

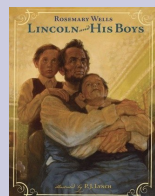


# June Events

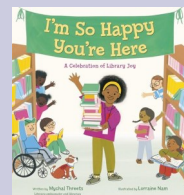
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/1 Summer Reading Kick-off, Meet Llama Llama 10AM @ Plains	2	3 Summer Reading Kick-off, Meet Llama Llama 10 AM @ Ashland	4 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	5	6 Plains 150th Celebration: Community Mural Project, 10AM-2PM @ Plains Community
8 Summer Reading Stations, Tye-Dye Event, 10AM @ Plains	9 Board Meeting @ Ashland, 6 PM	10 Summer Reading Stations, Tye Dye Event, 10 AM @ Ashland Staff Meeting Closed at 3:30 PM, both locations	11 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	12	13 Magic the Gathering, 11 AM @ Plains Preschool Nature Program, 11 am @ Ashland
15 Summer Reading Stations, Lincoln Week, 10AM @ Plains	16 Period Party for Girls, 10 AM @Ashland	17 Summer Reading Stations, Lincoln Week, 10 AM @ Ashland	18 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland Porch Goose Painting Party, 3-7PM @ Plains	19 CLOSED for Juneteenth	20 STEAM Club, 11 AM @ Plains Quilting: Hands-on History, 11 am @ Plains
22 Summer Reading Stations, 1920's, 10AM @ Plains	23	24 Summer Reading Stations, 1920's, 10 AM @ Ashland	25 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland Bookies Book Club, 7 PM @ Plains	26	27 Tater Tots Music, 10:30 am @Ashland (after Summer Days parade) Drawing for Mid-Summer Prize Giveaway
29 Summer Reading Stations, 1950's 10AM @ Plains	30 Wild Times Exotics 11:45 AM @ Ashland ABC Book Club, 6 PM @ Ashland	7/1 Summer Reading Stations, 1950's 10 AM @ Ashland	7/2 Homeschool Garden Club, 2 PM @ Ashland	7/3	7/4 CLOSED for Independence Day

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



Manga



Short Stories



Libby Audiobook



DVD



## 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 after Summer Days Parade (approx. 10:30 am).

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

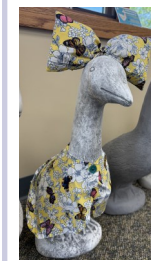
**Midsummer Prize Giveaway**, June 27th!

**Grand Prize Drawing**, July 18th!



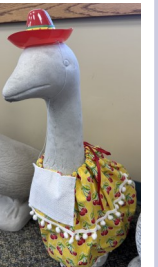
**Porch Goose Painting Party!**  
Thurs. 6/18, 3-7 pm\* @ Plains  
\$70 for Goose and Supplies

**Paint a Goose & Make an Outfit!**



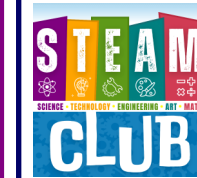
\*Two Sessions: 3-5 pm and 5-7pm. While the paint dries on your goose, make a no-sew dress or cape with a bow. Go home with a fashionably dressed Porch Goose!

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



**Spice up your Summer Menu with Tumeric!**

Pick up your free sample and info sheet along with two recipes to try: **Lemony Tumeric Tea Cake** and **Tumeric Chicken**.



**STEAM Club Recap, Sat. 6/20, 11 am @ Pleasant Plains**

Experience some of the fun and super cool projects from our weekly Summer Reading Stations! A great option for those that can't make our weekday STEAM station. Or, a fun way to catch up on a project you might have missed!

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



**Kid's Garden Club: Thursdays in June, 2 pm @ Ashland**

Let's Get in the Garden! Here's this month's schedule:

June 4th: Watering (no lesson) June 11th: Bees June 18th: Field Trip! June 25th: Rabbits

New families are always welcome. Please join us!



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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

**Thank You Friends of the Library!**  
 PSPLD Friends of the Library volunteer organization is retiring as of June 1st. Prairie Skies PLD would like to recognize their many years of support and their commitment to improving our library and our community.



