



Quincy Public Library

April/May 2025

Discovery Guide

Spring Into Reading at QPL



FOR ADULTS

The Seed Library is open!

Scan the QR Code to register



Earth Day Take & Make: Prairie in a Package

Take & Make | April 1 - Until supplies run out | Available during operating hours
Native bumblebee populations have declined nearly 90% in 20 years due to habitat loss, pesticides, and reduced biodiversity. As vital pollinators, they need our help!

The Prairie in a Package Take & Make kit includes native flower seeds essential for pollinators. Learn to create plantable seed paper for greeting cards, gift tags, and more! Every patch of prairie flowers makes a difference—let's spread the love.

No registration required. Kits are limited—grab yours starting April 1 while supplies last!

The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Performance/Lecture,
In-Person or Virtual

April 10 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Join the Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present for a free virtual program featuring Alexis Nikole Nelson, the viral forager and cook behind BlackForager! With her playful, informative style, Alexis shares foraging finds, cooking techniques, and food history with millions of followers.

Register to receive a Zoom link and enjoy this engaging event from home or in the Large Meeting Room at the library! Brought to you by ILP, a statewide library collaboration funded in part by the Illinois State Library and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Book Bingo

Playtime | April 12 | 1:30PM - 3:30PM

If you have never attended a library book bingo before - Do you love reading? Or love playing bingo? Or both? Come join us at the library for a few rounds of Book Bingo! You can win free books to take home, so if you're feeling lucky bring a tote bag to carry them home.

All supplies will be provided by Quincy Public Library. This will be a fun, friendly, and free evening out!

Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided. One snack per person will also be provided.

Space is limited. Please register early to secure your spot! If spaces are full, you may be added to a waiting list.

Something to Get MADD About: Alcohol and Drunk-Driving Awareness

Performance/Lecture | April 17 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Every 39 minutes, someone in the U.S. is killed by a drunk driver—that's something to get MADD about.

Beyond the Headlights, founded by a mother who lost her daughter to a drunk driver, raises awareness through education and personal stories. Jennifer shares her journey as a representative of her nonprofit and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to prevent future tragedies.

Join us at the library to hear powerful firsthand accounts and learn how you can help stop drunk driving.

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Self-Sufficiency Series #1: Grow Where You Are with What You Have!

Performance/Lecture | April 24
6:00PM - 7:30PM

With rising food prices and concerns about chemicals in store-bought food, more people are turning to home gardening. No yard? No problem! This session covers:

- 🌱 Starting plants from seed vs. buying
- 🌻 Incorporating pollinator plants
- 🌹 Choosing your gardening method (containers, in-ground, raised beds)
- 🌿 Vertical gardening & more!

Join us and take the first step toward self-sufficiency!

Mental Health Month Take & Make #1: Affirmation Magnets

Take & Make | May 1 - 16 | Available during operating hours

Learn how to turn positive affirmations into magnets that you can stick on your refrigerator, filing cabinet at work, or any other metal surface where you will be reminded throughout the day that you matter, you can get through it, or any other affirmation that means something to you!

Positive affirmations are very beneficial to mental health, and can help keep you on your journey to healing.

This kit comes with everything you will need to make these magnets, with the exception of glue!



3rd Annual Plant Swap

Take & Make | May 3

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Swap your extra houseplants, garden plants, or outdoor flowers for something new! Bring in healthy, labeled plants, cuttings, or bulbs and trade on a 1:1 basis—one plant dropped off, one taken home.

Drop-Off Period: April 28 – May 2

Drop off anytime the library is open:

- Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 8 PM
- Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM
- Or bring them on swap day!

Plant Swap Day: May 3, 12 – 2 PM

How It Works:

- Bring bulbs in a plastic bag with dirt.
- Take cuttings in disposable cups of water.
- Split houseplants and bring potted baby plants.
- Swap full houseplants, seedlings, or extras.

All healthy plants must be labeled with their name on the container. Swaps are 1:1—bring one, take one.

On May 3, bring your voucher to the Plant Swap between 12 and 2 PM, browse, and take home new plants!

Questions? Call 217-223-1309.

Mindfulness Matters: What it is, How it Works, and How to Start

Performance/Lecture | May 8 | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Curious about mindfulness? Is it more than just a trend? How does it work, and why?

Join QPL and mindfulness practitioner Emely Rose of Emely Rose Yoga to explore the science and practice of mindfulness—and start your journey to a calmer, more focused you!

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Poverty: A Virtual Discussion with Matthew Desmond



Performance/Lecture | May 13 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM | Virtual or In-Person
Join Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) for a free virtual event with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Matthew Desmond! Watch in the library on the big screen or from home.

Desmond, author of *Poverty, by America* and *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, is a Princeton sociology professor and principal investigator of The Eviction Lab. His research explores poverty, housing insecurity, and public policy.

