



Crete Public Library District

Spring 2024

PROGRAMGUIDE



PAVILION & GARDEN

As we bid farewell to the winter chill, it is with great excitement that we welcome the vibrant season of spring and celebrate with the **Grand Opening of the Heideman Pavilion & Community Garden on Saturday, May 4, 2024.** Join us for family friendly events, including a special outdoors Muffins with a Mystery Reader at 10:30 am, followed by a special dedication, crafts, live music, and more.

Please check the Library's website and Facebook page for more information as well as details about how you can get involved with the garden starting in April.





PROGRAM SIGN UP

Programs that **require registration** are marked with an *.

Scan this QR code to register at the Events Calendar on our website.



You may also call (708) 672-8017 or visit the Library to sign up.

All programs are in person, unless marked as  for Zoom or  for recording.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



Mommy & Me Yoga Storytime*

*Mondays: Mar. 4–18, Apr. 1–15,
from 10–10:20 am*

Bond with your baby through yoga-inspired stories, songs, and simple body movements. No yoga experience is necessary. Yoga mats will be provided. Ages 0–23 months with caregivers.



Toddler Tales*

*Tuesdays: Mar. 5–19, Apr. 2–16,
from 10–11 am*

Join us for books, rhymes, music, sensory bins, and process art. Ages 2–3 with caregivers.



Preschool Pals*

*Thursdays: Mar. 7–21, Apr. 4–18,
from 1–2 pm*

Your child will enjoy spending time with other preschoolers while listening to stories, singing songs, learning fingerplays, and creating crafts at this independent storytime. Ages 4–5 in preschool.



Muffins with a Mystery Reader*

*Saturdays: Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4
from 10:30–11:15 am*

At this storytime, we'll have muffins, a Mystery Reader from the community, and a whole bunch of fun! All ages with caregivers.

Love on a Leash*

*Saturdays: Mar. 23, April 20
from 11 am–12 pm*

Snuggle up and read to a pup! Share stories with the cuddly dogs from Love on a Leash. All ages with caregivers.

Life Size Candy Land*

*Saturday, May 11 from 11 am–12 pm
Saturday, May 11 from 1–2 pm*

Play a life-sized game of Candy Land with your family and friends!



EPIC Graphic Novel Club: The Tea Dragon Society*

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 4:30–5:15 pm

Discuss the book, enjoy a tea party, and make your very own tea dragon companion! Grades 3–5.

Let's LEGO

Wednesday, Mar. 6 from 6–7 pm

This month we will build Mario courses to put on display in the Library. Grades K–5.

Comics & Cookies: Beak & Ally: Snow Birds*

Tuesday, Mar. 12 from 4:30–5:15 pm

Discuss the book and create some bird friends to take home as well as some treats for the birds to enjoy as they return for spring! Grades K–2.

STEAM Tweens: Music Maestros*

Thursday, Mar. 14 from 6–7 pm

Do you have a song in your heart? Then join us as we learn how to count music, make our own instruments and write our own songs! Grades 3–5.



STEAM Kids: Music Makers*

Thursday, Mar. 21 from 6–7 pm

Let's make music together! Join us as we make our own instruments and put them to the test! Grades K–2.

STEAM Tots: Let's Make Noise*

Thursday, Mar. 28 from 6–7 pm

Join us for a fun, noise-filled day as we experiment with different instruments and learn about some music basics such as dynamics and pitch! Ages 3–5 with caregivers.

EPIC Graphic Novel Club: Mr. Wolf's Class*

Tuesday, Apr. 2 from 4:30–5:15 pm

Discuss the book, enjoy a snack, and make a craft! Grades 3–5.

Let's LEGO

Wednesday, Apr. 3 from 6–7 pm

This month we will build space bases to put on display in the Library. Grades K–5.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Comics & Cookies: Donut Feed the Squirrels*

Tuesday, Apr. 9 from 4:30–5:15 pm

Discuss the book and enjoy some tasty treats, then create a donut craft! Grades K–2.

STEAM Tweens: Astronaut Activities*

Thursday, Apr. 11 from 6–7 pm

Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Come find out as we test our minds and bodies like an astronaut would. Grades 3–5.

