

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

Summer Learning Program 2024

Calendar & Events



Gretna Public Library

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

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

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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

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.

EVENTS

A library card is not required to attend library programs. Registration for events is not required unless noted. Speak to a librarian or go to our website to find registration.

Ongoing Programs

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

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

Guess Jar – *Main Library* – Shake the jar and put in your guess. One correct guesser gets a prize!



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

Glass Recycling - June 29 & July 27 – The last Saturday of each month, drop off emptied and cleaned glass containers at either library to be taken to a recycling center. We suggest bringing them in a recyclable bag or box.

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 Kids and Teen events.

Gretna Mini-Adventure – **Mondays | 10:30-11:15** – *Various* – Go on mini adventures with us to someplace fun in Gretna and enjoy a story and activity! Destinations listed below.

- June 3** – Urban Roots Nursery (*Main Building, closed shoes suggested*)
- June 10** – Hillcrest Silver Ridge (*Door north of Main Entrance*)
- June 17** – Gretna East High School (*Main Entrance*)
- June 24** – Gretna Crossing Park (*Nature classroom, east of YMCA*)
- July 1** – HETRA (*waiver required at entrance, closed shoes suggested*)
- July 8** – AKRS Equipment Solutions
- July 15** – Gretna Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 on Capehart Rd.
- July 22** – Chalco Hills Recreation Area (*Nature Park west of 154th St. entrance*)



Adventure 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 ages 4+.

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| June 4 – Nature Crayon Rubbings | July 2 – Nature Bookmarks |
| June 11 – Treasure Hunt | July 9 – Hot Air Balloon |
| June 18 – Watercolor Planet Mobile | July 16 – Sun Art |
| June 25 – BINGO (prizes!) | July 23 – Circle Weaving |

Events for Kids (cont.)

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* - Don't miss this storytime with lots of dancing and moving! Bring a blanket.

Choose Your Own Adventure Club - Wednesdays (except June 12) | 1:00-2:00 - *Main Library* - Help guide our adventure through a Chooseco book. Bring a pillow and chill as you listen, or keep your hands busy with a provided activity. Books will be given away at the end of each meeting. For incoming Grades 1-6.

6th graders can also attend Teen events!

Grade 4-6 Book Club - June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 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.

Family Book Club - June 17 & July 15 | 5:00-6:00 - *Main Library* - Chat about books with other reading families. Join the group by picking up the next book at either library. For incoming Grades K-5 and their families.

Special Friday Events

All special Friday events take place at the *Gretna United Methodist Church, 11457 S. 204th St.* Performances last 45-60 minutes. Please sit with your children. Suggested for Ages 3+.

Wildlife Encounters - June 7 | 10:30 or 6:30 - Learn from these captivating animal ambassadors! Please choose *one* time to attend.

Dr. Oxygen - June 21 | 6:30 - Awesome science experiments that will leave you fascinated our astounding world!

Jeff Quinn Magic Show - July 5 | 6:30 - Laugh and be dazzled by Jeff Quinn's amazing magic (and silly antics)!

Henry Doorly Zoo Show - July 19 | 10:30 or 6:30 - Exciting live animals to see and learn about! Please choose *one* time to attend.



Check Facebook or call for weather cancellations.

Events for Teens

Teen events are for incoming Grades 6-12 and outgoing 12th Graders. Outgoing seniors are also welcome at Adult events. Registration for events is not required unless noted. Speak to a librarian or go to our website to find registration.

Teen Takeout - All Summer - *Main Library* - Check the teen area for kits with materials to make various fidget toys.

Perler Beads - Mondays | 3:00-4:30 - *Main Library* Melt together Perler masterpieces at these weekly hangouts. Multi-week projects encouraged.

Events for Teens (cont.)

T² - Tuesdays | 12:00-2:00 - *Main Library* - Enjoy an activity or craft each week. Games will be available for the remaining time after each craft.



- June 2 - Rubber Duck Cosplay
- June 11 - Chocolate Olympics
- June 18 - Macramé
- June 25 - DIY Journals
- July 2 - Fantasy Mapmaking*
- July 9 - NO ACTIVITY - Button Maker available
- July 16 - Stamps & Symmetry*
- July 23 - Bad Art

Check the teen area
of the Main Library
for free activities
and swag!

*Sponsored by the MIT Media Lab's Public Library Innovation Exchange

***Summer D&D - June 14, June 28, & July 12 | 5:00-7:00**

Main Library - Band together to save the summer camp as fantasy camp counselors in this mini-D&D campaign. The first meeting will be a session zero to prepare characters and discuss expectations. **Registration required.**

***Babysitting 101 - June 12 or July 9 | 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. **Registration required.**

Bookworms Book Club - June 27 & July 25 | 4:00-5:00 - *Main Library Read and discuss great books at this club for all tweens and teens. With games, snacks, and free copies of the books! **Registration required.**

- **June:** *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga
- **July:** *The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner

Events for Adults

Registration for events is not required unless noted. Speak to a librarian or go to our website to find registration. Outgoing 12th Graders are welcome to attend Adult events.

Writer's Circle - May 23 | 5:00-7:00 - *Main Library* - Bring your prose and poetry and put it in front of other writers in our community. Get and give feedback.

Hoopla Book Club - May 30, June 27, & July 25 | 6:00-7:00 - *Main Library Read or listen to eBooks or audiobooks on Hoopla. Each meeting we will discuss the book from the month. A library card is required to use Hoopla, but not required to participate in the club's discussion.

