

Summer 2022 • June, July & August

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NEWSLETTER



Chicago Ridge
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Summer Reading 2022

Your Story Starts Here

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Meet Aseel!

"In Chicago Ridge, everyone is here for one another and is always ready to help whenever they see someone in need."



EVENT REGISTRATION INFO - PLEASE READ!

We are offering programming both in-person and online. Registration for programs which require it will open on **Wednesday, June 1 at 9am**. The type of program is indicated using these letters:

D - Drop-in - in-person only, no registration

R - Register - in-person only, registration required

H - Hybrid - both in-person and online, registration required

Z - Zoom - online only, registration required

Please contact us if you have any questions!

Aseel Alhamidi graduated high school in 2021 through the library partnership with Smart Horizon's Career Online High School Program. Eleven Chicago Ridge residents have graduated from COHS since the library began offering it in 2016. If you are interested in completing your high school education and you live in Chicago Ridge, reach out to us to learn more about this unique online program.

Aseel has lived in Chicago Ridge for over 12 years. She was born and raised in Iraq and came to the United States in 2009. She has four children between the ages of 10 and 20. She loves the sense of community in Chicago Ridge and believes that the yearly activities help bring the residents together.

She credits her children for encouraging her throughout the program. Her eldest daughter was able to provide help with classes when she needed it. Next, Aseel is planning on continuing her education with the goal of becoming a dental hygienist.

We asked Aseel about her decision to attend high school online through the library:

"I decided to get my high school diploma because I had always wanted to further my education. As weird as it may sound, I loved school from a young age. I attended school up until my senior year and ended up dropping out. The education in Iraq wasn't the best, but I still loved and enjoyed every moment of high school. Every time I saw someone my age graduate high school and go to college, I would feel envious because I knew I was able to achieve the same thing - I just needed the opportunity. That's why when I heard about the COHS program I immediately signed up without a second thought because I knew I was capable of finishing the program."

Read Beyond the Beaten Path

SUMMER READING 2022 • JUNE 1 - AUGUST 19

Starting Wednesday, June 1, you can visit us or our website to sign up for summer reading! Once you've registered, begin logging your books as you go.

If you used Beanstack for our previous seasonal reading programs, there is no need to make an account - just sign back in with your credentials and start logging your books. If you are having trouble, please stop in the library to ask staff for help!

For adult readers:

Read 5 books to receive our summer reading t-shirt (while supplies last) and 5 raffle tickets. Read 10 books to receive a 5-in-1 highlighter-pen (while supplies last) and 5 additional raffle tickets. To enter our raffle and receive your prizes, stop in the library to see us!

New this year - register for summer reading and have a chance at our weekly drawing!

For kids and teens:

For kids grade 5 and below, your goal is to read 30 books this summer, and you will receive a prize for every 5 books that you read. For teens in grades 6-12, your goal is to read 6 books this summer, and you will receive a prize for every one book that you read. You'll also receive candy guess forms and drawing tickets for books read. The candy drawing will be held at the end of the summer and the weekly prize baskets will be drawn on Fridays at 4pm! See the page 7 for more information about this year's prizes.

Adult Programs

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Monday Movie Matinees are back!

Starting June 6 • 10am • D

Join us every Monday morning for a feature film screening! Must be 18+ to attend.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Tuesdays • 2pm • H

The focus will be on simple movements designed to stretch and strengthen the whole body. This class can be completed while sitting in a chair! **Sessions will be held online and in person.**

Color Therapy

Friday, June 10 • 10am • R

Friday, July 8 • 10am • R

Friday, August 12 • 10am • R

Come color for fun and enjoy the benefits of creative coloring. We provide the pages, colored pencils, markers and a good time!

Bingo!

Monday, July 25 • 7pm • R

Monday, August 29 • 7pm • R

Calling all rowdy bingo players! This is your time to shine. Prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Must be 18+ to play. **There will be no Bingo in June.**

ESL Conversation Group

Mondays & Thursdays • 9:30am • R

Join us twice a week on Zoom to practice English conversation with an experienced ESL instructor while discussing a variety of meaningful topics. **Call the library to register!**

Killer Thrillers

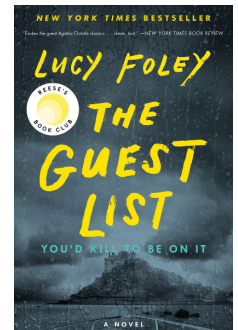
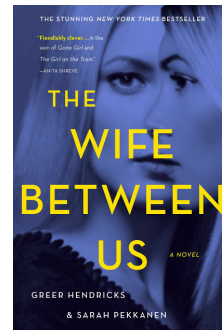
Mondays • R

Horror & thriller lovers - this is the club for you!

