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**Des Plaines Public Library**  
Summer Mission Guide  
June 1 - July 28

# WEEK ONE

Saturday, June 1:

Summer Reading Challenge begins for Birth–8th Grade

# WEEK TWO

Saturday, June 8:

**Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff** – Astronaut Training Camp!

Entertainment, crafts, and activities for all ages • Drop in between 1:00-3:00 PM



Monday, June 10:

10:30 AM Alina Celeste in Concert • All ages, best for ages 2-6



5:30 PM Star Wars Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 3

7:00 PM Star Wars Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 3



Tuesday, June 11:

10:30 AM Star Wars Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 3

12:00 PM Star Wars Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 3

6:30 PM Stellar Canvas Art • For families with children of all ages • 6:30 - 8:00 PM



Wednesday, June 12:

10:30 AM Space Craft • All ages • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM



2:00 PM Space Craft • All ages • 2:00 – 3:30 PM



3:00 PM Be a Maker • Grades 6-12 • Registration opens June 1



Thursday, June 13:

10:30 AM Snapology in Space • Grades 3-6 • Registration opens June 3



7:00 PM Lotería bilingüe • For families with children of all ages • 7:00 - 8:00 PM



Friday, June 14:

10:00 AM Space Craft • All ages • 10:00 – 11:30 AM





- Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
- For more information: visit [dppl.org](http://dppl.org), call 847-376-2839, or visit the Youth Services desk.
- Text **DPPLSUMMER** to 844-626-7512 to receive weekly texts linking to our online “Kids” event calendar this summer.

\*Standard data and messaging rates may apply.








# WEEK THREE


## Monday, June 17:

- 11:00 AM Cosley Zoo to You: Fur and Feathers • For families with children ages 4-8 
- 1:00 PM Cosley Zoo to You: Home Sweet Habitat • Ages 8-12 


## Tuesday, June 18:

- 10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  
- 10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 
- 7:00 PM Family Pajama Storytime Yoga • For families with children of all ages  

## Wednesday, June 19:

- 10:30 AM Slime Time • All ages • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 
- 2:00 PM Slime Time • All ages • 2:00 – 3:30 PM 




## Thursday, June 20:

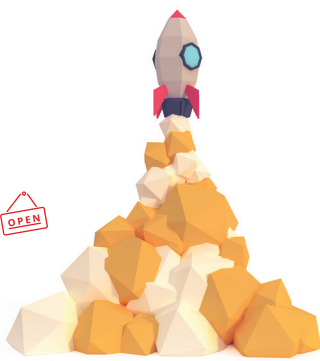
- 6:30 PM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 
- 7:00 PM Yoga at the Commons • Grades 7-12

## Friday, June 21:

- 10:30 AM Snapology in Space • Grades 3-6  
Registration opens June 3  
- 6:00 PM Battle of the Bands • All ages • 6:00 – 9:00 PM 

## Saturday, June 22

- 10:30 AM Out-of-this-World Ozobots • Ages 6-12 
- 2:30 PM Explore Paper Circuits • Ages 7-12 
- 4:30 PM After-Hours Scavenger Hunt • Grades 7-12 • 4:30 – 6:00 PM  
Registration opens June 1 



### KEY TO THE GUIDE



This program is open to Des Plaines residents first. Show your library card or driver's license with Des Plaines address for registration or ticket.



Ticket required. Pick up free admission ticket 30 minutes prior to program start. Limited availability. For programs that give priority to Des Plaines residents, remaining tickets, if any, will become available to all patrons, first-come, first-served, 5 minutes prior to program start.



Registration required. Please call (847) 376-2839 or visit the Youth Services desk for help.



All families with children are welcome to drop in any time during these programs. Supplies may be limited.

# WEEK FOUR


## Monday, June 24:

10:30 AM Science Tellers – Aliens: Escape from Earth! • All ages, best for ages 4-10 

## Tuesday, June 25:

10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  

10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 

7:00 PM Family Glow Dance • For families with children of all ages • Registration opens June 14 



## Wednesday, June 26:

10:30 AM Space Craft • All ages • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 

