

# Plant a Seed, read

## Summer Learning Program

### Calendar & Events



**May 22-August 11, 2026**



**Main Library** M/Th/F 3:00-8:00  
736 South St. Tu/W 10:00-4:00  
402-332-4480 Sa 1:00-3:00  
**Web:** [gretnapubliclibrary.org](http://gretnapubliclibrary.org) **Email:** [gretna.library@gmail.com](mailto:gretna.library@gmail.com)

**Children's Library** M/Th/F 10:00-4:00  
119 N. McKenna Ave. Tu/W 3:00-8:00  
402-502-9088 Sa 10:00-12:00



# READING & PRIZES

The Gretna Public Library wants to encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading as part of their summer adventure. Our reading program is full of fun activities and fantastic prizes. There are two easy ways to participate.

### Online

You can track your reading and earn prizes using READsquared. Sign up online and download the app to easily collect prizes around town.



[gretna.readsquared.com](http://gretna.readsquared.com)

### On Paper

If you would rather track your reading offline, stop by either library starting on May 22 for a paper version.

### Questions?

Contact the library with any questions you have about the reading program or library events. Give us a call at 402-332-4480 or send an email to [gretna.library@gmail.com](mailto:gretna.library@gmail.com).

# EVENTS

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## Ongoing Programs

**Brain Breaks** – *Main Library* – Enlarged Omaha World-Herald brain teasers and adult coloring pages are available to enjoy in the library or to take home.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** – *Main Library* – Drop in during the Main Library's hours to browse the freewill donation book sale.

**Perpetual LEGO Club** – Ask a librarian at either library for a Perpetual LEGO Club bag and build something awesome while you're in the library so we can display it. All ages from Pre-K to adult can participate.

## Events for Kids

Per library policy, an adult must be present at the event or in the building for any child under 8 years old. Incoming 6th graders are welcome to attend both Kids and Teen events. A library card is not required to attend programs. Registration is not required unless noted (\*). Speak to a librarian or go online ([gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar)) to register.

**Fun in the Park** – **Tuesdays | 10:30-11:30** – *Peterson Park* – Enjoy a different activity or craft each week under the big picnic shelter. Drop in anytime. Recommended for Grades PreK and up.

**June 2** – Fingerprint Bug Jar

**June 9** – Nebraska Grasslands with Educators from Schramm Park

**June 16** – Garden Spinners

**June 23** – Bean Mosaics

**June 30** – BINGO (prizes!)

**July 7** – Fruit & Veggie Art

**July 14** – Suncatcher Wind Chimes

**July 21** – Felt Flower Bouquets



**Family Storytime** – **Tuesdays | 6:15-6:45** – *Children's Library*  
**Thursdays | 10:30-11:00** – *Peterson Park* – Join us for stories, rhymes, songs, games, and lots of fun! On Thursdays at the park, picnic table seating is available.

**BiblioBop Music & Movement Storytime** – **Wednesdays | 10:30-11:00**  
*Peterson Park* – This storytime has lots of dancing and moving! Bring a blanket.

A library card is never required so invite a friend!

Check  
Facebook or  
call for weather  
cancellations.

## Events for Kids (cont.)

**Choose Your Adventure Hangout** – **Fridays | 3:30-4:30** – *Main Library* – Help guide our adventure through a book full of choices. Bring a pillow and chill as you listen, **OR** keep your hands busy with a provided activity. That day's book will be given away at the end of each meeting. For incoming Grades K-6.

**\*Kids Escape Rooms** – *Main Library*

**Great Garden Mix-Up: June 11 | 4:00, 5:00, or 6:00 or June 17 | 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00**  
**Operation Snack Attack: July 9 | 4:00, 5:00, or 6:00 or July 15 | 1:00, 2:00, or 3:00**  
Can you and your team solve the puzzles before time runs out? Sign up online for your spot in the challenge. June registration opens May 1, and July registration opens June 18. For incoming Grades 2-6.

6th graders can  
also attend  
Teen events!

**\*Grade 4-6 Book Club** – **June 8, June 22, July 13, & July 27 | 5:00-6:00** – *Main Library* – Discover new books, make friends, have fun. Join the group by picking up the next book at either library. For incoming Grades 4-6.