June 13 at 6pm: *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

July 18 at 7pm: *Neighborhood Watch* by Kevin Patrick Kenealy*

August 8 at 6pm: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley



Books & Bagels

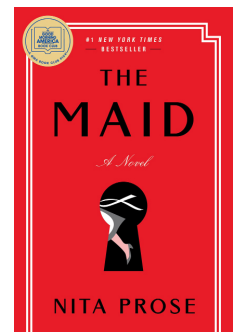
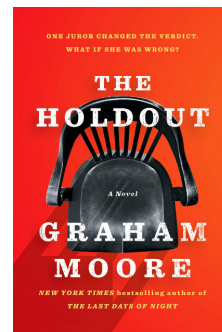
Wednesdays • 10am • R

Have breakfast with us at this book club for early risers!

June 15: *The Holdout* by Graham Moore

July 20: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

***Local author event:** Kevin Patrick Kenealy will join us for our discussion! Please note the later start time. See page 5 to learn more.



BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Our team of Adult Services librarians is here to help you reach your goals! Make a one-on-one appointment with us for help with things like:

- Using the Aspen catalog
- Downloading ebooks and audiobooks
- Creating a resume and applying for jobs online
- Genealogy (using Ancestry for Libraries)
- Navigating government websites
- Using productivity programs like Google Docs and Microsoft Word

Please call the library, visit us in person or email us at refdesk@chicagoridgelibrary.org to book your appointment.

Adult Programs

From Garden to Table: Container Gardens

Monday, June 6 • 6:30pm • R

Growing food in containers is very different from growing them in the ground. Kathleen Obirek, landscape designer and educator, will teach you how to grow delicious edibles in attractive "moveable gardens." Kathleen will give away plants and seeds best grown in containers.



The Smoky Mountains

Thursday, July 7 • 7pm • R

Discover the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in autumn. See how the national park developed, explore things to see and do on your visit, and learn about the animals and plants living in the park.



Off the Beaten Path with John Lynn

Monday, August 1 • 7pm • R

Illinois historian and world traveler John Lynn, of Peoria, has photographed all 2,400 Illinois cities, villages and towns, and he has hiked, biked and canoed enough historic and scenic trails, roads and rivers in North America and Britain to circle the globe. John will introduce you to the following Illinois spots: I & M Canal Trail, Hennepin Canal & Feeder Canal Trails and the Illinois River.



Homebound Delivery

If you live in Chicago Ridge and are homebound, you are eligible for home delivery of library materials including books, DVDs and more. Contact Alicia Jackson by phone at (708) 423-7753 or by email at ajackson@chicagoridgelibrary.org.

Author Talks



Local Author Event: Rebecca Garner

Monday, June 20 • 7pm • R

Why Won't My Boobs Grow...and Other Annoyances is a contemporary young adult novel by debut author Rebecca Garner that explores friendship, first love, and self-confidence. This book is a must read if you are wondering who you are (even before your boobs arrive) or if you're a grown-up who loves the nostalgia of a coming-of-age story.

Garner is a self-proclaimed weirdo, perfectionist, and proud Hufflepuff. Join us for an event for both teens and adults to hear about her author journey, inspiration for the story, and a sneak peek into the book.



Illinois Libraries Present: An Evening with Chef Kwame Onwuachi

Wednesday, June 22 • 7pm • L

A James-Beard award-winning chef, Onwuachi opened five restaurants before turning thirty. He was a 2015 *Top Chef* contestant and can currently be seen judging Food Network's *Chopped*. In 2021, Onwuachi became the youngest Executive Producer at *Food & Wine* magazine. He will present on his exciting career in food, as chronicled in his bestselling memoir, *Notes from a Young Black Chef*. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries offering high-quality events. **This is a Zoom event**



Local Author Event: Kevin Patrick Kenealy

Monday, July 18 • 7pm • R

Kevin Patrick Kenealy's latest psychological thriller, *Neighborhood Watch*, has been called by *Kirkus Reviews* as having "superb characters [that] headline this chilling, slow-burn crime tale." *Reedsy* wrote, "this gripping story of a sinister small-town secret will keep you on the edge of your seat! It's completely unforgettable." Ranked 5/5 on Amazon, this story combines the eerie small-town feel of *The Stepford Wives* with horrors found in Stephen King's *The Institute*.