2:00 PM Space Craft • All ages • 2:00 – 3:30 PM 

3:00 PM Be a Maker • Grades 6-12 • Registration opens June 12 

## Thursday, June 27:

10:30 AM Ghostbusters Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 17 

12:00 PM Ghostbusters Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 17 

3:00 PM Ghostbusters Escape Room • Grades 5-8 • Registration opens June 17 

6:30 PM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 

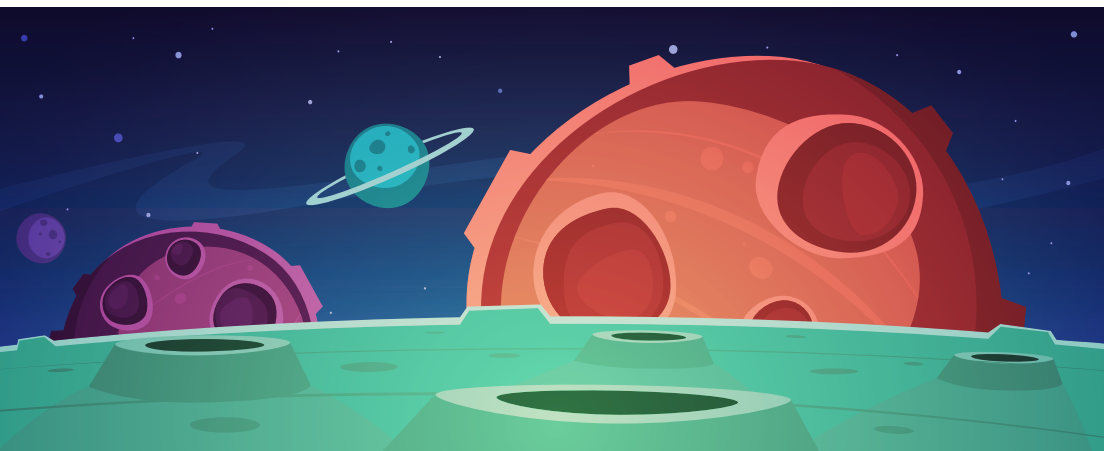
## Friday, June 28:

10:00 AM Space Craft • All ages • 10:00 – 11:30 AM 

6:30 PM Family Movie Friday • For families with children of all ages 

## Saturday, June 29:

1:30 PM Intergalactic Festival • For families with children of all ages • 1:30-3:30 PM 




# WEEK FIVE

## Monday, July 1:



3:30 PM Forensics Lab: Detectives on Duty • Grades 3-6  



## Tuesday, July 2:

10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  

10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 

7:00 PM Family Pajama Storytime Yoga For families with children of all ages  

## Wednesday, July 3:

10:30 AM Space Craft • All ages 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 

2:00 PM Space Craft • All ages 2:00 – 3:30 PM 

## Thursday, July 4:

Library Closed – come see us in the parade!

## Friday, July 5:

10:00 AM Block Party • All ages 10:00-11:30 AM 

6:30 PM Family Movie Friday For families with children of all ages 










## WEEK SIX




### Monday, July 8:

- 10:30 AM Sensory-Sensitive Play Date • For families with sensory-sensitive children of all ages • 10:30 – 11:15 AM 
- 11:30 AM Hands-On Play Date • Ages 2-5 • 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM 
- 3:30 PM Forensics Lab: I Spy • Grades 3-6  




### Tuesday, July 9:

- 10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  
- 10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 
- 4:00 PM Snapology in Space • Grades 3-6 • Registration opens July 1  

### Wednesday, July 10:




- 10:30 AM Space Craft • All ages 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 
- 2:00 PM Space Craft • All ages 2:00 – 3:30 PM 
- 3:00 PM Be a Maker • Grades 6-12 • Registration opens June 26 

### Thursday, July 11:

- 11:00 AM Blast Off to Fun: Sky High Trampoline Park  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Registration opens July 1  
- 6:30 PM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 



### Friday, July 12:

- 10:00 AM Space Craft • All ages • 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM 
- 6:30 PM Yoga at Twisted Tree • Grades 7-12 • Registration opens June 1, signed consent form required 
- 7:00 PM Lotería bilingüe • For families with children of all ages • 7:00 – 8:00 PM 






# WEEK SEVEN



## Monday, July 15:

- 10:00 AM Blast Off to Fun: Ball Factory • For families with children of all ages • Registration opens July 5  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
- 4:00 PM Snapology in Space • Grades 3-6  
Registration opens July 1  

## Tuesday, July 16:

- 10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  
- 10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 
- 7:00 PM Family Pajama Storytime Yoga • For families with children of all ages  

## Wednesday, July 17:



- 10:30 AM Galaxy Dough • All ages • 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM 
- 2:00 PM Galaxy Dough • All ages • 2:00 – 3:30 PM 

## Thursday, July 18:



- 11:00 AM Uniquely Unicorn • All ages  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM 
- 3:30 PM Uniquely Unicorn • All ages  
3:30 – 5:00 PM 
- 6:30 PM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 



