

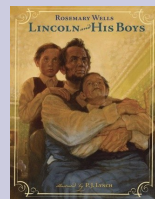


# July Events

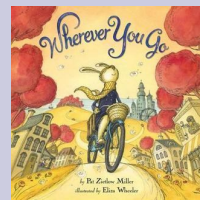
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/29 Summer Reading Stations: 1950's, 10AM @ Plains	6/30 Wild Times Exotics 11:45 AM @ Ashland	7/1 Summer Reading Stations: 1950's, 10 AM @ Ashland	2 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	3 CLOSED for Independence Day	4 CLOSED for Independence Day
6 Summer Reading Stations: 1980's, 10 AM @ Plains	7 Period Party for Girls w/Cass County Health Dept., 10 AM	8 Summer Reading Stations: 1980's, 10 AM @ Ashland	9 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	10 Preschool Nature, 11 AM @ Plains	11 Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Plains Porch Goose Closet Build Party, 11 AM to noon @ Ashland
13 Summer Reading Stations, 250th Birthday Bash, 10AM @ Plains	14 Board Meeting @ Plains, 6 PM	15 Summer Reading Stations, 250th Birthday Bash, 10AM @ Ashland Staff Meeting Closed at 3:30 PM, both locations	16 Homeschool Garden Club: Field Trip, meet 2 PM @ Ashland	17 STEAM Club, 11 AM @ Plains Kid's Market: Business Plan, Drop-in Class, 10AM-1PM @ Plains	18 Reading Logs Due, Grand Prize Drawing
20 No Storytime	21 Kid's Market: Business Plan, Drop-in Class, 5-7 PM @ Ashland	22 No Storytime	23 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	24 No Storytime	25 No Storytime
27 No Storytime	28 ABC Book Club, 6 PM @ Ashland	29 No Storytime	30 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	31 No Storytime	8/1 No Storytime

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!



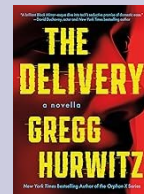
Junior Fiction



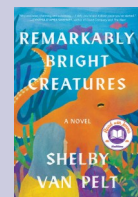
Picture Book



Romantasy



Novella



Palace Audiobook



DVD



**Summer Reading Wraps Up July 18th!**  
Join us for 3 more weeks of fun and a Big Birthday Bash!

July 1st—July 18th: Summer Reading Stations: Crafts, STEAM, Storytime, and Food Stations: Every Monday (Plains) and Wednesday (Ashland): 10 am - 11:30.

**Congratulations to our Mid Summer Prize Giveaway Winners! They picked up passes to Kidszeum, Splash Kingdom, or Knight's Action Mini-Golf.**

**July 13th & 15th—250th Birthday Bash! Celebrate America's Birthday!**

**Reading Logs Due & Grand Prize Drawing, July 18th!**



**Kid's Garden Club: Thursdays, 2 pm @ Ashland, July 2nd—Aug 6**

**See how our Garden is growing! Join us this month:**  
July 2nd: Watering (no lesson) | July 9th Caterpillars | July 16th: Field Trip! | July 23rd: Deadheading | July 30th: Watering (no lesson) | Aug. 6th: Garden Party!  
*New families are always welcome. Please join us!*

**Too Hot Outside? It's Cool in Here!**

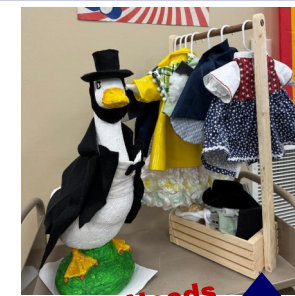
Sat. 7/11, 11 am @ Plains  
Escape the heat! Try out this COOL tabletop gaming adventure at the library!



**Adult Craft: Patriotic Pen**

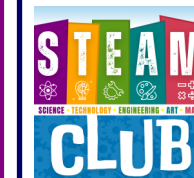
Available all month while supplies last. Stop in either location to create your pen or take supplies home! *Let Freedom "Bling!"*

**Porch Goose Closet Build!**  
Sat. 7/11, 11am @ Ashland  
Cost: \$10 for Supplies  
Build a simple closet to store (and display) the seasonal attire of your fashionable Porch Goose!



**Your Goose Needs a Closet!**

**Please register:** call either location or email pskiesld@gmail.com. This is a program for adults. Class limit of 10.



Sat. 7/18, 11 am @ Pleasant Plains  
**DIY Firework Sugar Snakes!**



*Don't try this at home...try it at the Library instead!*  
You've got to see it to believe it!

