



August Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/27 No Storytime	7/28	7/29 No Storytime	7/30 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	7/31	8/1
3 Storytime 10 AM @ Plains	4	5 Storytime, 10 AM @ Ashland	6 Homeschool Garden Club: Garden Party! 2 PM @ Ashland	7	8 Kid's Market 10 AM to Noon, @ Ashland Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Plains Preschool Nature, 11 AM @ Plains
10 Storytime 10 AM @ Plains	11 Board Meeting @ Ashland, 6 PM	12 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland Staff Meeting Closed at 3:30 PM, both locations	13	14	15 STEAM Club, 11 AM @ Plains
17 Storytime 10 AM @ Plains	18	19 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	20	21	22 Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Ashland Music & Movement, 11 AM @ Plains
24 Storytime 10 AM @ Plains	25 ABC Book Club, 6 PM @ Ashland	26 Storytime 10 AM @ Ashland	27 Bookies Book Club 7 PM @ Plains	28	29
31 Storytime 10 AM @ Plains					

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

Read and Watch This!



Junior Fiction



Picture Book



Graphic Novel



DVD



Libby Audiobook



Non-fiction



Summer Reading Celebrates YOU!

Thank you for a fun summer of reading and discovery! We crafted, quilted, played games, engaged in cool science stuff, made tasty snacks, met some exotic animals, heard how Tater Tots rock, and learned a little about our nation's history each week. And...we worked on our reading goals together: **183 kids took part in this year's Summer Reading Program! Thank you for making READING a part of your summer!**

A special thank you to our volunteers, library staff, and our local business sponsors!

Kid's Market, August 8th, 10 am @ Ashland

A hands-on, real-life learning opportunity!

Does your child like to craft, make slime, or create handmade items?

Join our Kid's Market!

Here's how:

- Register to book a spot at the Market, call either location or stop in!
- Set up your table and wares in our Community Garden.
- Invite your family and friends to shop!

You can also enjoy live music, an art activity, and browse our library book sale!



Preschool Nature: Fossil Dig: Sat. 8/8, 11 am @ Plains

Stories, songs, and a nature lesson for your little sprouts!. Get ready to explore, get dirty, and learn about FOSSILS! This program is fun for ages 3-5, but all are welcome.



Reality = Back to School; Fantasy = Magic the Gathering!



MAGIC
THE GATHERING

Sat. 8/8, 11 am @ Plains

Sat. 8/22, 11 am @ Ashland

Escape reality...fantasy and fun await!

This program is for kids ages 12 and up. All are welcome.



Every-BODY Can Make Music!

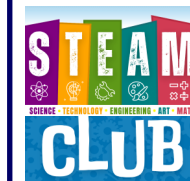
Sat. 8/22, 11 am @ Plains

This program is for every-BODY!

Catch the rhythm with toe taps, hand claps, knee slaps, and more!

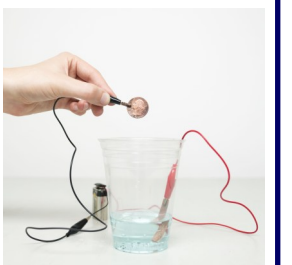


This program is fun for ages 0-6; all are welcome.



Sat. 8/15, 11 am @ Plains
Copper Plating Coins

This cool experiment combines old coins, batteries, and basic household items to learn how electroplating works!



Fun for grades 2nd to 6th. Younger children welcome with parent help.



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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

Solar Panel Beautification Project is Complete!

Next time you visit the Pleasant Plains library, take a peek at the new landscaping surrounding our solar panels. Eagle Scout candidate, Toby Nass Helfer, and a crew of family, friends, and scouts from Troop 210 in Springfield completed this service project on May 30th. Toby spent a total of 15 hours leveling ground, moving rock, and setting edging stones. He said, "Our labor hours were significantly less because of the help of PSPLD Board member, Jon Klepzig, and his front-end loader. His help really made the project go smoothly."



Photos, left to right: 1. Toby with one more brick to finish! 2. Jon and his front loader delivered rocks to scouts with shovels and rakes. 3. Troop 210 Scouts, leaders, and friends pause for a photo in front of the completed project.

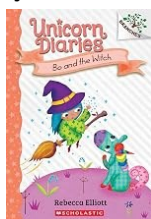


Congratulations to Charlotte, Kid Librarian for August!