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten** – **All Year** – Help your child get ready for school and earn prizes along the way. Visit either library to join the fun!

**StoryWalk®** – **May-October** – *Peterson Park* – Enjoy a story and stroll around the park. Stories change monthly through October.

## Special Friday Events

Find more information in the Multigenerational Events section.

**Wildlife Encounters** – **June 5 | 10:30-11:30 or 6:30-7:30**

**Omaha Street Percussion** – **June 12 | 6:30-7:30**

**Midsummer Library Bash!** – **June 19 | 6:00-8:00**

**Jeff Quinn Magic Show** – **July 17 | 6:30-7:30**

## Events for Teens

Teen events are for incoming Grades 6-12 and outgoing 12th Graders, unless noted. A library card is not required to attend programs. Registration is not required unless noted (\*). Speak to a librarian or go online ([gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar)) to register.

**Teen Takeout** – **All Summer** – *Main Library* – Check the teen area for materials to create soap carvings in June and beaded animals in July.

**Teen Space** – **Mondays | 3:00-4:30** – *Main Library* – Hang out, game, craft, or just chat at these weekly hangouts.

**June** – DIY Journals, Jackbox Party Game Day, Perler Bead Trinket Boxes

**July** – Air-Dry Clay, Smash Bros Tournament, Collage, Presentation Night

**\*Summer Book Club** – **June 9 & July 7 | 12:00-1:00** – *Main Library* – Take home and read great books at this club for incoming Grades 7-12. Stop by the Main Library to pick up a copy of the book. (You get to keep it!)



# Events for Teens (cont.)

**\*Babysitting 101 – June 10 or July 14 | 10:00-3:00**  
**Main Library** – Learn to be a better babysitter with 4H. Registrants will receive 5 hours of training and leave with a babysitting kit (guidebook, activities, and first-aid supplies), skills to babysit responsibly for different age groups, and a knowledge base on the business-end of babysitting. Sponsored by the Gretna Community Foundation.

**TAB Summer Party – June 13 | 1:00-3:00**  
**Main Library** – The Teen Advisory Board invites all teens to their Summer Party! Stop in at any time to make friendship bracelets, get henna tattoos by a professional artist, and play Jackbox games. Ask about TAB and hang out! There will be snacks.

**\*Teen Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) – Main Library**  
**Group A: 6/12, 7/10 | 6:00-7:30      Group B: 6/26, 7/24 | 6:00-7:30**  
Solve puzzles, fight monsters, and go on episodic adventures. Sign up and learn more on our website: [gretnapubliclibrary.org/teen/#dnd](http://gretnapubliclibrary.org/teen/#dnd)

**Chocolate Olympics – June 16 | 12:00-1:00 – Main Library** – Join us for our fourth annual Chocolate Olympics. Complete trials and win chocolate!

**Chalk the Walk – June 23 & July 21 | 12:00-1:00 – Main Library** – Color your library’s walkway and show off your chalk creations.

**\*Bookworms Book Club – June 25 & July 30 | 4:00-5:00**  
**Main Library** – Bring your own book to this club for tweens and teens. Register and find the themes online.

**Book Club  
for Gr. 7-12**

**\*Cook from Your Garden – June 30 | 12:00-1:00 – Main Library** – Join GPL and Whispering Roots to learn knife skills and chop up some tasty salsa. Learn about gardening, and plant some seeds to take home and make salsa from your own garden! Registration required.

**\*Geocaching in the Park – July 15 | 12:00-1:00 – Peterson Park** – Hunt for virtual treasure and explore the outdoors using handheld GPS devices in this introduction to geocaching. Presented by Papio NRD.

**\*NERF War Lock-In – July 22 | 4:30-6:30 – Main Library** – It’s all or nothing in this after-hours teens-only event. Join teams or run solo as you try to survive. Snacks included after the clean up! Gear provided by Baright Public Library.

**Scrapbooking – July 28 | 12:00-1:00 – Main Library** – Create scrapbook spreads of your fav moments. Bring photos from home or use supplies here.



