Ent Design

Monday, June 24 from 3:30 to 5 pm *Registration Required*

Students use everyday materials and the engineering design cycle to create a contraption that will keep an egg from breaking when dropped from a height. Presented by 4-H Youth Development.

From Moo to You

Wednesday, July 10 from 2 to 2:30 pm *Registration Required*

Learn the origins of ice cream, what makes NesQuick quick and race with butter as Illinois Ag in the Classroom presents on Illinois dairy farms through science experiments, butter races, and more!

School Age Programs

Grades 5-8

Happy Notes!

Monday, June 10 from 2 to 3 pm *Registration Required*

Come in and design handmade cards for hospitalized kids. All supplies will be provided and cards will be sent from the library.

Chapter Chatters

Wednesdays, May 15; June 19; July 17; August 21 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

This is a Book Club for ages 9-12 and meets for a book discussion, activities, and snacks. Snacks and drinks are provided. No registration needed. Copies are available at the checkout desk.

May - "The Way to Bea" by Kat Yeh

June - "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate

July - "Under the Egg" by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

August - "Genevieve's War" by Patricia Reilly Giff

Color by Design

Wednesdays, May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Use markers or colored pencils to fill in intricate coloring pages while enjoying snacks and conversation. All supplies and snacks will be provided. *Registration Required*

Teens (grades 7-12)

Finals Study Night

Wednesday, May 22 from 3 to 9 pm

Need a place to study for finals? Come in any time after school on. We'll have the quiet space you need as well as drinks and snacks to keep you going. The room will be open from 3-9pm – stay as long as you want.

7th Grade Orientation

Monday, June 3 from Noon to 1:15 pm

Come for lunch and learn about all the great things in our new and improved Young Adult area. Also, learn what the library has to offer Jr. High students. This program is for those students entering seventh grade in the fall. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. *Registration Required*

Teen Trivia Night

Friday, June 28, 2019 from 4 to 5:30 pm

Bring a friend, eat pizza, and show off your trivia knowledge. Teams will compete against each other for a prize. Pizza and drinks will be provided. *Registration Required*

Nailed it!: Cookie Edition

Friday, July 12 from 1 to 2:15 pm

Want to try your hand at cookie decorating? Come look at the sample cookies and try to recreate the work of art. All supplies and cookies will be provided. *Registration Required*

Teen Pizza Party

Friday, July 26 from 6:30 to 8 pm

Enjoy one final party before school starts! Hang out with friends, eat pizza and listen to book talks. Pizza and drinks will be provided. *Registration Required*

Adults

award winning reads

Roaming Readers

Thursdays: May 2, & 16, June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15 from 8:15 to 9:00 am

Readers are known for not getting enough exercise. Let's get off the couch and walk while chatting about all kinds of reading related topics! Strollers are welcome; meet outside the Library's entrance.

eRead Your Beach Read

Wednesday, May 8 from 10 to 11 am

Save space in your luggage on vacations by reading on your device! We'll talk about the 3 apps you can access for FREE with your Morton Library card to download eBooks & audiobooks. Bring your device to follow along. *Registration Required.*

Books & Bites

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Enjoy book discussion and local eats! Request to join our Facebook Group!

May 21- The One in a Million Boy by Monica Wood @ Eli's

June 18- The Word is Murder by Anthony Horowitz @ Basta's

July 16- The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict @ Garner's Pizza

August 20- Reading with Patrick by Michelle Kuo @ Sucre Sweets & Socials

Book Buzz

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm

Learn about titles coming out in June, July and August. Receive a free book!

Oscar worthy eats

Instant Pot Party Foods

Thursday, May 9 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 pm

Learn to make some quick and easy appetizers to serve this summer, or to take along with you to a party! Live demonstration and taste testing included! *Registration Required*

Instant Pot Pastas

Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

All-in-one pasta dishes are one of the easiest ways to cook your family dinner in the Instant Pot! Experience live demonstrations on how to cook several pasta dishes with taste testing at the end! *Registration Required*

Eat, Drink, & Be Rosemary

Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 pm

Learn how to store and cook with fresh herbs. Taste test pesto and mint lemonade! Bring your favorite fresh herb recipes to share and snip samples from our herb pots. *Registration Required.*

Instant Pot Desserts

Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 pm

Learn how to make several quick and easy desserts using the Instant Pot! Live demonstration and taste testing included! *Registration Required*

silver screeners: programs for seniors

AARP Driving Course

Wednesday, May 15 & Thursday, May 16 from 9 am to 1 pm
Refresher Driving Course for Senior Citizens. *Registration Required*

Retirement University - Three Part Series

Thursday, May 16, May 23 and May 30 at 6 pm
Retirement University is a 3 session course on Strategic Retirement Planning-Part 1: Financial Pitfalls & Tax Saving Strategies. Part 2: Medicare, LTC, and Social Security Planning. Part 3: Estate/Legacy Planning- Charitable giving. Attendees are not required to attend all 3 sessions. Presented by the Foundation for Financial Education. *Registration Required.*

Google Suite 101

Wednesday, June 26 from 8 to 9:00 am
Using Google Suite, you can access files instantly from any device, create a variety of documents, and connect with colleagues and friends. Come learn the basics Please bring your Google sign-in information and password. *Registration Required.*

red carpet style

Cafe Chic with Sixth Avenue Boutique

Saturday, June 8 from 10 to 11 am
Want to learn how to put together some Pinterest-worthy outfits? Join us for some coffee and style chatting with Natalie, owner of Sixth Avenue Boutique! Gain ideas on how to jumpstart your own personal style, put finishing touches on your daily looks, learn how to layer like a pro, and more!
Registration Required.

Essential Oils 101

Monday, July 1 at 6:30 pm
Essential oils are a great way to create a chemical-free home, support sleep, calm your nerves, and more! Learn all about the benefits of using essential oils in your daily life. *Registration Required*



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Morton Showcase

Friday, July 12 @ 6:30 pm
Enjoy a variety of local talent including singing, instruments and more. Firehouse Pizza will be on site.

Corn Wolves

Friday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm
Enjoy this acoustic rock group that will play songs you know by heart. Nacho Mama's Food Truck will be on site and is a great option for dinner!

Sweetwater

July 26 @ 6:30 pm
Haddad's Food Cart will have tasty food as you enjoy your favorite rock and roll and pop music.