



Quincy Public Library

April/May 2026

# Discovery Guide



**Spring**  
Into Reading  
**at QPL**

# FOR ADULTS

The Seed Library is open!

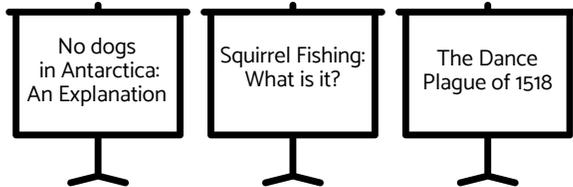
Scan the QR Code to register



## Did You Know? PowerPoint Party

Performance/Lecture, Storytime | April 14 & May 12 | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Did You Know? is a place for people to share fascinating facts, obsessions, and mild conspiracy theories (e.g. Pepsi owns Coke). Every month, three or more folks will info-share with the group. The goal is for everyone to walk away knowing a little bit more about different topics and maybe ask themselves, Are Birds Real? Not ready to present? That's okay, come anyway! We need an audience to hear all our great ideas! Sign up with your topic on our calendar at [quincylibrary.org](http://quincylibrary.org).



## Book Bingo

Crafts/DIY | April 18 | 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Love reading or playing bingo? Join us for a few rounds of Book Bingo at the library! You could win free books to take home, so bring a tote bag if you're feeling lucky. All supplies, plus coffee, tea, water, and a snack will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. For adults and teens.

## The Show & Tell of Shiny Things

Storytime | April 22 & May 27 | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Do you have something shiny that deserves the spotlight? Bring your favorite sparkling, shimmering, or eye-catching item to share at The Show & Tell of Shiny Things. From crystals and coins to jewelry, collectibles, or unusual finds, participants will have the chance to briefly show their item and tell the story behind it. Whether it's valuable, sentimental, or just wonderfully weird, this casual program celebrates the joy

of interesting objects and the stories they carry. Come listen, share, and admire a collection of truly dazzling treasures.

## 4th Annual Plant Swap

Take & Make | April 25 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Bring extra houseplants, garden plants, bulbs, seedlings, or cuttings and trade them for something new. Drop plants off in advance to receive vouchers and get priority access on swap day. You can also bring plants the day of and make a 1:1 trade. All plants must be healthy and labeled with the plant name.

## Research with a Librarian

Local History & Genealogy | May 2 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

The Quincy Public Library's Reference Librarian will be available for a few hours on the first Saturday of each month to help with research. Get assistance with local history, genealogy, school projects, or general research questions. You can also drop off a research request (please include your name and contact information; requests may take several days).

This service takes place in the Illinois Room. Library staff provide guidance, resources, and basic tech help, but do not complete work for patrons.

## Emo Afternoons

Playtime | May 9 | 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Bring a craft from home or settle in with coloring sheets provided by the library while an emo playlist sets the mood. Whether you're knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, or just coloring and unwinding, this laid-back afternoon is the perfect excuse to make something and enjoy a little nostalgic music.



Register for our Book Clubs on our online calendar: [quincylibrary.org/events](http://quincylibrary.org/events)

# BOOK CLUBS

## Cooks and Books

Monday | 6 - 7:30 pm

TBD April 13  
TBD May 11

## Banned Book Club

Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:45 pm

*Animal Farm* April 28  
*Fight Club* May 26

## Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30 am

*One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest* April 14  
*By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-long Fight for Justice on Native Land* May 12

## Bookies Book Club

Wednesday | 1 - 2:30 pm

*The Women* April 1  
*The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT, & the Fight for Women in Science* May 6

