



# Prairie Times

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## Summer Reading: Don't Miss the Fun!

Just 2 more weeks of free events and programs!

**"Read To" Stations, 10am–noon, each Mon. (Plains) & Wed. (Ashland):** Join us for Story Time, Crafts, STEAM Club, and our **NEW Mini-Cooking Class, featuring kid-friendly treats to make and eat.**

**Mike Anderson, Storyteller on 7/13:** Catch the last of our family fun entertainment at the Ashland library at 11 am. And, turn in your final reading logs!

**Nature Program: Reptiles on 7/13!** Join us at 6pm in the Pavilion near the playground at Jim Edgar Campground.

**Reading Logs due 7/13!** Turn in your reading log pages to claim your special prizes and be eligible for the Grand Prize Drawings for each age group. Good Luck and Happy Reading!



## Family Fun Foodies

**(Kids & Caregivers Cooking Class)  
Sat. 7/6, 11 am, Pleasant Plains**



What's on the menu? Savor the flavors of summer with **Tomato, Peach & Corn Salad** and **Peach Pound Cake**. All tools and ingredients included. You take home the treats and the tools!

**Register Today!**

**Call 217-626-1553 or 214-476-3417.**

**Classes limited to 6 families.**

## Prairie Skies Goes Solar

It's hard to miss the new Solar Panels on the south lawn of the Pleasant Plains library!

Wind Solar USA out of Springfield began construction on the panels in early June. Curious about the project? Visit our website or Social Media for a "slide show" explaining the installation.



The project was paid for by the library with additional help from tax incentives. Director Cindy Boelhke said, "Our Board's fiscally responsible approach allowed us to reserve these funds and put them to use with a project that is both good for the environment and the library's bottom line." The solar panels are projected to cover 96% of the library's energy needs. As a result, project costs are expected to be recouped within 4-5 years. Stop by soon to see why the grass (on the south lawn, at least) is looking "greener!"



## Meet Hot Librarians @ Mobile Library!

Thursdays from 4-6pm at Gardner Township Hall. Pick up items you requested, make returns & requests, and find new reads!

**No Sweat!** 😊



Prairie Skies received a grant from the Sangamon County Historical Society to begin converting our microfilm collection to a digital format. The digitization starts with 5 reels of early 20th century newspapers: The Argus (1922-1935), the Review (1901), and the Pleasant Plains Press (1922 onward). Patrons will access the digital microfilm through our website. PSPLD is seeking donations and grants to further this project.



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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**

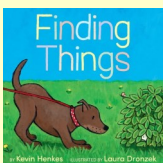
# July Events at



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Story Time @Plains, 10 AM	2	3 Senior Time Out @ Ashland 9:15-9:45AM Storytime @ Ashland, 10 AM	4 CLOSED for Independence Day	5	6 Family Fun Foodies, 11 AM, Plains
7 CLOSED	8 Story Time @Plains, 10 AM	9 Board Meeting @ Plains, 6 PM	10 Senior Time Out @ Ashland 9:15-9:45AM Story Time @Ashland, 10 AM Staff Meeting Both locations closed @ 3:30 PM	11 Mobile Library Gardener Township, 4-6 PM	12	13 Reading Logs Due! Storyteller Mike Anderson, 11AM @ Ashland Reptile Activity, 7-8PM @ Jim Edgar Campground
14 CLOSED	15 Story Time @Plains, 10 AM	16	17 Senior Time Out @ Ashland 9:15-9:45AM Story Time @Ashland, 10 AM	18 Mobile Library Gardener Township, 4-6 PM Teen Tabletop Gaming @Plains, 5:30-7 PM	19	20
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Key: Orange = Kid's Programming; Yellow = Fun for Adults; Blue = Family Entertainment; Purple = Teen Activities; Green = Library Outreach; Black = Regularly Scheduled Programming

## Staff Picks for July



Picture Book



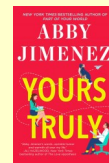
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Young Adult



Fiction



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DVD



Book on CD