STEAM Kids: Journey to the Night Sky*

Thursday, Apr. 18 from 6–7 pm

Join us as we learn about the night sky and how to get there! Grades K–2.

STEAM Tots: Rocket Science*

Thursday, Apr. 25 from 6–7 pm

It's not hard, it's only rocket science! Join us as we learn about our solar system and the basic science that helps put astronauts in space through some fun, interactive activities! Ages 3–5 with caregivers.

Let's LEGO

Wednesday, May 1 from 6–7 pm

This month we will build tree houses to put on display in the Library. Grades K–5.

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Retro Movie Fridays

Every Friday at 2:30 pm

Join us to watch a retro movie from the 80s, 90s or early 2000s.

Mar. 1: *Beauty and the Beast* (G)

Mar. 8: *Dead Poets Society* (PG)

Mar. 15: *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (PG)

Mar. 22: *Tropic Thunder* (R)

Mar. 29: *Apollo 13* (PG)

Apr. 5: *Tremors* (PG-13)

Apr. 12: *Jumanji* (PG)

Apr. 19: *The Fifth Element* (PG-13)

Apr. 26: *The Iron Giant* (PG)

May 3: *The Goonies* (PG)

May 10: *Dodgeball* (PG-13)

May 17: *Mrs. Doubtfire* (PG-13)

May 24: *Transformers* (PG-13)

May 31: *Footloose* (PG)



Please note: Movies rated "G" through "R" will be shown. It is the parent's responsibility to monitor their children's attendance and viewing habits.



The Youth Services Department has a limited supply of eclipse glasses/viewers to give to the public beginning April 1. First come, first served. No calls please.

Eclipse Events



Getting Ready for the Solar Eclipse*

Saturday, Apr. 6 from 1–2 pm

Join local astronomer Art Maurer to learn about eclipses and how to view one safely. For all ages.

Eclipse Extravaganza*

Monday, Apr. 8 from 1:30–2 pm

Come watch the solar eclipse with us and participate in some fun activities! For all ages.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Anime Club*

Thursdays: Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9 from 3–4:30 pm
 Do you love anime? Join us for anime screenings.
 March: MUSHI-SHI
 April: Fairy Tale
 May: Mobile Suit Gundam Wing



Manga Club for Teens*

Thursdays: Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 30 from 3–4 pm
 Join us to discuss these manga titles. Copies will be available ahead of time at Patron Services.
 March: Animal Crossing: New Horizons. Deserted Island Diary: Vol. 1 by Kokonasu Rumba
 April: One-Punch Man: Vol. 1 by ONE
 May: Yowamushi Pedal: Vol. 1 by Wataru Watanabe



Mimic the Masters: Teen Art Club*

Explore and create art from methods used by master artists or art movements.

Monday, Mar. 18 from 6:30–7:30 pm: Fabergé Egg
 Carl Fabergé was a master Goldsmith to Czars Alexander III and Nicholas II of Russia. In this art lesson, we will create a Fabergé Easter Egg similar to ones that were given as Easter gifts to the Empresses, the wives of the Czars.



Monday, May 20 from 6:30–7:30 pm:
 Memorial Sculpture




Asian American Heritage Month and Memorial Day occur in May. In honor of these two occasions, we will be creating a memorial sculpture from clay to learn about Maya Linn, artist, architect, and sculptor. Ms. Linn designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Video Game Tournament*

Wednesdays: Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15 from 2:45–4 pm
 One game will be chosen to play from either Nintendo Switch or Xbox One. Experience fun, yet competitive play for a prize. Past games include Mortal Kombat, Street Fighter, and Super Mario Kart.

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop for High Schoolers - Virtual*

Monday, Apr. 15 from 7–8 pm 
 High Schoolers, learn the do's and don'ts of resume and cover letter writing in this virtual workshop geared toward teens in grades 9–12. This session will be presented by Patrick Hall and Aaron Michalak from Joliet Junior College. Registration is required to receive the Microsoft Teams meeting link.



Looking for job experience and a bit of income this summer? Apply for the 2024 Marian Engel Summer Teen Internship!

The Library is looking for two creative, enthusiastic, and tech-savvy teens to serve as summer interns. To help the Library connect better with teens, the internship focus includes either organizing a program for teens or creating social media posts.

