



# Prairie Times

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## Summer Reading: Read, Renew, Repeat! June 3rd – July 13th

This year's Summer Reading Program focuses on conservation and renewal! With each weekly theme we'll explore our world, expand our knowledge, and make connections between healthy habits and a healthy planet.

**Registration Begins June 3rd:** Sign up on the day or any day afterward!

### Family Fun, 10am–noon, Mondays (Plains) & Wednesdays (Ashland):

Find something for the whole family! Enjoy six weeks of themed activities: Story Time, Crafts, STEAM Club, and our **NEW Mini-Cooking Class, featuring kid-friendly treats to make and eat.**

### Don't Miss these 2 Saturday Entertainers!



6/22 @ Ashland: Wild Times Exotic Animal Show (after the parade)



6/8 @ 11 am in Plains: Absolute Science Fantastic Foam Show

**Mobile Library Returns!** Meet us on Thursdays from 4-6pm at Gardner Township Hall to pick up items you requested and find new books and DVD's.

**Nature Programs at Camp!** Join us at 6pm in the Pavilion near the playground at Jim Edgar Campground on 6/15, 6/29, & 7/13.



### Table Top Gaming: 1st and 3rd Thursdays Pleasant Plains, 5:30–7pm

**May 2nd:** Royal/Regency Themed Games...Wear Your Tiara!

**May 16th:** It's Your Turn: Player's Choice!



11–11:30 am,  
2nd & 4th  
Saturdays  
5/11 @ Ashland  
5/25 @ Plains

**Let's GROW! Sing, dance, and play to music about gardening & growing!** This music-focused program is fun for ages 0-6; all are welcome. Please note: Music & Movement will take a break in June & July.

### STEAM Club Saturday\* Sat. 5/11, 11 am @ Pleasant Plains



Join the Hands-On Fun! Great for kids ages 7-12, younger children welcome with parent help.

\*STEAM on Saturdays takes a break in June & July.



### USB Retro Game Console 11 am, Sat. 5/18 @ Plains

Love retro video games? Bring a USB and learn how to create a portable console to plug & play into any computer!

### Finals Café is...



### On the Menu:

- Solo or Group Study
- Refreshments
- Free Wi-Fi
- Computer Services

Ashland: May 13-18, after school to closing.  
Plains: May 21-28, after school to closing.



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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:** Saturday 10am—1 pm, CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

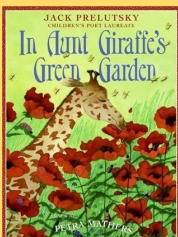
# May Events @



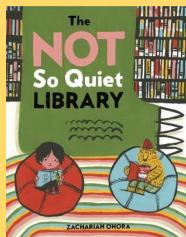
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4/29 Story Time, @Plains, 10AM	4/30	1 Senior Time Out @ Ashland, 9:15 AM  Story Time, @Ashland, 10AM	2 Tabletop Gaming @Plains, 5:30-7 PM	3	4 Bridgerton Tea @ Plains, 11 AM
5 CLOSED	6 Story Time, @Plains, 10AM	7	8 Senior Time Out @ Ashland, 9:15 AM  Story Time, @Ashland, 10AM	9	10	11 Music & Movement @ Ashland, 11-11:30AM  STEAM Club @ Plains, 11AM
12 CLOSED	13 Story Time, @Plains, 10AM  Finals Café @ Ashland, 2:30p to Close	14 Board Meeting @ Plains, 6 PM  Finals Café @ Ashland, 2:30p to Close	15 Senior Time Out @ Ashland, 9:15 AM  Story Time, @Ashland, 10AM <b>STAFF MEETING Both Locations Closed @ 3:30PM</b>  Finals Café @ Ashland, 2:30p to Close	16 Tabletop Gaming @Plains, 5:30-7 PM  Finals Café @ Ashland, 2:30p to Close	17 Finals Café @ Ashland, 2:30p to Close	18 Tech Club @ Plains, 11 AM  Finals Café @ Ashland, 10 am—1 pm
19 CLOSED	20 Story Time, @Plains, 10AM	21 Finals Café @Plains, 2:30p to Close	22 Senior Time Out @ Ashland, 9:15 AM  Story Time, @Ashland, 10AM  Finals Café @Plains, 2:30p to Close	23 Bookies Book Club @ Plains, 7 PM  Finals Café @Plains, 2:30p to Close	24 Finals Café @ Plains, 2:30p to Close	25 Music & Movement @ Plains, 11-11:30AM  Finals Café @ Plains, 10 am to Close
26 CLOSED	27 <b>CLOSED For Memorial Day</b>	28 Ashland Book Club @ Ashland, 6PM  Finals Café @ Plains, 2:30p to Close	29 Senior Time Out @ Ashland, 9:15 AM  Story Time, @Ashland, 10AM  Finals Café @ Plains, 2:30p to Close	30	31	

Key: Orange = Kid's Programming; Red = Special Notice, Yellow = Fun for Adults; Blue = Family Entertainment; Purple = Teen Activities; Green = Library Outreach; Black = Regularly Scheduled Programming

## Staff Picks for May



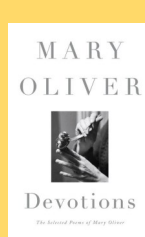
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Young Adult



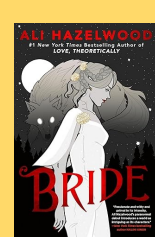
Poetry



DVD



Non-fiction



Libby Audiobook



Fiction