

JULY 2023



BONUS SUMMER
READING EDITION!

CURIOUS GEORGE F. NEWS

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday
9 am-5 pm

Closed Saturdays through
Labor Day

Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 7/19 @
6 pm in the library's Tech
Center



How many libraries in the Four County Library System can you visit this summer? Can you make it to all 42? Stop by our circulation desk or visit 4cls.libguides.com/roadtrip for more information!

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HELP US OUT!



The library is working to formulate our Strategic Plan for 2024-2028, which will provide goals and plans on how to serve the community and make our library the best that it can be. We're asking for your help with this in a few different ways.

Focus Groups: We will hold focus groups at the library on Thursday, July 13 at 11:00am, 1:30pm, and 5:30pm. These are small groups which will meet with a facilitator for 60-90 minutes to discuss our community's needs and the library. There will be snacks!

There are still a few spots available. If you are willing and available to attend, will you please email Erin at en.erin@4cls.org with your preferred time? Thank you so much for taking the time to consider helping us with this task!

Community Survey: We're conducting a community survey through the end of July to learn more about our community and what they want from the library. The survey has 7 questions and will only take a few minutes. Take the survey online by visiting bit.ly/gfjsurvey or by scanning the QR code. You can also find paper copies at the library. Thank you for helping us out!



Summer Reading Clubs: Everyone can win by reading at GFJ this summer!

Adults can pick up their reading packet and enter to win a gift card for every 5 books read!

Teens can pick up their summer reading bags with everything they need to enter to win gift cards for reading!

Kids can pick up a summer reading packet, put a sticker on their log for every 15 minutes read, and get prizes!



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There's tons of fun planned at GFJ Library this summer! You can register and find all of the info on our summer reading page at gfjlibrary.org/summerreading. You can also stop by for independent programs and take & make activities for all ages. Check out a selection of our programs below!

PRESCHOOL

Children and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs & activities from July 10-August 11! Registration only required for Mother Goose.

- **GWJ Park:** Tuesdays @ 10am - ages 2-5 on Oak Hill Ave.
- **Mother Goose:** Wednesdays @ 10am - birth through age 2
- **Highland Park:** Thursdays @ 10am - ages 2-5 on Hooper Rd.
- **Family Fun Fridays:** Fridays @ 11am - ages 6 and under
 - July 14 - Dino Dig
 - July 21 - Fiddling with Books
 - July 28 - Dance Party
 - August 4 - Box Cars
 - August 11 - Story Time Theater



ELEMENTARY

Join us each week from for books, games, activities & more! Registration required for each week.

- **Grades 1-3** on Thursdays @ 2pm
 - July 13 - Castle Fun
 - July 20 - Fiddling with Books
 - July 27 - Animal Fun
 - August 3 - Game Fun
 - August 10 - Water Fun
- **Grades 4-6** on Mondays @ 2pm
 - July 10 - Find the Connection
 - July 17 - Creating Art
 - July 24 - Mini-Mini Golf Legos
 - July 31 - Friendship Crafts
 - August 7 - Game Day

FAMILIES

The Dirtmeister: Tuesday, July 18 @ 6pm - Scientist & author Steve Tomecek presents Great Collaborations in Science! No registration required.

Read to the Therapy Dogs: Thursdays, July 20 & August 10 from 6-7:30pm - The therapy dogs will be in the children's room for reading fun! No registration required.

Family Fun Night: Tuesday, July 25 @ 6pm - Johnny Only will be here for a night of family fun and games! No registration required.

Chalk Art Extravaganza: Wednesday, August 2 from 6-7:30pm - Artist Eric Maruscak will help us create fantastic street art! No registration required.

Family Game Night: Wednesday, August 16 from 6-7:30pm - Come to the library for modern board games for all ages! Bring a friend or come to play with one of our gamer guides. No registration required.

TEENS

Registration is required for all teen programs.

Teen Book Club: Tuesdays, July 11-August 1 @ 3:30pm - Join us to read and discuss a book each week.

Teen Fun Days: Wednesdays @ 2pm

- July 12 - Board games & Bingo
- July 19 - LEGO Ferris Wheels with Kopernik
- August 2 - Crafting and More
- August 9 - Trivia Fun

Teen Street Art: Wednesday, July 26 from 6-7:30pm - Join us to create art with Eric Maruscak!

Escape Room: Friday, July 28 - Pick a time slot and team up to go through our escape room!

Teen Mystery Night: Friday, August 4 @ 6pm - There is a mystery to solve at the library! Work with other teens to figure it out.

ADULTS

Registration is required for all adult programs.

Dinner and a Book: Monday, July 10 & Wednesday, August 9 @ 6pm - Share books over a light dinner.

Crack the Case Adult Mystery Night: Monday, July 17 @ 6pm - Solve the case before the time runs out!

Craft & Share: Monday, July 24 @ 6pm - Bring a craft you're working on and share your passion with others.

Harry Potter Trivia: Monday, July 31 @ 6pm - Test your Harry Potter knowledge and win prizes!

Summer Movie Afternoons: Fridays @ 2pm

- July 14 - Dungeons & Dragons (PG-13)
- July 21 - Dune (PG-13)
- July 28 - Arrival (PG-13)
- August 4 - Ready Player One (PG-13)
- August 11 - Pride + Prejudice + Zombies (PG-13)
- August 18 - Carrie (R)