

## 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop pre-reading skills that provide a great foundation for school and learning success.

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In-person programs  
return to the Library



### May Programs for Teens & Adults

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Register for programs on our event calendar at [newlenox.librarymarket.com](https://newlenox.librarymarket.com), or call Library staff at 815-485-2605.

### 2021 Summer Learning Challenge

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# 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This free program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they enter school. If you read just one book at bedtime, you'll read 365 books in a year. That's 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three!

## HOW DO I START?

- Register with Youth Services by calling 815-485-2605 and pressing 5 or by emailing [youth@newlenoxlibrary.org](mailto:youth@newlenoxlibrary.org).
- Get bookmarks at the library, or download them on our website and print at home.
- Read together!
- Fill in the circles on your bookmarks. If you read a book more than once, you can record it each time. Any books read to your child, by anyone, anytime, all count!

## HOW DO I CHECK IN?

- When you finish 200 books, bring your completed log to the Youth Services desk and check in.
- Check in at every 200 books to get a new bookmark log. Every 200 books, your child will receive a prize!
- Once 1,000 books are read, your child will receive an official certificate of completion, a special shout-out on social media (if you choose), and a book.

If you need any reading suggestions, stop by Youth Services! We are happy to help.

# 2021 Summer Learning Challenge is coming!

Summer is the perfect time to try new things. Are you ready to take the Challenge?

**Monday, June 7–Saturday, July 31**

Register for *Reading Colors Your World!* starting Monday, June 7 and pick up your activity log in either the Youth Services Department (Birth–8<sup>th</sup> Grade) or Adult & Teen Services (7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade and Adults). Junior High students can participate in both programs.

READING  
COLORS  
Your  
WORLD.

Complete the Challenge by doing activities from the list on your activity log, and earn prizes! Logs will be available in June at the Library, on our social media, and on our website. The Summer Learning Challenge ends July 31.

### Birth–8<sup>th</sup> Grade

When you finish the log, by completing any combination of 24 activities, you will get a prize bag, virtual raffle entry, a completion certificate for school, and a free book! You can complete bonus logs to earn an additional raffle entry. You earn one raffle entry per log completed.



### Teens (8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> Grade) & Adults

You'll be able to send us an email or text when you complete a row so we can check you in for the weekly prizes. The more often you check in, the more chances you have to win. First check in also earns you a chance at the Grand Prize! Repeat activities as many times as you like.



## Programs for Teens & Adults

### Tween and Teen Virtual Programs

#### Virtual Volunteering: Bookmark Reviews

##### Teens

May 4–June 30

Looking for an opportunity to help out the library and earn service hours? Help your peers find their next favorite book by reviewing your favorite YA title.

Submit a short review of your book and a design of your choosing in a 2"x7" bookmark format and submit it to us electronically. We will format and print your bookmarks and put them on display in our Teen Scene. Two service hours will be awarded for each bookmark submitted.

[newlenoxlibrary.org/volunteens](http://newlenoxlibrary.org/volunteens)

#### End of School Tween Trivia

##### 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Friday, May 28, 4–5 pm

Zoom Meeting

Let's celebrate the last day of school with some trivia fun! Start out the summer season right with an hour of brain-bending trivia questions, fun, and prizes! Grab some friends and join as a team or go solo!

A Zoom link will be sent to registrants the week of the program. Prizes must be picked up in-person at the New Lenox Public Library, and all participants must register with a valid library card.

[Registration required to attend program.](#)

### Teen and Adult Virtual Programs

#### Felt a Hedgehog!

##### Adults and Teens

Tuesday, May 4, 6–7 pm

Zoom Meeting

Join fiber artist and educator Natasha Lehrer Lewis as we create an adorable little hedgehog with wool.

Using needle felting techniques, we'll walk you through how to transform wool into a figurine. All supplies are included to create this virtually at home in this fun Zoom workshop.

All registrants will receive the craft and a Zoom link to the tutorial session. You must register in order to receive a craft kit. [Registration required to attend program.](#)



### Adult Virtual Programs

#### Genealogy Club: Google Drive for Genealogists

##### Adults

Tuesday, May 11, 6–7 pm

Zoom Meeting

Learn how to use Google Drive—a free cloud computing application complete with spreadsheets, word processing and more—to your advantage while performing genealogy research. We'll cover how to create new documents, import documents from your hard drive, and how to use the basic functions of each component. [Registration required to attend program.](#)

#### Virtual Movie Discussion: *Mother*

##### Adults

Wednesday, May 19, 6–7 pm

Zoom Meeting

In honor of Asian American Heritage Month, join us for a virtual film discussion of the movie *Mother* (2010). "A mother desperately tries to overturn her son's murder conviction, find the killer who set him up, and have him released from prison." Watch this movie (available through Hoopla) at home, and join us for an informative discussion. [Registration required to attend program.](#)

#### Wellness Wednesday: Restorative Yoga

##### Adults

Video posted Wednesday,

May 26 at 10 am on

[Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), & [newlenoxlibrary.org](http://newlenoxlibrary.org)

Join us for a Wellness Wednesday yoga session on the last Wednesdays of April, May, and June! These sessions will focus on different types of yoga meant to help you live your healthiest life.

Presented by yoga instructor and motivational coach Gina Slager, these programs will allow you the opportunity to work on both your mental and physical well-being.



**Trivia Night at Beggars Pizza**

**Adults**  
 Thursday, May 13, 6–8 pm  
 Beggars Pizza, 650 Maple Street

Looking for something fun to do on a Thursday night? Look no more! Join us for a brain-busting evening at Beggars Pizza in New Lenox (650 Maple Street, New Lenox, IL). Enjoy pizza and drinks and answer questions on a multitude of topics. Play by yourself or as part of a team for prizes! [Registration required to attend program.](#)

Masks will be required to enter the restaurant. Mask requirements within the facility are determined by restaurant staff.



**Cutting the Cable Cord**

**Adults**  
 Tuesday, May 18, 5:30–7 pm  
 Meeting Room A & B (Mask Required) and Zoom Meeting

Amazon, Apple and Netflix offer just a few of the options available for people who are interested in cutting the cable cord. Find out all the best services as well as streaming devices like Roku and Apple TV.

This program will be presented both in person and through Zoom. For those attending through Zoom, a Zoom link will be sent the week of the program. [Registration required to attend program.](#)

**Writers Group**

**Adults**  
 Wednesday, May 5 & 19, 6–7:45 pm  
 Meeting Room A & B (Mask Required)

New members always welcome! Come discuss your writing with others. Registration required to attend.

- [Register for May 5](#)
- [Register for May 19](#)

**Friends of the Library**



**Adults**  
 Wednesday, May 26, 6–7 pm  
 Board Room

The Friends of the Library helps the Library expand its potential to serve the New Lenox community. Join us for our monthly meeting; new members are always welcome. [Registration required.](#)

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**Library Calendar & Program Registration**  
 Use this QR code to **go to our online calendar** on your mobile device.



**Library Website**  
 Use this QR code to **go to our website** on your mobile device.

**At the Library**

**Hours Starting May 3**

- Monday–Thursday: 10 am–8 pm
- Friday: 10 am–6 pm
- Saturday: 10 am–4 pm

**Contact Us**

- Call 815-485-2605
- Email [info@newlenoxlibrary.org](mailto:info@newlenoxlibrary.org)

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