# Events for Adults

Outgoing 12th Graders are welcome to attend Adult events. A library card is not required to attend programs. Registration is not required unless noted (\*). Speak to a librarian or go online ([gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://gretnapubliclibrary.org/calendar)) to register.

**\*Watercolor Greeting Card – June 1 | 6:00-7:30 – Main Library**  
Learn basic watercolor and collage techniques to create an artful greeting card. We’ll be using Intuitive Creativity methods of aromatherapy, light movement, visualization, music and art creation. Registration starts May 1.



**We provide  
the books!**

**\*Book Smart Book Club – June 4 & July 2 | 6:00-7:00**  
**Main Library** – Read great books and partake in great discussions. Books are provided by the library to registered book club members.

- **June:** *The Forest of Vanishing Stars* by Kristin Harmel
- **July:** *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

**Genre Book Club – June 18 & July 16 | 6:00-7:00**  
**Main Library** – Explore new genres! Pick any book from the chosen genre of the month to read and discuss with the club, where likely every member has read a different book. Ask a librarian if you need a recommendation. No need to register.

- **June:** Urban Fantasy
- **July:** Spy Thriller

**You get to  
pick your  
own book  
to read!**

**Fiber Art Fridays – June 19 & July 17 6:00-7:30 – Main Library** – Work on your fiber art projects while enjoying the company of others. Crocheting, knitting, cross stitching, and other fiber art mediums welcomed. Just drop in.



**\*Bookbinding – July 6 | 6:00-7:30**  
**Main Library** – Assemble hand-stitched, paper-bound books in this guided craft with local book artist Kim Maher. Registration starts June 2.

 **Speak to a librarian or go to our website to find event registration.**  
*Only required if noted.*

# Multigenerational Events

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**Wildlife Encounters** – June 5 | 10:30-11:30 or 6:30-7:30

**Gretna Crossing Park Amphitheater** – Learn from these captivating animal ambassadors! All ages invited. Bring chairs or a blanket.

**Omaha Street Percussion** – June 12 | 6:30-7:30

**Gretna Crossing Park Amphitheater** – These amazing drummers can make music out of anything! Come be inspired! All ages invited. Bring chairs or a blanket.

**Midsummer Library Bash!** – June 19 | 6:00-8:00 – **Gretna Crossing Park West Shelter**

– Everyone is invited to this block party for bounce houses, bubbles, fire trucks, face painting, games, food trucks, free dessert, and more!



**\*Homemade Pickles** – June 25 | 6:00-7:00 – **Main Library**  
Learn how to make your own homemade pickles with guest experts from Whispering Roots. Suggested ages 13+.

**Music BINGO** – June 27 | 1:00-2:00 – **Gretna United Methodist Church, 11457 S. 204<sup>th</sup> St.**

– Get in the mood for some melodies and win prizes at another round of Music BINGO with the Music BINGO People! Suggested for ages 8+. Special thanks to the Gretna Community Foundation.

**Puzzle Swap** – July 11 | 1:00-3:00 – **Main Library**

– Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle, and meet other enthusiasts.



**\*Puzzle Race** – July 11 | 1:00-3:00 – **Main Library**

– Compete in teams to finish a 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours or less. Registered groups must consist of 3-4 people, one of whom is age 12+. Puzzles provided by Wayne Public Library.

**Jeff Quinn, Magician** – July 17 | 6:30-7:30 – **Gretna Crossing Park Amphitheater**

Laugh and be dazzled by Jeff Quinn's amazing magic (and silly antics)! All ages invited. Bring chairs or a blanket.



**\*Flavor & Textures** – July 20 | 6:00-7:00 – **Main Library** – Explore how salt, fat, acid, and heat affect flavor and texture while using your senses to observe changes during cooking. Presented by No More Empty Pots. Suggested ages 13+.

**\*Herbal First Aid** – July 31 | 5:30-7:00 – **Main Library**

– Learn the basics of how to use plants to support your summer health and see a live demonstration of how to make an herbal salve with City Sprouts. All participants will go home with a small salve to use for cuts, burns, bug bites, etc. Suggested ages 13+.

Don't miss this event!

# 2026 Sponsors



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