



# 2026 Adult Summer Challenge

## Activity List for Adults

Sunday, June 7 - Saturday, August 1

- Registration starts June 7. Paper logs accepted starting June 15.
- Join our Adult Summer Challenge by doing activities on this list!
- Log your activities by writing the corresponding activity number in the log boxes on the back. After completing five activities, bring this paper log to the Adult & Teen Services Desk for a prize drawing entry.
- You can also log *anytime* on Beanstack through the app or webpage.
- You can repeat the same activity; you do not have to do every activity.
- Every five activities you complete earns you a prize drawing ticket. Maximum of 10 tickets. Prize winners will be notified starting August 3.

### *Plant a Seed, Read*

1. Read a book or listen to an audiobook for an hour.
2. Read a graphic novel, comic, or manga for an hour.
3. Read an e-book or listen to an e-audiobook with our digital collection on Hoopla, LibriVox, Inkie.org, Palace Project, or Libby for an hour.
4. Plant a seed or tend to a garden or houseplant.  
*Tip: Check out our Seed Library to get started!*
5. Attend a "Plant a Seed, Read!" Series Program.  
*Tip: Check The Guide to see all the programs in the series. "Soil, Sky & AI: The Science of Weather", "Fruit & Vegetable Collages", "Tranquil Tuesdays: Painted Pots", and more!*
6. Go to a farmer's market to connect with local growers, makers, and more.  
*Tip: Stop by the Library booth at the New Lenox Farmers Market on Thursday, June 11 or Thursday, July 2.*
7. Discover your roots by spending an hour exploring your family history.  
*Tip: Attend the Genealogy Club program "Planting Seeds in the New World" on June 9, or use the Fold3 database at the Library.*
8. Create a nature journal, field diary, herbarium or botanical sketchbook with at least one entry.
9. Cook or bake a recipe featuring edible seeds such as chia, sesame, pumpkin, sunflower, etc.  
*Tip: Grab a Spice Club kit on June 1 featuring Cumin Seed.*
10. Harvest and save seeds from your garden for next year.
11. Spend an hour learning about sustainable food systems in your community.  
*Examples: Pick a research topic like local eco-friendly initiatives, Will County waste reduction policies, victory gardens, composting programs, or ways to reduce your impact at home.*
12. Plant a "farm to table" garden to grow your own salsa, soup, salad, or more.
13. Mix up a custom birdseed blend and see what attracts the most visitors.
14. Devote an hour to a self-care practice in natural sunlight, such as meditation, movement, or mindfulness.
15. Take one action to support local pollinators.  
*Examples: Plant a pollinator garden, build a bee hotel, pledge to limit pesticides, join a citizen science project or community garden initiative.*
16. Volunteer with a food pantry or support a local food rescue.
17. Visit a nature preserve, greenhouse, farm, or local, state, or national park.  
*Tip: Get special admissions offers for Cantigny Park, Chicago Botanic Garden, Forest Park Nature Center, and others with Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass.*
18. Customize your garden gear.  
*Tip: Use preset fonts and designs in The Studio to monogram or embroider your garden gloves, apron, hat, or tool bag.*
19. Digitize your photos, slides, negatives, or postcards in the Studio.  
*Tip: Use the Rapid Photo Album Scanner or one of the multi-format scanners to save your print memories to a flash drive.*
20. Create botanical art using collected leaves or plant specimens.  
*Tip: Use the gel printing plates in The Studio to create a monoprint.*
21. Create something using supplies from the Studio's freebie/craft cabinet.
22. Convert or digitize older media like VHS, vinyl, cassette tapes, or 8mm film to a new format in the Studio.
23. Use Novelist to search for similar titles to your favorite reads, or find books by "appeal factors" like genre, topic, mood, pace, and more.
24. Use any database from the "Learn" tab on our website. Explore by clicking "By Topic", or choose "All Resources" to see them all.
25. Sign up for or renew a library card.



# 2026 Adult Summer Challenge Activities Tracker for Adults

- Activities are listed on the other side of this page.
- Track your activities anytime on Beanstack or by using this page. Write the corresponding activity number in the boxes below. When you complete five activities, bring this paper to the Adult & Teen Services Desk starting June 15.
- You can repeat the same activity; you do not have to do every activity.
- Every five activities you complete earns you a Beanstack badge and a prize drawing ticket. **Maximum of 10 tickets.** The more activities you complete, the more chances you have to win an awesome prize.
- See a full list of prizes at the Adult & Teen Services Desk or on Beanstack.

*Plant a Seed, Read*

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