Kevin Patrick Kenealy is in his 7th year teaching AP Literature, English, and Journalism to high school students. Before that, he wrote for Chicago-land newspapers, where he had the privilege to interview several famous people including Barack Obama, former Illinois governors Jim Edgar, Rod Blagojevich, and Pat Quinn. He also has published two books of poetry, *20 Something* and *Faith Journey*, and the horror novel, *Life and Death*.

Craft Programs

Stampin' Up!

Saturday, June 4 • 10am • **D**

Saturday, July 2 • 10am • **D**

Saturday, August 6 • 10am • **D**

Make professional-looking handmade cards and other creative projects with rubber stamping techniques! \$15 fee for supplies, to be paid at time of class.

Island Chain Quilt

Saturday, July 16 • 10am-4pm • **R**

In this all-day class we will work on Island Chain, a quilt from designer Kim Brackett's wonderful book, *Scrap-Basket Sensations*. This class is good for confident beginner quilters. Adaptations to make a larger or smaller version of the quilt will be available.



Beehive Candle Holder

Wednesday, July 27 • 7pm • **R**

Create a little farmhouse craft with a twist! We will be making a beehive candle holder out of a wine glass!

This is an in-person craft only.



DIY Summer Mason Jar

Monday, June 27 • 7pm • **R**

Tuesday, June 28 • 10am • **R**

Join us in making a fun summer craft that will add decoration to your home!

This is an in-person craft only.



Multicolor Clay Beaded Bracelet

Tuesday, August 16 • **R**

Make a colorful bracelet using colorful clay beads and gold spacers.

This is a take-home craft only.

Youth Programs

Do you have a library card? If you do, get a special prize!

Show your



If you don't, simply sign up for a library card either here or at the library in the town that you live in. Show us your library card when you sign up for Summer Reading and you will receive an extra special present!

Camp ID

When you sign up for Summer Reading you will receive your camp name tag to decorate. Earn reading badges all summer! How many will you collect?



Daily hidden prize



Be sure to be on the lookout for the hidden CRPL camping badge. Each day a new badge will be hidden and whoever finds it will win a Camp Adventure Backpack!

SUMMER READING PRIZES

Level 1: Reading pal



Level 2: Tote bag



Level 3: Bookmark & treat



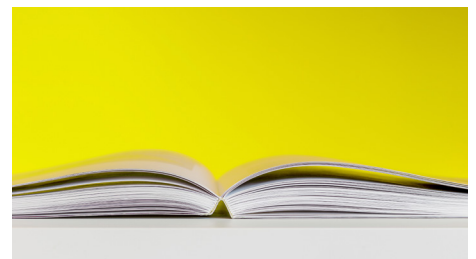
Level 4 for under age 5: Choose your toy!



Level 4 for age 5 and up: Pineapple fan



Level 5: Free book



Level 6 for under age 5: Choose your toy!



Level 6 for age 5 and up: Fidget pen



Youth Programs

Summer Camp Crafts

Visit the library throughout the week on the following dates anytime we're open to make a camp craft. If supplies run out, a different craft will be offered. **For kids age 3 to grade 12!**

June 6-11: Summer Camp Sticker

June 20-25: Binoculars

July 5-9: Birdhouse

July 18-23: Camp Cup

August 1-6: Camp Picture Frame

August 15-20: Give Thanks for Friends Sign



Family Programs

Select Tuesdays • 6pm • R

June 14: What's in the pond? Design a fish, turtle and frog craft

June 28: Happy 4th of July! Make a patriotic wind chime.

July 12: Storywalk® on the Library Lawn - We will read *Shoo Squirrel! Shoe?*, written and illustrated by our very own Ms. Irene! Take part in a squirrel craft to join in the story and make a delicious squirrel snack to take home!

July 26: Camp Games - Play an assortment of camp card games and keep the games for your next adventure.

August 9: Campfire Songs - Color your own wooden mini rhythm board and play some music around the (pretend) campfire!



Youth Programs

Crafts to Go

Mondays • 1

Each Monday a new craft will be available for pickup to take home and complete.

Camping Sensory Playtime

Monday, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 • 10am
All ages • 1

Join us for tactile books, sensory toys, and bubbles!

Outdoor Storytime

Tuesday, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 • 3:30pm
All ages • 1

Join us for stories, songs, bubbles, and more! In case of rain, the storytime will be held in the library.

Looking for us? Find the grassy area located at the end of the building on the Youth Services side. Follow the chalk arrows on the ground to lead you.