Register to receive the Zoom link. This program is made possible by ILP, a statewide library collaboration funded in part by the Illinois State Library and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Mental Health Month Take & Make #2: DIY Journals

Take & Make | May 17 - 30 | Available during operating hours

Learn how to create your own journals by hand using simple, inexpensive materials!

Journaling is extremely therapeutic, and can help with anxiety, depression, PTSD, and other mental health struggles. Journaling can also help you process, be aware of, and regulate your emotions!

Learn how to make your own journals and, therefore, make journals a part of you in more ways than one!

This kit comes with everything you will need to make a journal, with the exception of glue!

Self-Sufficiency Series #2: Watering Methods & Conservation

Performance/Lecture | May 22 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Water is the most important element for all life, and plants are no exception. Dry, hot summers wreak havoc on garden crops, and watering your garden can easily double—or even triple—your water bill.

Learn how to water your garden efficiently using a variety of methods that conserve water, save you money, and help your plants thrive in dry weather. We will cover drip irrigation, upcycling household discards, and much more!

Adults Want to Make a Mess, Too! Messy Crafts for Mental Health

Crafts/DIY | May 29 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Need a night out away from the frenzied lives we live, or a night out away from the kids? Or both?

Sometimes, adults just need a night out and away with other adults! And, sometimes, adults just want to have a good time, make a mess, and create fun things! This program has both things!

Come join us for a mess-making, anxiety-reducing, mental-health-boosting night of crafting fun! You will make kinetic sand and sensory bottles to take back home with you! Believe it or not, the benefits of these things on mental health does not end at the edge of childhood! Both kinetic sand and sensory jars have strong, positive effects on anxiety and overall mental health.

Bring a small mixing bowl! All other supplies and light refreshments included!

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSIONS

Book Clubs

Cooks and Books!

Monday | 6 - 7:30 pm

Open Wide: A Cookbook for Friends

TBD

April 14

May 12

Banned Book Club

Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Speak

The Bridge to Terabithia

April 22

May 27

Renaissance Readers

Tuesday | 10am - 11:30 am

Tender is the Night

Murder by the Book

April 8

May 13

Bookies Book Club

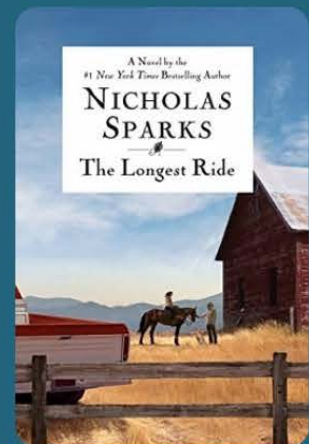
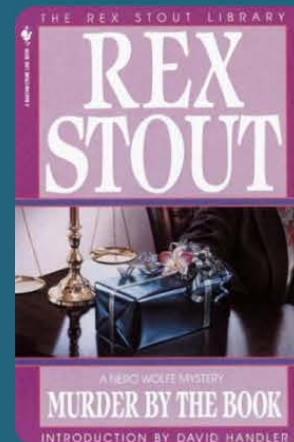
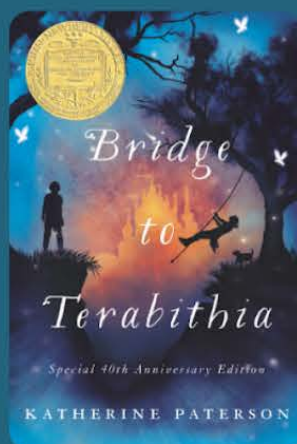
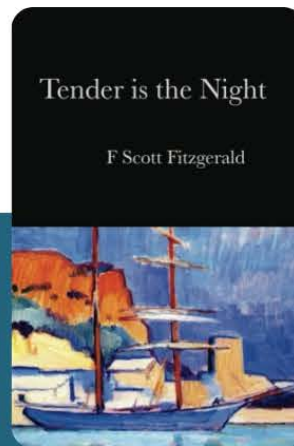
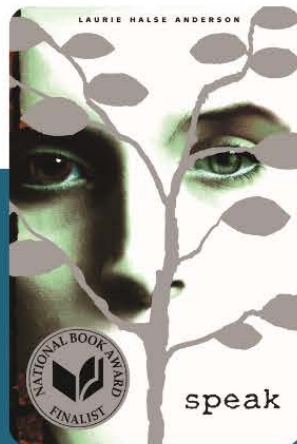
Wednesday | 1 - 2:30 pm

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The Longest Ride

April 2

May 7



FOR TEENS

Check our calendar to register!



Teen Takeover | 3:00pm - 5:00pm Every Tuesday & Thursday

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!



Mythically EPIC: Create Your Own Greek Vase!

April 10 | 3PM - 5PM

Get ready to set out on your very own odyssey in this mythically EPIC adventure! You'll get to craft your very own Greek-inspired vase using terracotta pots, all while jamming to some EPIC tunes! Whether you're a fan of Greek mythology, arts and crafts, or music, you're sure to enjoy this quest!