## #bookwalk Audiobook Walking Club

Saturday | 9:30 - 11:00am  
April 11 & May 9  
Washington Park

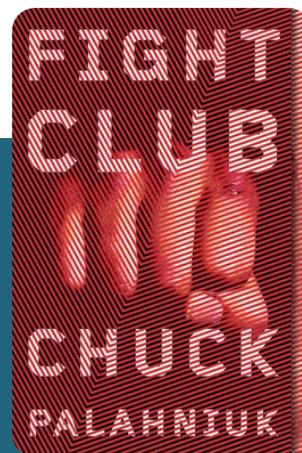
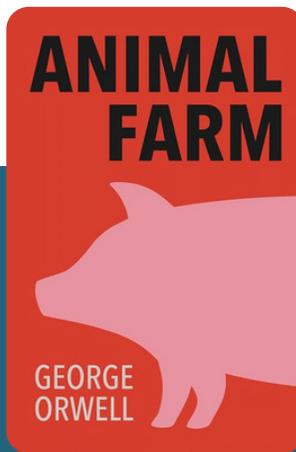
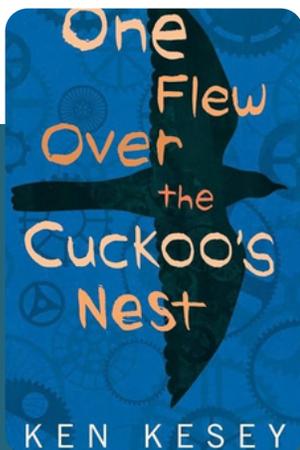
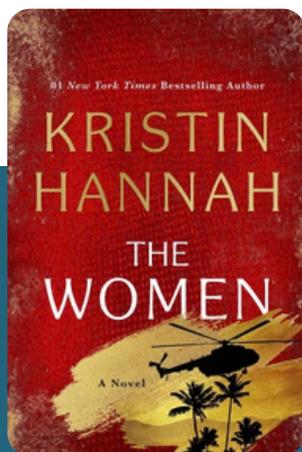
Want to move more? Want to read more? Want to meet people with similar interests? Welcome to #bookwalk! This is an audiobook walking book club! Listen to any book on your TBR on any device you want. Bring a friend. Bring two! The plan is to meet and move around Washington Park. Every meeting will begin and end with a group check-in and discussion. Let's build connection while connecting with the great outdoors! Meet at the John Wood statue.

## Bring Your Own Book Club

Saturday | 2 - 3:30pm  
May 2  
Small Conference Room

Love reading but don't want to be assigned a book? Try the Bring Your Own Book Club.

Join us at the library on a relaxed Saturday afternoon to talk about a book you've enjoyed. It could be something you finished this week, last month, or even years ago. Share what you loved, hear what others are reading, and leave with new ideas for your next great read.



# FOR TEENS

Check our calendar to register!



## Teen Takeover | 3:00pm - 5:00pm Every Tuesday & some Saturdays

Ages 13 - 18

It's Teen Time! Snacks, crafts, games, and more!

Finally, some place you can escape to after school without younger siblings getting in your way.

## Need a ride from QHS? Get a pass for Bus #44!



## DIY Your Own Zine April 9 | 3PM - 5PM



Do you know what a zine is? A zine (short for "magazine" or "fanzine") is a small, self-made booklet where you can share your ideas, art, writing, or interests in your own unique way. Come join us and create your own! You can make an artistic, musical, or even informative zine. This zine is yours to create, and it's only limited by your imagination. Supplies will be provided. All you need is your creativity!



## Found Word Buttons April 23 | 3PM - 5PM

April is National Poetry Month, so let's celebrate by making some Found Word Buttons! We will be offering old books no longer in circulation that you can use to make your buttons. Cut out your chosen words and draw designs around them to create your masterpiece! Materials and art supplies will be provided!

## Mending Fabric Workshop April 30 | 3PM - 5PM



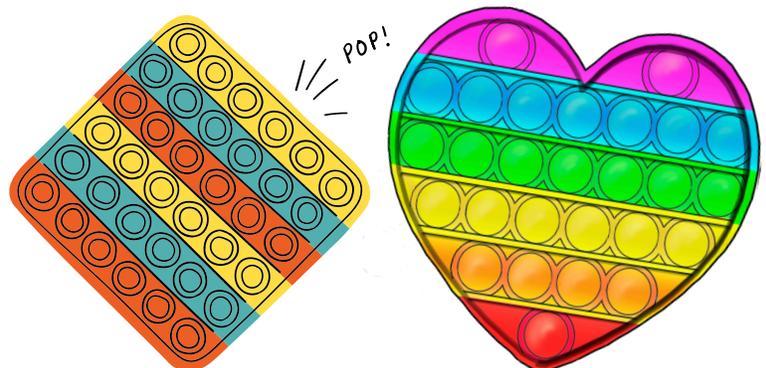
Happen to have any tears in your clothes you do not want? If you answered yes, this workshop is for you! We will have a local Quincy resident coming in to demonstrate how to mend tears and rips in your clothes! This workshop will help you learn the basics of mending fabric. And hey, maybe you will find your next hobby!