Bingo

Wednesday, June 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 • 3pm
Preschool - Grade 12 • 1

Come play Bingo and win a prize!

Happy Father's Day Craft

Wednesday, June 15 • 4pm
All ages • 1

Join us for some stories and a craft to celebrate the father figure in your life.

Art Camp

Monday, June 20 • 11am
Grades 1-5 • 1

Create your one of a kind masterpiece using materials found in nature. This program will take place outdoors on the library lawn.

Bilingual Storytime (English/Arabic)

Thursday, June 16 & 30 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, July 13 • 6:30pm
Thursday, July 28 • 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 10 • 6:30pm
Children & families • 1

Listen to stories in English and Arabic, sing songs, dance, and more!

District 127.5 Wonder Book Club

Tuesday, May 31 • 6pm
Thursdays, June 9 - August 18
11:30am
Grades K-5 • 1

Discuss the chapters each week that have been assigned. Complete a fun project based on what you have read. Don't forget to turn in your Wonder tickets for completing activities for a chance to win prizes!



Reading Helps Your Mind to Grow!

Wednesday, June 29 • 6:30pm
Children & families • 1

Plant a pretty flower and checkout some books to read!



Camp Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all of the hidden items at the library this summer? Each month, grab the scavenger hunt list from the Youth Services desk, and see if you can find all of the hidden items! You can play once a month and if you find all of the hidden items, you get a prize!

June: Find the bugs

July: Find the animal tracks

August: Find the leaves

READ-ALONG GIFT BAGS

See which books are available for read-alongs, then check out the book and present bag at the Youth Services Desk to take part in an interactive reading experience! The presents are labeled with page numbers. Open the presents as you read through the book. *One book and present bag per person, per day, available while supplies last. Please keep presents away from children ages 3 and under and pets as some of the items are very small.*

Teen Programs



Teen Art

Tuesday, June 14 & 28 • 7pm
Tuesday, July 12 & 26 • 7pm
Tuesday, August 9 • 7pm
Grades 6-12 • **D**

Teens grades 6-12 will create a new art project each week.

Teen Improv

Tuesday, June 14 & 28 • 7:30pm
Tuesday, July 12 & 26 • 7:30pm
Tuesday, August 9 • 7:30pm
Grades 6-12 • **D**

Teens in grades 6-12 will act out different skits each week.



PROJECT NEXT GENERATION

Funding for Project Next Generation is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Gardening Club

Thursdays, May 26 - June 30 • 4pm • Ages 10-17 • **D**

It's gardening time at the library! Use root viewers, learn about hydroponic gardening, create a Mars Greenhouse, and even grow a maze!

Project Next Generation Showcase

Thursday, June 30 • 10am-4pm • All ages • **D**

Learn about the materials that have been used throughout the year in the Nintendo Switch Club, the Lego Engineering Club, and the Gardening Club.

Lego Club

Thursday, July 14, July 28 & August 11 • 4pm • Ages 10-17 • **D**

Build various simple machines, interactive video games, and Lego creations that move.



VOLUNTEERS!

Teens in grades 6-12 can sign up for a two hour time slot once a week. Volunteering will begin on June 13 and end August 19. Applications will be available starting June 1.

D = drop-in | **R** = register | **H** = hybrid (register) | **Z** = Zoom only (register)

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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: **9am-9pm**
Friday - Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **Closed until September 5**

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The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of the month at 7pm.

Library Director

Dana Wishnick

Program Statement

Register for programs at the library by phone, or on the library's website. Program fees must be paid at time of registration. Programs with low registration may be canceled 48 hours before the event, at which time registered patrons will be notified by phone and refunded. Refunds of program fees will be issued if the patron cancels at least 48 hours prior to the program.

Photo Statement

On occasion the library will take pictures of program participants to be used in library publicity. Please notify library staff if you do not wish to be photographed. Parents who do not wish their child to be photographed must also notify staff.

Patrons with Disabilities

The library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individuals who require certain accommodations which would enable them to participate in library functions are requested to call the library at 708-423-7753 at least 5 working days prior to the function.

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Love your
library?



Bring in your copy of the newsletter and show us your CRPL card for a free reusable tote bag!

Are you a Chicago Ridge resident but don't have a library card? It's free and easy to sign up! Bring in your ID and, if needed, proof of Chicago Ridge residence (such as an electric bill) and speak with a staff member to get your card.

CRPL membership grants you access to all our materials and technology, including \$2 in free printing credit each month!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, July 4