Wreck This Book: DIY Journal Edition

April 24 | 3PM - 5PM

Unleash your creativity and wreck your book—your way! You'll take old books and transform them into unique, personalized journals. Tear, paint, doodle, and decorate however you like—this is your chance to create something totally one-of-a-kind. Whether you're into art, writing, or just want a cool place to express yourself, "Wreck This Book: DIY Journal Edition" is the perfect way to turn an old book into your new favorite creative project.

Bookmarked: Watercolor Bookmarks for Teens



May 8 | 3PM - 5PM

Get creative with color in this fun watercolor bookmark workshop! Teens will use watercolor to design their very own bookmarks!

Glow Up: End of School Year Bash!

May 22 | 3PM - 5PM

Celebrate the end of the school year in style with a glow in the dark party! You'll get to make a glow-in-the-dark craft, play fun games, and eat snacks! It's the perfect way to start the summer right with bright, colorful, and glow-tastic memories!



JOIN THE FUN!!!



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



Join us to celebrate young children, their families, and early childhood programs! Each day will include a story time, song, and activity planned by our hosts!

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APRIL 7, 2025

10-11AM

 **MUSIC MONDAY**
HOSTED BY CHILD AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS
& CORNERSTONE 1ST STEPS

APRIL 8, 2025

10-11AM

 **TASTY TUESDAY**
HOSTED BY QUINCY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

APRIL 9, 2025

10-11AM

 **WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY**
HOSTED BY WEST CENTRAL CHILD CARE CONNECTION

APRIL 10, 2025

10-11AM

 **ARTSY THURSDAY**
HOSTED BY TRANSITIONS PARENTS AS TEACHERS
& BIRTH TO FIVE IL

APRIL 11, 2025

10-11AM

 **FAMILY FRIDAY**
HOSTED BY CLARITY HEALTHCARE



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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

KIDS & FAMILIES

Toddler Time

Storytime that is best for ages 16 - 36 months.

Tuesdays @ 10am

*No Toddler Time on April 1 & 8 or May 6

Baby Time

Storytime that is best for birth - 16 months.

Every Wednesday @ 10:30am.

*No Baby Time on April 9

Preschool Time

Storytime that is best for ages 3+.

Thursdays @ 10am.

*No Preschool Time on April 3 & 10 or May 8

Playdate

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

*No Playdate in April

Monday Funday

Fun, family night perfect for 6 years and under. Every Monday @ 6pm.

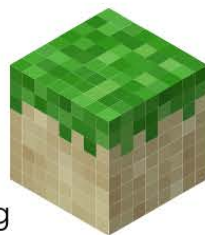
*No Monday Funday May 5 & 26

Lego Club

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

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.

Puppet Shows

The Lion and the Mouse

April 1: 10am

April 3: 10am

April 5: 10am

Country Mouse and City Mouse

May 5: 6pm

May 6: 10am

May 8: 10am

May 10: 10am



Family Game Night

April 17 | 6PM - 7PM

Join us for game night with family and friends while making new friends! Games can help children develop logic and reasoning skills, improve critical thinking, and boost spatial reasoning. They also help with memory formation, cognitive skills, concentration, and focus for extended periods. Bonus: it is fun! Various games will include Candyland, The Game of Life with Pets, Jenga, Old Maid, and more! This program targets children ages 7-12 and their grownups, but all are welcome to attend. All QPL programs are free and open to the public, but space is limited; registration is requested.



KIDS & FAMILIES

Bunny Sock Hop

April 18 | 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.

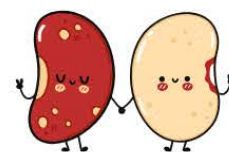


Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat May 3 | 2PM - 3PM

Join Quincy Public Library and Illinois Libraries Present (ILP) for a virtual event with bestselling children's author and producer Dan Santat! Santat, creator of *The Replacements* and *The Adventures of Beekle* (Caldecott Medal winner), has written and illustrated over 100 books, including *Are We There Yet?* and *After the Fall*.

This free program is open to all! Register to receive a Zoom link and attend from home. Made possible by ILP, a statewide library collaboration funded in part by the Illinois State Library and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Beautiful Bean Art! May 15 | 6PM - 7PM



Flex your creative muscles by creating art using glue and a variety of dried beans.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party!

May 31 | 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 31st 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!



LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

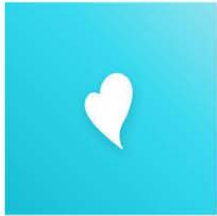
Summer Read Kickoff!

Saturday, May 31 | 9am - 12pm



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.



Boundless

Read and Listen to your favorite books!



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!



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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 19, April 25, and
May 26.

Closing at 1 PM on April 18.

FOLLOW US



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 3
9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, April 5
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