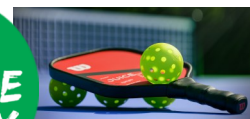
Charlotte knows her way around the Ashland Library—she's been visiting regularly since she was very little! One of her favorite spots is the Graphic Novel section. Check out her display for some of her favorite graphic novels (so far)! She also loves learning about big cats and orcas and enjoys chapter books like the *Little House Adventures of Laura and Jack* and the *Wild Robot* series.

Charlotte is 8 years old. This month she begins 3rd grade at A-C Central Elementary School. Charlotte loves animals, and her family has lots of animals to love: 2 cats, 2 dogs, a bunch of chickens and 1 duck! This summer she's been swimming in the pool, helping in the garden and READING. She'd like to try out for volleyball this school year and play softball again in the spring.

For every Kid Librarian we add a new book or resource to our shelves. Charlotte asked for *Bo and the Witch*, by Rebecca Elliot, a part of the Unicorn Diaries Series. We're excited to add this book to our collection!



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



Summer's Almost Over...

Have YOU Played Pickleball Yet?

Check out one of our pickleball sets, and get on the courts!

Thanks to **West Central Insurance** for donating these sets to our Library of Things!



Have you tried Rubbed Sage?

Pick up your Rubbed Sage sample, info sheet and recipes this month. Spice up your cooking with Rubbed Sage!

Rubbed sage is produced by gently crumbling dried sage leaves and sifting them to create a soft, fluffy texture. Used primarily for its medicinal and religious properties in antiquity, sage became a prominent everyday cooking ingredient in the 16th century.



Building Healthy Routines at Home

As summer winds down, we start to think about the "school schedule." Aside from backpacks, supplies, or new shoes, help your kids get ready for school by creating and practicing healthy routines. A healthy routine includes a balance of enough sleep, active play, quiet rest, chores, homework, and family connection. You may already know that your kids do better with daily routines. Here's some information to help you create predictable,

balanced, and realistic routines!

Start with sleep. Children ages 6–12 generally need 9–12 hours of sleep each night, and teens ages 13–18 need 8–10 hours. A steady bedtime and wake time (even on the weekends, when possible), a calming bedtime routine, and some screen-free time before bed can help children settle down and sleep well.

Balance movement and rest. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day for children and adolescents ages 6–17. This can include sports, walking, biking, dancing, playground time, or active family chores. Quiet time is equally important. Reading, drawing, music, puzzles, or calm independent play help children reset after busy school days.

Help Around the Home. Chores help children build responsibility and see themselves as contributing members of the family. Simple, consistent jobs such as clearing dishes, feeding pets, putting away laundry, taking out trash, or helping with meals can become part of the weekly rhythm and routine. Working together to complete chores can also become a low-key way to connect while unloading the dishwasher or walking the dog.

Homework Habits. For homework, a predictable time and place can help kids focus on their tasks. Some children need a snack and movement break first; others work best right away. Parents can help by asking children to name what work needs to be done, to choose a starting point, and to take short breaks during longer assignments.

Keep in mind, building healthy routines is about consistency and progress, not perfection. Discover what works best for each child and your family as a whole and tailor a routine that balances rest, play, and responsibility.

For the full blog post, visit www.pspld.com/blog. **Sources:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Sleep in Middle and High School Students; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Child Activity Guidelines; American Academy of Pediatrics/HealthyChildren.org: Family Media Plan; American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Chores and Children.

Around Your Town

Ashland

Village Board Meeting, August 12th, 6 pm @ Village Hall. Open to the public.

Meal Starter Kits for Families in Need, available at the Ashland Library and provided by volunteers of the Ashland Food Pantry. Contains shelf stable ingredients and directions for cooking. Free to those in need.

Village Wide Garage Sale: Sept 19th, Village Clean up Days: 9/26. Call Village Hall to register at 217-476-3317.

Pleasant Plains

Village Board Meeting, August 12th, 7 pm @ Village Hall. Open to the public.

Pleasant Plains Community Club School Supply Drive, July 13th—August 13th. Drop off new or gently used supplies, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. at both Library locations, INB Bank, or the Pleasant Plains Community Building.

Clayville Fall Festival, Sept. 19-20th, 9 am—4 pm Civil war reenactors, live music, children's activities, craft & food vendors, and more. Free admission; donations welcome.

Community event or announcement? Please email your announcement or flyer to Jennifer Nass at pspldnass@yahoo.com.

