

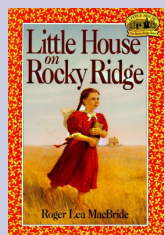


# May Events

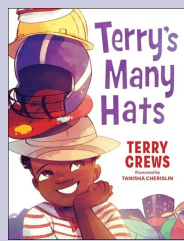
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/27 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	4/28	4/29 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	4/30	5/1	5/2
4 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	5	6 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	7 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	8	9 Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Plains
11 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	12 Board Meeting @ Plains, 6 PM	13 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland Staff Meeting Closed at 3:30 PM, both locations	14 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	15	16 STEAMClub, 11 AM @ Plains
18 Storytime, 10AM @ Plains	19	20 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland ILP Presents: R.F.Kuang @ 7 PM (virtual event)	21 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	22	23 Adult Watercolor Class, 10am-1 pm @ Plains Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Ashland Music & Movement, 11 AM @ Plains
25 CLOSED for Memorial Day	26 ABC Book Club, 6 PM @Ashland	27 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	28 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland Bookies Book Club, 7 PM at Plains	29	30

Key: Orange = For Kids Light Blue: Fun for Adults; Blue = Family Fun; Purple = For Teens; Green = Library Outreach; Black = Regularly Scheduled Programming, Red = Special Notice

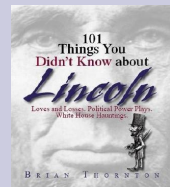
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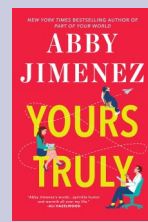
Junior Fiction



Picture Book



Non-Fiction



New Adult Romance



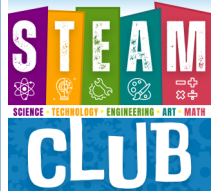
Palace Audiobook



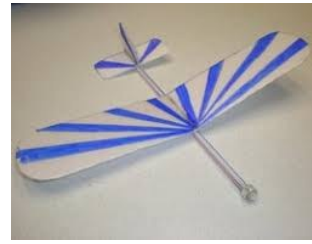
DVD




**Music & Movement: Let it Grow!**  
Sat. 5/23,  
Bring your "Little Sprouts" for some songs & play that's all about the garden!  
*Fun for ages 0-6; All are welcome.*

**STEAM CLUB**  
Paper Plate Glider Sat. 5/16  
11 am @ Plains  
Build it. Fly It. Gravity-defy-it!  
Can you design the glider that flies the farthest? Come to STEAM Club and find out!  
*Fun for grades 2nd to 6th. Younger children welcome with parent help.*



**Adult Craft: Diamond Painting Bookmark**  
Diamond painting is a combination of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers! Use an applicator to apply hundreds of sparkling resin rhinestones, one-by-one, on an adhesive, color-coded bookmark.  
Low-stress and fun! Stop in for supplies and directions!






**MAGIC THE GATHERING**  
Sat. 5/9, 11 am @ Plains  
Sat. 5/23, 11 am @ Ashland  
**New Cards! New Adventures!**  
Come check out our new decks! This creative and strategic table top game is fun for ages 12 and up, but younger players with experience in card games like Pokémon can also join. New players are always welcome.



**Did you know?** Magic The Gathering has collaborations with many other properties, the most recent being Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles— and a Marvel set is coming this summer!



**GARDEN CLUB for Kids**  
Homeschool Garden Club:  
May 7th, 2 pm @ Ashland  
Let's get in the garden! Orientation for new and returning members of the Homeschool Garden Club is on Thursday, May 7th at 2 pm. **Interested in joining?** Or, would you like to **volunteer as an individual or family** to help maintain our community garden in Ashland? **Call us or stop in at either library location.**



**AMERICA 250** Adult Watercolor Class with Carolyn Owen-Sommers  
May 23rd, 10am-1 pm, @ Plains  
Registration is now open for our upcoming watercolor class! Join us for an educational, social, and low-key adult class where you'll learn how to add depth & movement to your patriotic themed project. **Call or visit either location to register.**

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**Ashland - (217)476-3417**  
 125 W. Editor St. Ashland, IL 62612  
 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 am - 5 pm  
 Tuesday 9 am - 7 pm

**Plains - (217)626-1553**  
 555 Buckeye Rd. Pleasant Plains, IL 62677  
 Mon. - Wed. & Fri. 9 am-5 pm  
 Thursday 9 am - 7 pm

**Both Locations: Saturdays 10am-1 pm, CLOSED ON SUNDAYS**



# At Your Library

## Congratulations to Lucy, May PSPLD Kid Librarian!



Say hello to **Lucy Good**, our **Kid Librarian for May!** Lucy is an avid reader and lover of the outdoors. She enjoys playing in the woods, at the creek, or in the treehouse on their property. She says there is something she enjoys about playing outside in every season!

Lucy is 9 years old and is in 4th grade. She homeschools with her brother, Henry. They are looking forward to welcoming a new sibling in August!

Fantasy and adventure stories are her favorite reads! She is currently devouring the *Harry Potter* series. When she is not reading, Lucy loves to bake, whittle with her Leatherman tool, and camp. She also studies the martial art, jujitsu, and has achieved her yellow belt.

For every Kid Librarian we add a new book or resource to our shelves. Lucy loves mythology and fantasy books, so she suggested *The Wingfeather Saga*, by Andrew Peterson. We're excited to add this new series our library shelves!



**Do you know a child that loves reading & the library?** Let us know. We'd like to honor them as a Kid (or Teen) Librarian!



