

Summer at Chicago Public Library: Chapters of Chicago for Adults (English)

Dates: June 6 – August 30, 2026

1. Attend programs
2. Read books
3. Track your progress to earn prizes

This program was made possible in part by generous donors to the Chicago Public Library Foundation.

Log as you read and attend programs

Log the books you're reading and programs you're attending this summer. Once you've filled in six pages, bring your log into your library branch to earn a baseball cap and be entered to win a raffle prize (while supplies last).

Want themed reading suggestions? Visit chipublib.org/summer

Check out our website for summer booklists and programs like book discussions, film screenings, and so much more!

Summer at CPL For Adults Program Highlights

Please register for programs online at chipublib.org/summer

Start A New Chapter!

Chicago Works - Chicago Volunteers

July 15 from 3-6 PM Harold Washington Library Center Winter Garden
Job & Volunteer Fair

Chicago Creates

Bleach Painting the Chicago Skyline

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Whitney Young Branch on July 18 at 12 PM

Bloom Bar with Mixed Mediums

Near North Branch on August 3 at 5 PM

Toman Branch on August 18 at 3 PM

Comedy Writing with Second City

Lincoln Belmont Branch on June 25 at 6 PM

Canaryville Branch on July 8 at 6 PM

Beverly Branch on August 17 at 6 PM

Embroider a Native Chicago Flower

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Dunning Branch on August 8 at 12 PM

Fabric Painting the Chicago Flag

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Sherman Park Branch on June 6 at 12 PM

Improv for Adults with Second City

Sulzer Regional Library on June 17 at 6 PM

West Chicago Branch on July 21 at 6 PM

Lozano Branch on August 20 at 6 PM

Intro to Bookbinding with Regin Igloria

Humboldt Park Branch on June 17 at 5:30 PM

West Town Branch on June 30 at 5:30 PM

Merlo Branch on July 15 at 5:30 PM

Brighton Park Branch on July 28 at 5:30 PM

Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch on August 12 at 5:30 PM

North Pulaski Branch on August 25 at 5:30 PM

Intro to Hand Embroidery

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Little Village Branch on June 6 at 1 PM

Gage Park Branch on July 18 at 12 PM

Intro to Screen Printing

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Richard M. Daley Branch on June 13 at 12 PM

Archer Heights Branch on August 1 at 12 PM

Linocut the Bean

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Chicago Lawn Branch on June 20 at 12 PM

Independence Branch on August 15 at 12 PM

Linocut a Chicago Handshake

Portage-Cragin Branch on July 25 at 12 PM

Mosaic Coasters with Mixed Mediums

McKinley Park Branch on June 24 at 5:30 PM

West Loop Branch on June 29 at 12:30 PM

Paper Lanterns with Mixed Mediums

King Branch on August 11 at 3 PM

West Lawn Branch on August 26 at 3 PM

Radical Mending

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Legler Regional Library on July 11 at 12 PM

Vodak-East Side Branch on August 8 at 12 PM

Tin Bookmarks with Mixed Mediums

Oriole Park Branch on July 13 at 5 PM

Garfield Ridge Branch on July 22 at 12:30 PM

Greater Crossing Branch on July 30 at 11 AM

Writing the City at the Art Institute of Chicago

Art Institute of Chicago at 111 S. Michigan Ave

This is a 4-part series! Register for them all.

June 18 at 5:30 PM

June 25 at 5:30 PM

July 2 at 5:30 PM

July 9 at 5:30 PM

Writing in the Galleries at the Art Institute of Chicago

Art Institute of Chicago at 111 S. Michigan Ave on July 16 at 5:30 PM

Woven Vessel Workshop with ebere agwuncha

Avalon Branch on June 10 at 5 PM

Hall Branch on June 22 at 3 PM
Legler Regional Library on July 1 at 5 PM
North Austin Branch on July 20 at 3 PM
Brainerd Branch on July 29 at 5 PM
Jeffrey Manor Branch on August 17 at 3 PM

Chicago Learns

Arcade History Tour

Garfield Ridge Branch on July 21 at 6 PM
Sulzer Regional Library on August 15 at 2 PM

Basic Backyard Urban Chicken Keeping

Little Italy Branch on June 20 at 11 AM
Budlong Woods Branch on August 8 at 11 AM

Bike Maintenance 101

Logan Square Branch on July 7 at 6 PM
Back of the Yards Branch on July 9 at 6 PM
Budlong Woods Branch on July 20 at 6 PM

A Brief Reintroduction of Native Americans Into Illinois

Chinatown Branch on June 15 at 6 PM

Chicago's Political Machine with Dr. Dominic Pacyga

Walker Branch on July 17 at 2 PM

Czech Chicago with Dr. Dominic Pacyga

Clearing Branch on July 25 at 11 AM

Dragged Through the Garden: Our Hotdog's History

Hegewisch Branch on August 18 at 6 PM

Edible Mushrooms of Illinois

Albany Park Branch on June 16 at 6:30 PM
Austin Branch on July 29 at 6:30 PM

Health and Urban Wildlife Article Discussion with Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo at 2001 N. Clark Street
July 30 at 2:30 PM