- **May:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- **June:** *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang
- **July:** *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

Adult Board Game Night - June 3, July 1, & August 5 | 5:30-7:30 - *Main Library* - Join us for board games! Have a game you want to teach? Feel free to bring it along.

Events for Adults (cont.)

***Book Club** – June 6, July 11, & August 1 | 6:00-7:00 – *Main Library* – Read great books and partake in great discussions. Registered members are lent a free book.

- **June:** *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
- **July:** *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson
- **August:** *The Long March Home* by Tosca Lee

**We provide
the books!**

***Adult D&D** – June 7, June 21, July 5, & July 19 | 5:30-7:30 – *Main Library* Form a party of fearless adventurers to solve puzzles, fight monsters, and have fun. **Registration required.**

See to Learn: Your Child's Eyes – June 17 | 7:00-7:45 – *Main Library* – Learn about your child's vision, issues and warning signs, and how 3 year-olds can get a free eye assessment.

**A library card
is never
required so
invite a friend!**

Bookmark Making – June 19 | 2:30-3:30 – *Main Library* Make a lasting and personalized bookmark in this craft.

***Board Game Demo: Nemesis** – July 29 | 5:00-7:30

Main Library – Learn how and play this semi-cooperative, sci-fi/horror board game. **Registration required.**

Multigenerational Events

Registration for events is not required unless noted. Speak to a librarian or go to our website to find registration.

Cricut Café – June 13 & July 18 | 4:00-7:00 – *Main Library* – Walk in with something to customize using the library's Cricut cutting machine. A limited supply of cotton bags will be available. Sponsored by the Gretna Community Foundation and Katey Bremer's Memorial Fund.

***Escape Room** – June 20 | 3:00-7:00 – *Main Library* – Unravel a mystery in 25 minutes or less. For groups of 3-5 people 12+. **Registration required.**

Music BINGO – June 22 | 6:00-7:00 – *Gretna United Methodist Church* – Get in the mood for some melodies and win prizes at another round of Music BINGO with the Music BINGO People! Sponsored by the Gretna Community Foundation and Katey Bremer's Memorial Fund. Gretna United Methodist Church is at 11457 S. 204th St.

Puzzle Clique – June 29 & July 27 | 1:00-2:45 – *Main Library* – Unwind and work on a puzzle with fellow enthusiasts.

***Puzzle Race** – July 13 | 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+. **Registration required.**

International Chess Day – July 20 | 1:00-3:00

Main Library – Come play chess at the library! Casual tournament begins at 1:00, or join us for open play after the tournament starts.



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Monday

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All Month

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 StoryWalk® at Peterson Park
 Teen Takeout: Fidget Toys

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 Gretna Mini-Adventure (O)
 10:30-11:15
 Perler Beads (M)
 3:00-4:30
 Adult Board Game Night (M)
 5:30-7:30

4
 Adventure in the Park (O)
 10:30-11:30
 T²: Rubber Duck Cosplay (M)
 12:00-2:00
 Family Storytime (C)
 6:15-6:45

5
 BiblioBop Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 Choose Your Own Adventure
 Club (M)
 1:00-2:00
 Main Library closed 2:00-3:00
 for staff meeting

6
 Family Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 *Adult Book Club (M)
 6:00-7:00

7
 Wildlife Encounters (O)
 10:30-11:30
 *Adult D&D (M)
 5:30-7:30
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 6:30-7:30

8

10
 Gretna Mini-Adventure (O)
 10:30-11:15
 Perler Beads (M)
 3:00-4:30
 Grade 4-6 Book Club (M)
 5:00-6:00

11
 Adventure in the Park (O)
 10:30-11:30
 T²: Chocolate Olympics (M)
 12:00-2:00
 Family Storytime (C)
 6:15-6:45

12
 *Babysitting 101 (M)
 10:00-3:00
 BiblioBop Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 NO CYOA Club today

13
 Family Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 Cricut Café
 4:00-7:00

14
 *Summer D&D (M)
 5:00-7:00

15

17
 Gretna Mini-Adventure (O)
 10:30-11:15
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 Family Book Club (M)
 5:00-6:00
 See to Learn: Your Child's
 Eyes (M) 7:00-7:45

18
 Adventure in the Park (O)
 10:30-11:30
 T²: Macramé (M)
 12:00-2:00
 Family Storytime (C)
 6:15-6:45

19
 BiblioBop Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 Choose Your Own Adventure
 Club (M)
 1:00-2:00
 Bookmark Making (M)
 2:30-3:30

20
 Family Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 *Escape Room (M)
 3:00-7:00

21
 *Adult D&D (M)
 5:30-7:30
 Dr. Oxygen (O)
 6:30-7:30

22
 Music BINGO (O)
 6:00-7:00

24
 Gretna Mini-Adventure (O)
 10:30-11:15
 Perler Beads (M)
 3:00-4:30
 Grade 4-6 Book Club (M)
 5:00-6:00

25
 Adventure in the Park (O)
 10:30-11:30
 T²: DIY Journals (M)
 12:00-2:00
 Family Storytime (C)
 6:15-6:45

26
 BiblioBop Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 Choose Your Own Adventure
 Club (M)
 1:00-2:00

27
 Family Storytime (O)
 10:30-11:00
 *Bookwyrms Book Club (M)
 4:00-5:00
 *Hoopla Book Club (M)
 6:00-7:00

28
 *Summer D&D (M)
 5:00-7:00

29
 Puzzle Clique (M)
 1:00-2:45
 Glass Recycling
 10:00-12:00 (C),
 1:00-3:00 (M)

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