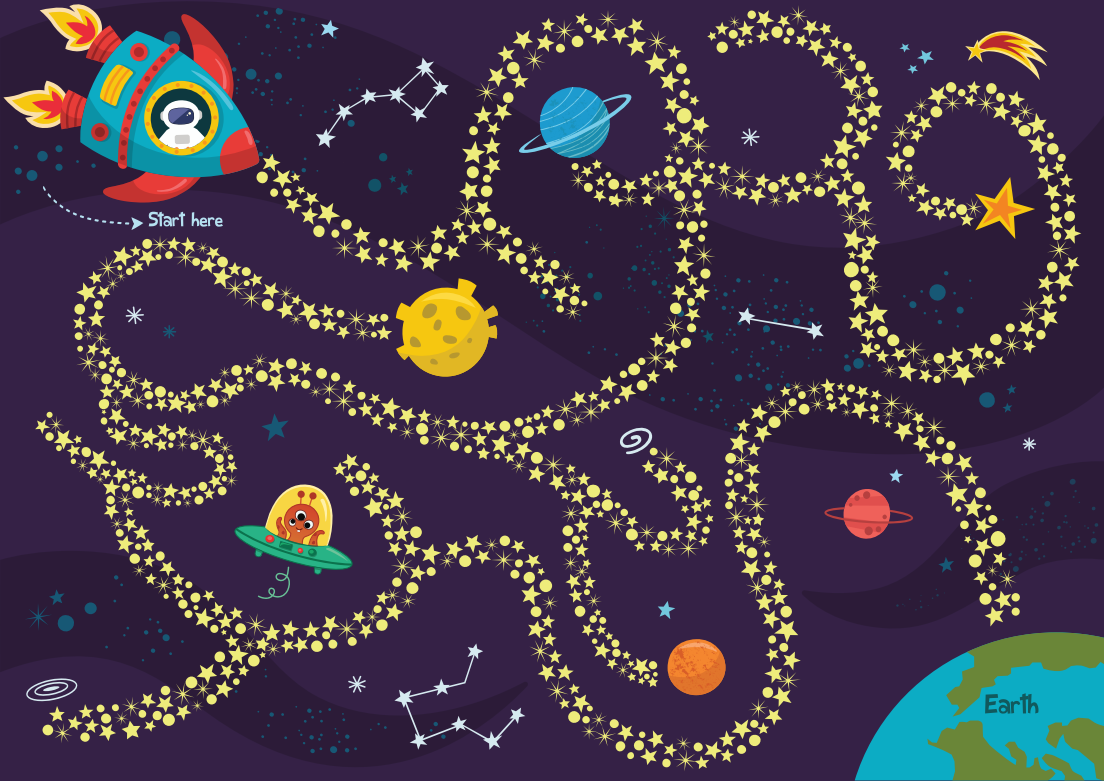
## Friday, July 19:

- 10:00 AM Block Party • All ages • 10:00 – 11:30 AM 
- 6:30 PM Family Movie Friday • For families with children of all ages 

## Saturday, July 20:




- 10:30 AM Explore Paper Circuits • Ages 7 – 12 
- 2:30 PM Out-of-this-World Ozobots • Ages 6 – 12 





## WEEK EIGHT


### Tuesday, July 23:

- 10:00 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult  
- 10:45 AM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 

### Wednesday, July 24:

- 11:00 AM Out-of-this-World Ozobots • Ages 6 – 12
- 4:00 PM Cupcake Wars • Grades 7-12 • 4:00 – 5:00 PM

### Thursday, July 25:

- 6:30 PM Wild Times • Birth-5 years with adult 
- 7:00 PM Yoga at The Commons • Grades 7-12

### Friday, July 26:

- 6:30 PM Family Movie Friday • For families with children of all ages 

### Sunday, July 28:

Last day of Summer Reading Challenge – Check in by 5:00 PM to earn prizes



# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

## After-Hours Scavenger Hunt

Grades 7-12. Explore the library after hours as you and your team solve clues to lead you to your next location. Registration opens June 1.

## Alina Celeste in Concert

All ages, best for ages 2-6. Enjoy a joyous blend of sing-alongs, dance-alongs, and family jams!

## Battle of the Bands

All ages. Enjoy live music at Metropolitan Square as local teen bands compete in this annual event.



## Be a Maker

Grades 6-12. Explore technology with a different hands-on maker activity at each session. Registration dates vary, see program listing for details.