## A Moment with our Mental Health May 16 | 1PM - 3PM

Did you know May is Mental Health Awareness Month? And the world has been stressful recently. Everyone could use a moment to relax and focus on their mental health. First, we will have a short, informational discussion about our mental health; then, we will learn some coping skills, self-care strategies, and discuss what works for you! We will also offer some calming activities to help relax the mind.

Included in this program are fidget/sensory toys (silicone popping toys, stress balls, fidget spinners, sensory rings, and more). There will also be soda, water, and chips as available.

Need a ride? Call the library at 217-223-1309 to ask about Quincy's bus routes.



# Week of the Young Child 2026



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JOIN US AT QPL TO CELEBRATE YOUNG CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES, & EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS! EACH DAY WILL INCLUDE A STORYTIME, SONG, & ACTIVITY PLANNED BY OUR HOSTS!



**Music Monday (2 sessions!)**

10-11AM - *Hosted by Transitions Parents as Teachers*

6-7PM - *Hosted by Safe Kids Adams County*



**Tasty Tuesday**

10-11AM

*Hosted by Child and Family Connections #17*



**Work Together Wednesday**

10-11AM

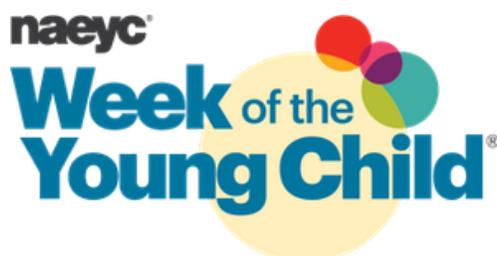
*Hosted by Chaddock*



**Artsy Thursday**

10-11AM

*Hosted by Birth to Five Illinois and West Central Child Care Connection*



**TO PRE-REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [QUINCYLIBRARY.ORG](http://QUINCYLIBRARY.ORG)**



QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please reserve your spot today! Register with the QR Code, or visit [quincylibrary.org](http://quincylibrary.org)

# KIDS & FAMILIES

## Relaxation Station

Relax with crafts, games, or coloring pages for 6 years and under. Every Monday @ 6pm.

\*No Relaxation Station on April 6, 13, May 4 or 25

## Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Tuesdays @ 10am

\*No Toddler Time on April 7, 14, or May 5

## Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

\*No Baby Time on April 15

## Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.

Thursdays @ 10am.

\*No Preschool Time on April 9, 16, or May 7

## Playdate

Playdate is best for ages 6 and under. 10am every Friday.

\*No Playdate on April 3 or 17

## Lego Club

In-person | Lego Club is designed for ages 6 - 12. Every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

**NEW:** Once a month Lego Club will meet on a Saturday.

**April 11:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**May 9:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

## Puppet Shows

### Little Red Riding Hood

April 6: 6pm

April 7: 10am

April 9: 10am

April 11: 10am

### The Wizard of Oz

May 4: 6pm

May 5: 10am

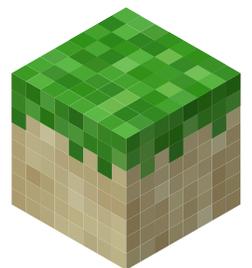
May 7: 10am

May 9: 10am



## Minecraft Club

This is an unstructured program for children to relax after school and play Minecraft with friends using the library's iPads. This program is for children ages 7-12 years. Every Tuesday @ 3:30 PM. QPL devices are limited; participants are welcome to bring personal devices.



# KIDS & FAMILIES

## Bunny Sock Hop

April 3 | 10AM - 10:30AM

Hippity hop on down to the Quincy Public Library for the Bunny Sock Hop! Giggle, wiggle, and hop along to spring-themed music, books, and games. Then follow every-bunny's favorite rabbit as he leads you on an exciting egg hunt! This program is targeted for children ages 3-6 years old and their grownups, but all are welcome to attend.



## Tween Program: Perler Beads

April 16 | 6PM - 7PM

Get creative one bead at a time! Tweens are invited to a fun, low-pressure craft night using colorful Perler beads. Design pixel-style creations like keychains, magnets, mini art pieces, or your own original designs. We'll provide all supplies—just bring your imagination and hang out with friends while you craft, chat, and create something awesome to take home. Small pieces are involved with this craft; younger kids may need parent supervision!



## Tween Program: Bloom Craft

May 21 | 6PM - 7PM

Join us in the Library as we plant our favorite flower and decorate its home! Tweens (ages 7-12) will get to take home their new friend and watch it grow day by day!

## Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

May 30 | 9am - 12pm

Avoid the Summer Slide (the loss of learning that happens when school is not in session) by participating in our fun Summer Reading program. Kickoff the program on May 30 by enjoying games, bounce houses, performances, snacks, & more! Sign up for the challenge on Beanstack, log your reading hours, and earn prizes all summer long!

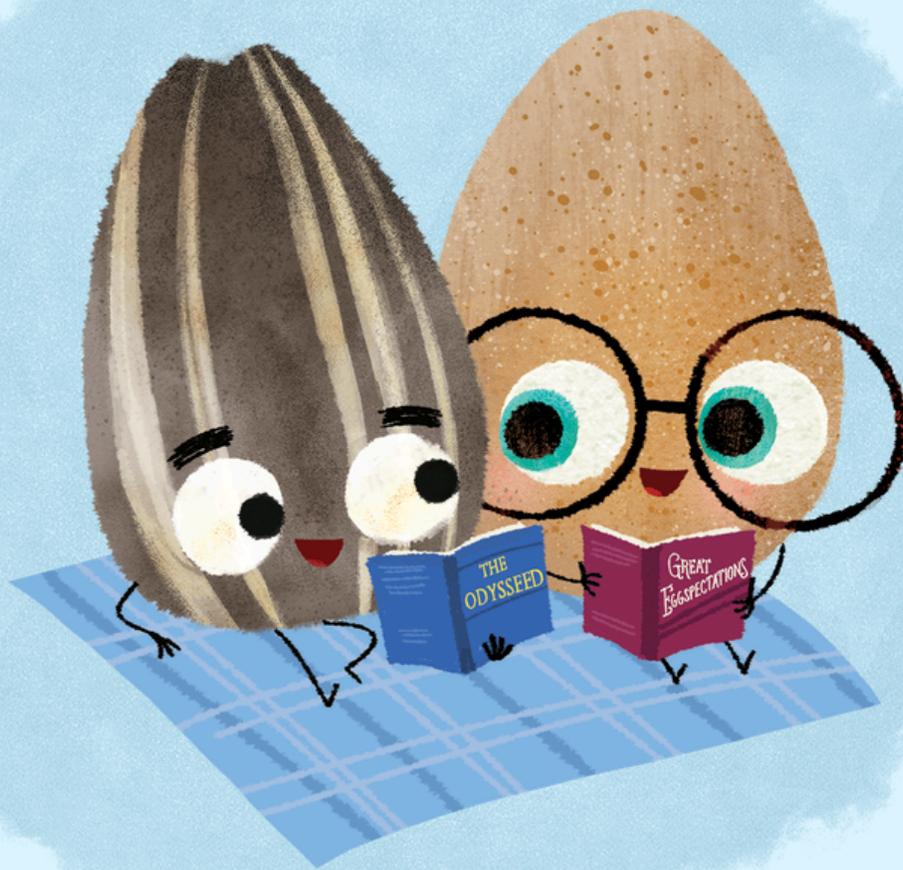




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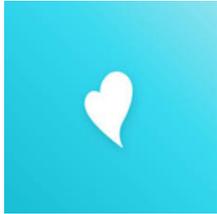
# PLANT A SEED, READ



**Summer Reading Kickoff**  
Saturday, May 30 | 9 AM - 12 PM

# Take your Reading Digital

Scan the codes below to download our apps today and take your library everywhere your life takes you!



## Beanstack

Track your reading and join challenges.



## Hoopla

Read and Listen to your favorite books!  
Watch shows and movies.



## Mango Languages

Free lessons in over 70 different languages!



## Kanopy

Watch movies, shows, & more.  
Has a 'Just for Kids' section.



## Flipster

Read your go-to magazines.



## Libby

Read and Listen to your favorite books!



## Comics Plus

Comics and Manga galore!



## The Palace Project

Borrow eBooks and audiobooks



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### Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Fri. - Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed on April 4, April 17, and  
May 25.

Closing at 1 PM on April 3.



*Persons with disabilities can arrange for special assistance with library programs by calling (217) 223-1309 two weeks prior to any program.*

*All programs are subject to cancellation or rescheduling. All program registrants and participants must permit the taking of photographs of themselves during library activities and programs for future publication materials.*

Experience something fun while at the library? Make sure to tag us on social media @quincylibrary!



# Friends of the Library BOOK SALE

**Thursday, April 9**  
**9:30 AM - 7:30 PM**

**Friday, April 10**  
**9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Saturday, April 11**  
**9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