**Thank you so much!**



**Quilting: A Hands On History for Kids**  
**Sat. June 20th 11 am @ Plains**  
 Join Larry and Paula Boehme for an informative and hands-on program. Kids will decorate a small quilt and “tie on” as they learn about the history and the art of quilting.

See examples of different quilt styles. Check out books on quilting. Take home your own tiny quilt! **Registration is required. Please call either location or stop in to register. Class limit of 12. This event for children ages 6 & up.**

**Celebrate: A Period Party for Girls!**  
**Tuesday, June 16th, 10 am @ Ashland**  
 Prairie Skies PLD and Cass County Health Department are partnering to provide a safe and educational environment — 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!

**Preschool Nature Program: Saturday, June 13th, 11 am @ Ashland**  
 Join us for a NEW Storytime adventure with our newest Storytime leader, Ben Banach! Ben’s enthusiasm and curiosity for the outdoors will inspire your little one as they explore aspects of nature through stories, hands-on activities, and observations. This event is for children ages 3-5, but all are welcome.



**Congratulations to Kara, June Kid Librarian!**  
 Meet our first Kid Librarian of the summer— Kara Cassiday, **Kid Librarian for June!**



Kara is 6 years old and is in 1st grade at Farmingdale Elementary. She loves to practice her reading with the Easy Reader *Pinkalicious* books. But she also loves being read to. *How to Catch a Unicorn*, *How to Catch a Mermaid*, and *Invasion of the Unicorns* are current favorites as well as ANY of the *Pinkalicious* picture books!

At home, Kara enjoys playing outside with her little sister on the swing set or playing hide and seek. Their family also includes 2 dogs and 4 cats! Kara’s favorite food is ice cream, and she loves the colors pink and black. She enjoys ballet and is excited to start Taekwondo lessons this summer.

For every Kid Librarian we add a new book or resource to our shelves. Kara asked for two new *Pinkalicious* Easy Readers so she can practice her reading: *Pinkalicious Mini-a-Pama* and *School Rules!*



**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!




**Don’t miss our June Meet-up!**  
**Sat. 6/13, 11 am @ Plains**

**MAGIC THE GATHERING**

**Too busy during school to make some Magic happen?** Try it out this summer!

**Did you know?** Some cards can transform! Some cards have two sides which start on one side and “transform” to the other. This game mechanic was prevalent in Lorwyn: Eclipsed. When traveling between Lorwyn (Day) and Shadowmoor (Night), creatures transform into different beings!

**Caregivers Corner** Making Vacations Relaxing and Family-Focused

Family vacations with young children can be joyful and memorable when they are planned with simplicity and flexibility in mind. Parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers often find that the most relaxing trips focus on connection, routine, and child-friendly activities rather than busy schedules.

**Choose family-friendly destinations.** Look for places that offer safe outdoor space, playgrounds, beaches, parks, or nature trails. Locations where children can move, explore, and play freely help everyone relax. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that young children benefit from environments that support exploration and predictable routines.

**Keep the daily schedule simple.** Instead of planning many activities each day, focus on one or two highlights and allow time for naps, snacks, and free play. Young children often need breaks to recharge. The child development organization Zero to Three suggests flexible travel schedules to reduce stress for children— and parents, too!

**Maintain familiar routines.** Keeping consistent sleep times, meal routines, and bedtime rituals helps children feel secure while traveling. Bringing familiar comfort items—like a favorite blanket, stuffed animal, or bedtime book—can make a new place feel more comfortable.

**Invite children to participate.** Even young children enjoy helping with simple choices. Let them pick a park to visit, help pack snacks, or choose a family activity for the day. Involving children builds excitement and cooperation.

**Focus on time together.** Simple moments—walking on the beach, exploring a park, or sharing meals—often become the most meaningful vacation memories. With thoughtful planning and flexibility, family vacations can be relaxing, low-stress opportunities to reconnect and enjoy time together.

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

# Around Your Town

**Ashland**

**Ashland Summer Days: June 26th & 27th** Fri. 6/26, 6—11 pm. Food, Drinks and Live Music, Sat. 6/27, 9am—11pm. Parade, Food, Events on the Main Stage, Family Entertainment, and Live Music. Visit Facebook for a full schedule of events.



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

**Pleasant Plains, cont’d**

**Village Board Meeting, June 10th, 7 pm @ Village Hall.** Open to the public.

**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.