Library District residents age 16–19 are eligible to apply by submitting a resume and cover letter by May 4, 2024. Either email documents to Teen Librarian Cassandra O'Connell at coconnell@cretelibrary.org or complete an online form by scanning this QR code.

Must have a Gmail account to use the QR code's Google form.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Monthly Events

Adult Writing Group

Mondays: Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6 from 6:30–8 pm

Book Appétit Cookbook Book Club

Mondays: Mar. 25 & Apr. 29 from 6–7:30 pm

March: 5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food

April: Bottom of the Pot: Persian Recipes and Stories

CPLD Book Discussion Group

Mondays: Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13 from 6:30–7:30 pm

March: Don't Make Me Pull Over

April: The Widows of Malabar Hill

May: A Street Cat Named Bob



Film Club

Thursdays: Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23 from 5:30–8 pm

March: Brooklyn

April: Borgman

May: Three Thousand Years of Longing

Knot Just for Knitters

Thursdays: Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2 from 1–2 pm

Thursdays: Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16 from 6–7:30 pm

Silent Book Club

Wednesdays: Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1 from 6–7:30 pm

No assigned reading, choose your own book.

Spice of the Month Club

March: Mastic

April: Nigella Seeds

May: Grains of Paradise



Trivia Nights at Evil Horse

Thursdays, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9 from 7–9 pm

March: Movie Trivia

April: Anything Goes

May: Anything Goes

Young Adult (for Adults) Book Club

Tuesdays: Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21 from 6–7 pm

Illinois Libraries Present

Crete Public Library belongs to a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events on Zoom.



Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design*

Wednesday, Mar. 20 from 7–8 pm

The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers with Dr. Temple Grandin*

Wednesday, Apr. 3 from 7–8 pm

The Many Lives of Kal Penn*

Tuesday, May 7 from 7–8 pm

More information is available on the Events Calendar on our website at cretelibrary.org/calendar.

Cooking Classes



Watch Chef Kristyn Slick cook LIVE on Zoom at the times listed below and/or watch the recording available for 30 days after the class. You must register to receive the recording.

Baking with Tea*

Wednesday, Mar. 20 from 6:30–8 pm

Tea adds an exciting dimension to traditional baking, creating an unforgettable experience for your taste buds.

Springtime in Italy*

Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 6:30–8 pm

Cook up some recipe ideas that capture the fresh, vibrant, and delicious essence of Italian spring cuisine.

Picnic Perfection*

Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30–8 pm

Learn how to prepare a picnic-worthy meal with a focus on seasonal ingredients. Explore recipes for fresh salads, gourmet sandwiches, and portable desserts.

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History of Chicagoland in Maps*

Tuesday, Mar. 5 from 5:30–7:30 pm

Join Donald and Tanya Smith, whose family has been involved in surveying and map making since 1854, for a presentation about the history of surveying in the U.S. and Illinois, especially greater Chicagoland. This program is co-sponsored by the Crete Area Historical Society.



Raising Chickens*

Tuesday, Mar. 12 from 6–7:30 pm

Local nature-based educator and Master Urban Farmer Melanie Pittman talks about chicken keeping. Learn how to get started, what kind of commitment is required, and how rewarding it can be! Please note: At this time, raising chickens is allowed in Crete Township but not in the Village of Crete.

Traditional Irish Music*

Wednesday, Mar. 13 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Join us for a fascinating evening of lively traditional Irish music with Seán Cleland, master fiddle player and executive director of the Irish Music School of Chicago. Seán and his accompanist will take you on a tour of Ireland where you will not only enjoy toe-tapping Irish music but also hear the rich stories behind the tunes filled with lively characters and exciting adventures.



The Elegant Edible Garden*

Saturday, Mar. 16 from 10–11 am

Learn how to create an elegant, productive kitchen garden—large or small—that provides seasonal vegetables, berries, and cut flowers. Discover the elements that make attractive, functional layouts for your home, provide a wonderful harvest, and attract pollinators.

Destination: Heartland History*

Tuesday, Mar. 26 from 6–7:30 pm

Author Cynthia Clampitt will talk about the destinations and events across the Greater Midwest that reveal how a region famed for supplying food, actually supplied so much more, including iconic images, legendary individuals, and inventions that would change the world.