The History of Jewish Food in Chicago

Lincoln Park Branch on July 16 at 6 PM

Ho-Chunk Native Americans: An Illinois Indigenous Tribe

Richard J. Daley Branch on July 14 at 6 PM

Off the Rails: How Transit Shaped Our City

Clearing Branch on August 15 at 11 AM

Playboy's Chicago Roots

West Belmont Branch on June 25 at 6:30 PM

Steel, Steam, and Right of Way: How Transportation Built Chicago's Industrial Corridors

South Shore Branch on August 6 at 5:30 PM

Story Circle with 2nd Story

South Chicago Branch on June 10 at 5:30 PM

Logan Square Branch on July 24 at 2 PM

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Harold Washington Library Center on August 15 at 11 AM

Summertime, Chicago Style

Scottsdale Branch on July 7 at 2 PM

Sulzer Regional Library on July 14 at 6 PM

Whitney Young Branch on August 25 at 6 PM

Sweet Home Chicago: Our Candy History

Mt. Greenwood Branch on June 27 at 11 AM

Chicago Performs

Chicago Barn Dance: Then and Now

Pullman Branch on June 24 at 2 PM

Bezarian Branch on July 24 at 2 PM

Devil in the White City with The Goodman Theatre

Blackstone Branch on June 13 at 10 AM

Budlong Woods Branch on June 13 at 2 PM

The Folksongs of Woody Guthrie

Rogers Park Branch on July 11 at 1 PM

Jefferson Park Branch on July 22 at 2 PM

Roden Branch on August 6 at 2 PM

Native American Storytelling

Austin-Irving Branch on August 10 at 6 PM

Poppin Chuck's Hip-Hop Dance Workshop

Wrightwood Ashburn Branch on August 4 at 2PM

Douglass Branch on August 6 at 6PM

The Soul of Rhythm and Blues with Bear Williams

Brainerd Branch on June 11 at 6PM

Altgeld Branch on July 25 at 2PM

The Story of House Music with DJ Lady D

Portage-Cragin Branch on July 8 at 6PM

Chicago Talks Books

Books & Bricks with Chicago Architecture Center

Woodson Regional Library on June 11 at 2 PM

Northtown Branch on July 11 at 11 AM

Thurgood Marshall Branch on August 5 at 6 PM

Chicago's Fine Arts Building Book Talk with Keir Graff

McKinley Park Branch on June 15 at 6 PM

Uptown Branch on July 30 at 6 PM

Harold Washington Library Center on August 21 at 2 PM

Chicago Homes Book Talk with Carla Bruni

Lincoln Park Branch on June 23 at 6:15 PM

Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch on July 22 at 6:15 PM

West Pullman Branch on August 12 at 6:15 PM

Get the Most Out of Your Air Fryer with Emily Paster

Edgebrook Branch on July 11 at 11 AM

Read & Run Chicago: Chicago's Fine Arts Building by Keir Graf

Harold Washington Library Center on August 21 at 1 PM

Read & Run Chicago: No Stars in Jefferson Park by Maggie Andersen

Jefferson Park Branch on July 14 at 6 PM

Pickling Three Ways with Emily Paster

Manning Branch on June 13 at 11 AM

Chicago Tours

Bird ID Walk

Harold Washington Library Center on June 16 at 10 AM

Blackstone Branch on June 20 at 10 AM

Mayfair Branch on July 21 at 10 AM

South Chicago Branch on August 13 at 10 AM

Oriole Park Branch on August 22 at 10 AM

Chicago Sculpture International: Project Space Tour

1912 N. Damen Ave

June 24 at 2 PM

August 13 at 2 PM

The Chicago River: A Great Reversal Tour

London House Hotel Lobby

85 E. Wacker Drive

July 10 at 11 AM

CHIRP Radio Tour

4045 N. Rockwell Street

June 18 at 2 PM

Windy City Harvest: Farm on Ogden Tour

3555 Ogden Avenue

July 21 at 2 PM

Lincoln Square's Community Spaces Tour

Sulzer Regional Library on August 22 at 2 PM

Mana Contemporary Gallery Tour: Aye Aton

2233 S. Throop St. on June 23 at 2 PM

Murals, Mosaics, and More Tour

Harold Washington Library Center on July 13 at 2 PM

Read & Run Chicago: Historic Chicago Bakeries

(Bilingual/ Bilingüe de español)

Little Village Branch on June 30 at 6 PM

Smashed Plastic Record Pressing Tour

4200 W. Diversey Ave. on July 28 at 2 PM

Raffle Ticket

Track your progress! After completing 6 activities, bring me back to your library branch to earn a baseball cap and be entered into the branch raffle to win a CPL coffee tumbler and bandana!

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Contact Info:

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