## Blast Off to Fun: Ball Factory

For families with children of all ages. Program is limited to Des Plaines residents only. Head over to the Ball Factory at 1042 Elmhurst Road in Mount Prospect to play in their indoor playground! To participate, all children must wear socks, be accompanied by an adult, and have a parent/guardian signed waiver. See event listing at [dppl.org](http://dppl.org) for online waiver form, or sign at event. Last entry at 12:00 PM. Space is limited. Register at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning July 5.

## Blast Off to Fun: Sky High Trampoline Park

For families with children ages 7-12. Program is limited to Des Plaines residents only. Meet at Sky High Trampoline Park at 6424 Howard Street in Niles and jump all the way to the moon! To participate, all children must be accompanied by an adult, have a parent/guardian signed waiver, and wear provided socks. See event listing at [dppl.org](http://dppl.org) for online waiver form. Space is limited. Register and sign waiver at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning July 1.

## Block Party

All ages. We provide building materials, and you provide your imagination!

## Cosley Zoo to You: Fur and Feathers

For families with children ages 4-8. Enjoy fun animal facts while viewing live animals.

## Cosley Zoo to You: Home Sweet Habitat

Ages 8-12. Love animals? Hang out with a few from the Cosley Zoo!

## Cupcake Wars

Grades 7-12. Put your decorating skills to the test. Compete against other teens to create the best cupcake and wow the judges!

## Explore Paper Circuits

Ages 7-12. Brighten your day by making light-up paper crafts!

## Family Glow Dance

For families with children of all ages. Enjoy a night of glow-in-the-dark dancing! Dress to glow in neon or white! Register at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning June 14.

## Family Movie Friday

For families with children of all ages. Enjoy a cool night at the library viewing a family-friendly movie.

## Family Pajama Storytime Yoga

All ages. Wear cozy jammies and visit the library for a yoga session with an instructor from Twisted Tree Yoga.

## Forensics Lab

Grades 3-6. Do you have the skills to be a secret agent? How about a detective? Learn some tricks of the trade and put your skills to the test!

## Galaxy Dough

All ages. Drop in to make sparkly galaxy dough!

## Ghostbusters Escape Room

Grades 5-8. Work as a team to find clues and solve puzzles to banish the ghost haunting the middle school before time runs out! Register for one session only at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning June 17.

## Hands-On Play Date

Ages 2-5. Playing helps children learn about the world around them! Drop in for fun, sensory-based activities.

## Intergalactic Festival

For families with children of all ages. Celebrate Star Wars with crafts, activities, trivia, and more!

## Lotería bilingüe

All ages. Todas las edades. ¡Venga a disfrutar una noche familiar con el juego, Lotería! ¡Todos tendrán oportunidades para ganar premios! Todos son bienvenidos. Come enjoy a family night at the library playing the game Lotería! Everyone has a chance to win prizes! All are welcome.

## Out-of-this-World Ozobots

Ages 6-12. Play and code screen-free with Ozobot robots.

## Science Tellers – Aliens: Escape from Earth!

All ages, best for ages 4-10. Don't miss this action-packed adventure using science experiments for special effects.

## Sensory-Sensitive Play Date

For families with sensory-sensitive children of all ages and abilities. Drop in for fun sensory play!

## Slime Time

All ages. Drop in to make ooey-gooney-sticky slime!

## Snapology in Space

Grades 3-6. Learn about space, robotics, and other STEM concepts with Snapology! Register at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning June 3 for June sessions; July 1 for July sessions. This program is limited to Des Plaines residents only.

## Space Craft

All ages. Drop in to make a space-themed craft! Each week will feature one craft.

## Star Wars Escape Room

Grades 5-8. Work as a team to find clues and solve puzzles to transmit the First Order's evil plans to the Resistance before time runs out! Register for one session only at the Youth Services desk or by phone beginning June 3.

## Stellar Canvas Art

For families with children of all ages. Drop in to create your own "shining" work of art. One per family, while supplies last.

## Uniquely Unicorn

All ages. A magical treat for unicorn fans with sparkling crafts and activities.

## Wild Times

Ages birth–5 years. Have a “wild time” during this high-energy musical storytime. Participants of Tuesday 10:00 AM session must show a Des Plaines Library card or proof of Des Plaines address to pick up ticket.

## Yoga at The Commons

Grades 7-12. Come to The Commons for a relaxing evening yoga class where you will explore fun poses and learn about the healing power of yoga.

## Yoga at Twisted Tree

Grades 7-12. Join us for a walk to Twisted Tree Yoga Studio for a relaxing evening yoga class where you will explore fun poses and learn about the healing power of yoga. See event listing on [dppl.org](http://dppl.org) for required consent form. Registration opens June 1.



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