Herbology 101*

Tuesday, Apr. 16 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Come learn about herbs, including growing and caring for herbs, as well as how to use your herbal harvest. This class is designed for those who are curious about herbs but do not know where to start and those wanting to include herbs in their garden for the first time.



WHAT!?! That's in Illinois! Our Illinois State Park System*

Wednesday, Apr. 17 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Celeste Brown's quest to visit each of the Illinois State Parks—there are about 150!—has opened her eyes to the diversity of our state. Join us to take a look at many of the 101 parks she has already seen, hear her recount adventures with both wildlife and GPS, and enjoy a showcase of our wonderful Illinois landscape.



Grow a Cook's Garden*

Saturday, Apr. 20 from 10–11 am

If you have a spot in your garden, balcony, or deck that receives more than six hours of direct sunlight, you can grow tomatoes, onions, peppers, squash, garlic, and leafy greens. Come learn plant selection, soil preparation, potting methods, pest protection, extending crops into fall, and food preparation.

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The History of Stevie Wonder*

Tuesday, Apr. 23 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Using performance and interview clips, Gary Wenstrup will trace the arc of Stevie Wonder's amazing career to gain a deeper understanding of one of America's national treasures.

AARP Smart Driver™*

Thursday, Apr. 25 and Friday, Apr. 26 from 12–4 pm

Refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road in this 2-day course designed specifically for drivers age 50 and older. Cost is \$20 for AARP members or \$25 for nonmembers, payable by cash or check to AARP on the first day.

At Home Composting Methods*

Monday, May 6 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Make your own gold! Black gold, that is! Become a garden alchemist by learning tips and tricks to turn food scraps and plant debris into nature's fertilizer - compost! Thinking about adding a compost bin? Get introduced to the many different styles available. Whether you have a huge yard, no yard, or something in between, composting can fit in your life. Your plants will thank you!



Hollywood Goes to Space*

Tuesday, May 7 from 6:30–7:30 pm

Join film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a presentation about various classic films that depict space and its residents, including a discussion of special effects and creative choices used to develop space-related plot lines and scenarios for moviegoing audiences to enjoy.

Flying High: Betty the Pan Am Stewardess*

Monday, May 13 from 6:30–7:30 pm

In this historical portrayal by Leslie Goddard, you'll learn about the real-life experiences of stewardesses for Pan Am in the 1960s. Learn about the strict height, weight and age requirements, about cooking gourmet meals, about the celebrity passengers, and about enduring some wild rides.



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Intro to Microsoft Word*

Tuesday, Mar. 26 from 10–11 am

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, including starting, opening, and saving documents, copy and paste, and more. Mouse skills are necessary and will not be taught during this session.

Intro to the Internet*

Tuesday, Apr. 23 from 10–11 am

Learn the basics of using the internet, such as opening a browser, using Google, effective searching, understanding the cloud, and more. Mouse skills are necessary and will not be taught during this session.

Basics of Internet Safety*

Tuesday, May 28 from 10–11 am

We use the internet everyday to shop, bank, and connect with others, but that connectivity carries risks. In this presentation, learn how to keep your information and devices secure and recognize and avoid common scams.

Book a Librarian



Did you know? You can make an appointment for one-on-one assistance. Receive help with cell phones, social media, ebooks, and the internet. To book a librarian, call the Library at (708) 672-8017 or ask at the Information Desk for this service.



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A mother and daughter shop the book sale in this 2010 photo from our archives.

Donations, Gifts, and Memorials

- *In Memory of Sue Garthus*
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- *In Memory of Denise Kale*
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- *In Memory of Shirley Kramer*
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- *In Memory of Sandy Siefert*
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Spring Closings

Memorial Day: May 27

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BIG BOOK SALE RETURNS

Do you enjoy finding a good bargain? Mark your calendars now for Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 when the Friends of the Library will host their Spring Book Sale in the Large Meeting Room upstairs. Books, movies, audiobooks, and more will be for sale. Early access will be available to all active Friends members and anyone else for a \$10 early entry fee.

Friday, April 12	10 am–12 pm	Sale open to active Friends members or \$10 early access
	12 pm–4:30 pm	Sale open to the public
Saturday, April 13	10 am–4:30 pm	Sale open to the public