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

**Preschool Nature Program: Sat. 7/11, 11 am @ Plains**

Bring your preschooler for a stories, songs, and a nature lesson with Ben. Get ready to explore, get dirty, and learn serious nature topics! This program is fun for ages 3-5, but all are welcome.



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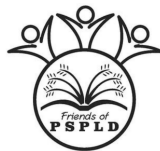
**Ashland - (217)476-3417**  
125 W. Editor St. Ashland, IL 62612  
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9 am - 5 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 7 pm

**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

### Friends of the Library receive 2026 Best Friend Award



Prairie Skies Public Library District awarded the Best Friend Award to our Friends of the Library volunteer group this past June. The group served the library for 8 years offering fundraising support for our Summer Reading program and community events in both Ashland and Pleasant Plains. They also sponsored community assistance programs at the library over the years such as a mitten tree

and angel trees. Cindy Boehlke, Library Director had this to say about the Friends group, "We appreciate their partnership with PSPLD in making our library a welcoming community hub, and their advocacy for the importance of libraries in rural communities."



### 2nd Chance to Celebrate: A Period Party for Girls!

Wed. July 8th, 10 am @ Ashland (stop in during Summer Reading)

Prairie Skies PLD and Cass County Health Department are to partnering to provide a safe and educational environment to help your young adult feel comfortable — and even empowered — by the changes that puberty brings. Getting your period can feel embarrassing or even scary...help us reframe and reclaim this rite of passage for girls! **Join the Party on July 8th!**



### Special Thanks to Scout Alex Trace!



This May, Eagle Scout candidate, Alex Trace, built, assembled and delivered two new raised garden beds for our community garden in Ashland. Alex is a member of Troop 113 in Jacksonville, IL. This service to our library was his Eagle Scout Project. These sturdy garden beds are getting good use by our Kid's Garden Club!

### Celebrate the Story of America: Record Your Story with Illinois Voices 250!

This month, bring your loved ones and friends to our **IL Voices 250 Recording Project**. You 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.



### Congratulations to Lyla, July Kid Librarian!



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to our July Kid Librarian, Lyla Cassiday, who turns 4 in July! Lyla will be starting preschool at Farmingdale Elementary in the Fall.

Lyla is enjoying summer with her big sister, Kara (our June Kid Librarian). They like to color, do crafts, and build with Playdough. She also likes to help mom cook, and she can make lemonade all by herself. She loves to listen to the *Pinkalicious* stories that Kara reads aloud. She also loves Look & Find books and stories about superheroes, especially Ghost Spider. Lyla recently started a gymnastics class where she is learning to do some really cool moves on the mat and the bar. Her favorite place to visit is Bounce Tag, and she also enjoys riding horses at the family farm.



For every Kid Librarian we add a new book or resource to our shelves. Lyla asked for a **Ghost Spider Tonie**. We're excited to add this superhero to our Tonie Collection!

### Kid's Market: Making a Business Plan



Does your child like to craft, make slime or create handmade items? How about selling these at our **Kid's Market on Aug. 8th**? Help your budding entrepreneur take the first step with our July programs covering the **Basics of a Business Plan on 7/18 from 10am-1pm in Plains or 7/21 from 5-7 pm in Ashland**. Drop-in anytime during those hours for a quick tutorial then get going on bringing your idea to life! **A great hands-on, real-life learning opportunity!**



### Learning Through Play: Quick Literacy Games

Vroom.org is a great resource for quick ways to engage your young child in learning through play. The print-at-home tip sheets include a mix of Vroom Brain Building Activities™ for children ages 0-5. Here's a few for you to try. **It's All New (0-12 months):** Almost everything is new to your child in their first year. So describe what you see. "There goes the yellow school bus. Beep, beep!" Let them see, hear, smell, and even touch things, if possible.

**Pointer Power (18 mos—2 years):** While you're with your child watch what catches their eye. Point to things you see and say what they are. "There's a black bird and he's flying!" or "The little girl is jumping." Watch where they're looking and say what it is.

**Delicious Descriptions (12 months to 2 years):** When shopping with your child, point out what you see. Use lots of different words to talk about the taste of different foods. Maybe you could say, "There are some juicy, sweet oranges," or "I bet those yellow lemons are sour!" Follow their lead and talk about what they point and look at.

**Picture Detective (2—4 years):** Encourage your child to be a picture detective. Look at a picture in a book or magazine. It can even be in a newspaper or in an ad on a bus or train. Talk about the picture together. Can you find certain objects? Ask questions like, "Look at that boy's face. How do you think he feels?"

## Around Your Town

### Ashland

Ashland Fireworks Display, July 4th, Begins at Dusk

### Pleasant Plains, cont'd

Village Board Meeting, July 8th, 7 pm @ Village Hall. Open to the public.

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