## Summer Reading Begins June 1st



**Registration and Kick-off: 6/1, at 10 am in Plains, 6/3 at 10 am in Ashland.** Meet our special guest, **Llama Llama** at the Library!

**June 8th—July 18th:** Each week join us for Crafts, STEAM, Storytime, and Food Stations: Every Monday (Plains) and Wednesday (Ashland): 10 am - 11:30.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**  
**Selfie with Lincoln Facebook Challenge,** June 1—July 18th. Post a selfie at 8 of 20 historic Lincoln sites to enter for a Prize Basket.



**Tye Dye A Tee Shirt:** June 8th (Plains) and June 10th (Ashland). 10 —11:30 am

**Quilting: A Hands-on History (for Kids),** Sat. 6/20 at 11 am in Plains. Registration required.

**Tater Tots! Music & Family Fun,** Sat. 6/27 at Ashland Summer Days after the parade.

**Wild Times Exotics Animal Show,** Tues. 6/30 at 11:45 am in Ashland.

**Midsummer Prize Giveaway,** June 27th!  
**Grand Prize Drawing,** July 18th!

## Caregivers Corner

**Family Gardening with Young Children: Quick Tips for Parents and Caregivers**  
Gardening is a simple and meaningful way for families with young children to spend time together outdoors. Even very young children can participate in small ways that support curiosity, early learning, and healthy habits. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, time spent outdoors exploring nature supports children's physical activity, emotional well-being, and development.

### Simple Ways Young Children Can Help

**Infants (0–12 months):** Babies can enjoy the garden through safe sensory experiences. Lay a blanket in the shade while gardening and let them observe colors, plants, and movement. Talk about what you are doing ("I'm watering the flowers"), which supports early language development.

**Toddlers (1–3 years):** Toddlers love to help! Try simple tasks such as: watering plants with a small watering can, digging in soil with child-safe tools, placing seeds in small holes, or filling containers with soil. These are great activities to help build coordination and confidence.

**Preschoolers (3–5 years):** Preschoolers can take on "garden jobs," such as planting seeds and labeling plants, helping harvest vegetables or herbs, checking if plants need water, and washing vegetables before meals. The U.S. Department of Agriculture notes that gardening helps children learn responsibility and understand where food comes from.

### Some Tips for Success

Choose quick sprouting plants such as lettuce, beans, or radishes.

Use child-safe tools and supervise closely.

Keep activities short and fun.

Celebrate small discoveries—discovering worms, a blooming flower, or a sprouting seed!

### Visit our Community Garden

Not the right time to garden at home? Our Community Garden is open to all! Bring your child to visit our flower garden, and stop in to see the new plants growing in our vegetable garden. Join our Homeschool Garden Club or volunteer to water and weed our gardens.

Read the full blog post and find links to helpful resources at [www.pspld.com/blog](http://www.pspld.com/blog).

## AMERICA Celebrating the Story of America!

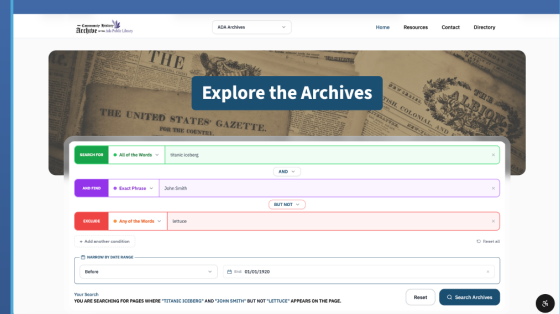


Prairie Skies is celebrating the historic 250th anniversary of the birth of our nation with a bang!

This month, sign up for our **Patriotic-themed Watercolor Class on May 23rd from 10 am to 1 pm.** And, we'll begin our **IlVoices 250 Recording Project.** Patrons can record personal histories, family memories, and local lore. With these diverse stories, reflections, and memories from our community and across the state, Illinois Voices 250 will create a lasting record that will be preserved in a special collection at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.

**On June 20th at 11 am in Plains,** don't miss **Quilting: A Hands-on History** with Larry and Paula Boehme. Kids will decorate a quilt square and "tie on" as they learn about the history and the art of quilting.

## Coming Soon... A new upgrade



**Advantage Archives**  
Bringing the Past Into the Present

## Around Your Town

### Ashland

Village Hall is a UPS Access Point! For information, please call 217-416-3317.

### Pleasant Plains

**Clayville Hammer-In and Chuckwagon, May 2-3rd,** Live music, living history, blacksmithing. Free entry, Chuckwagon meal tickets \$12 at [www.clayville.org](http://www.clayville.org) or \$15 at the event.

**PPCC Drive Through Sloppy Joe Dinner Fundraiser: May 11th, 4:30—6:30 pm** \$12 suggested donation. Text 217-801-6424 for tickets.

### Pleasant Plains, cont'd

**Village Board Meeting, May 13th, 7 pm @ Village Hall.** Open to the public.

**Pleasant Plains Community Club Meeting, May 5th, 6:30pm,** @ the Community Club Building.

**Village of Pleasant Plains 150th Celebration, June 6th, 10 am - 2 pm.** Bounce House, Meet the Trucks, Car Show, and food/merchandise from local vendors.

**Plains City Wide Garage Sale, June 13th 7am—2 pm,** contact Village Hall to sign up.

**Community event or announcement?** Please email your announcement or flyer to Jennifer Nass at [pspldnass@yahoo.com](mailto:pspldnass@yahoo.com).

