Adult Programming Made Easy

Twelve Programs

Adaptable to any library size!

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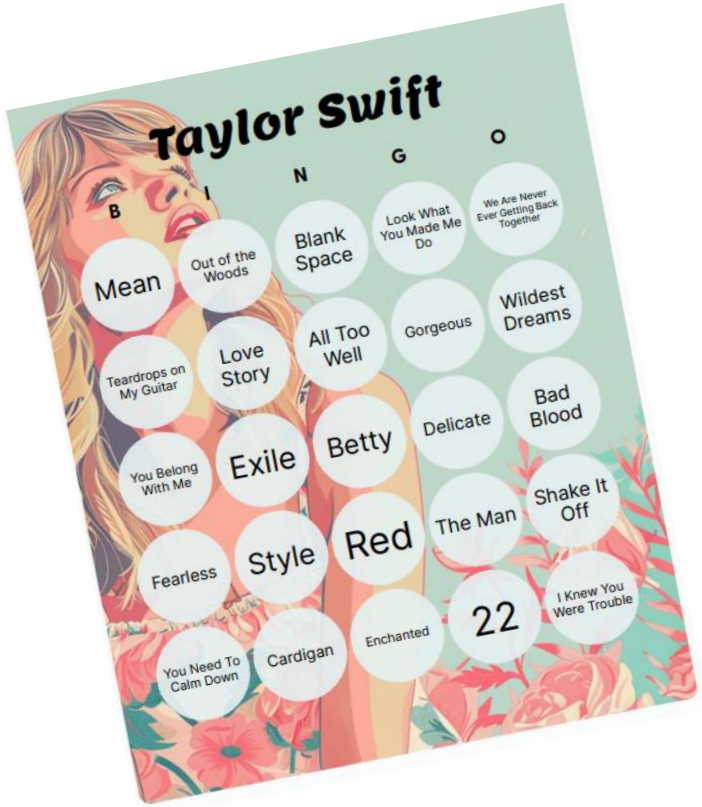
MUSIC
BINGO

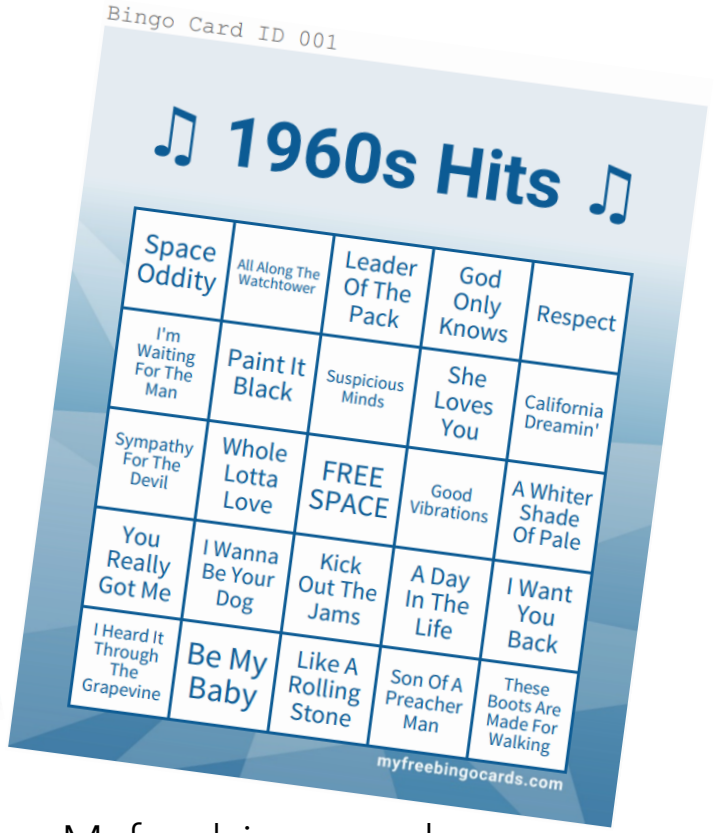
Dropping beats instead of balls

What you will need:

- **Bingo Cards with Song Titles**
- **Music Snippets**
- **A Game Host or DJ**
- **Prizes**
- **Refreshments (optional)**



Bingo Card Creator



Myfreebingocards.com

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Pop Tart Houses

Photos courtesy of the East Chicago Public Library

Pop Tart Houses for any holiday

What you will need:

- Boxes of Pop Tarts
- Powder sugar (to make the icing)
- Cake boards to hold the houses
- Decorative items
- Mixing bowls, butter knives, sandwich bags
- Prizes (optional)
- Refreshments (optional)

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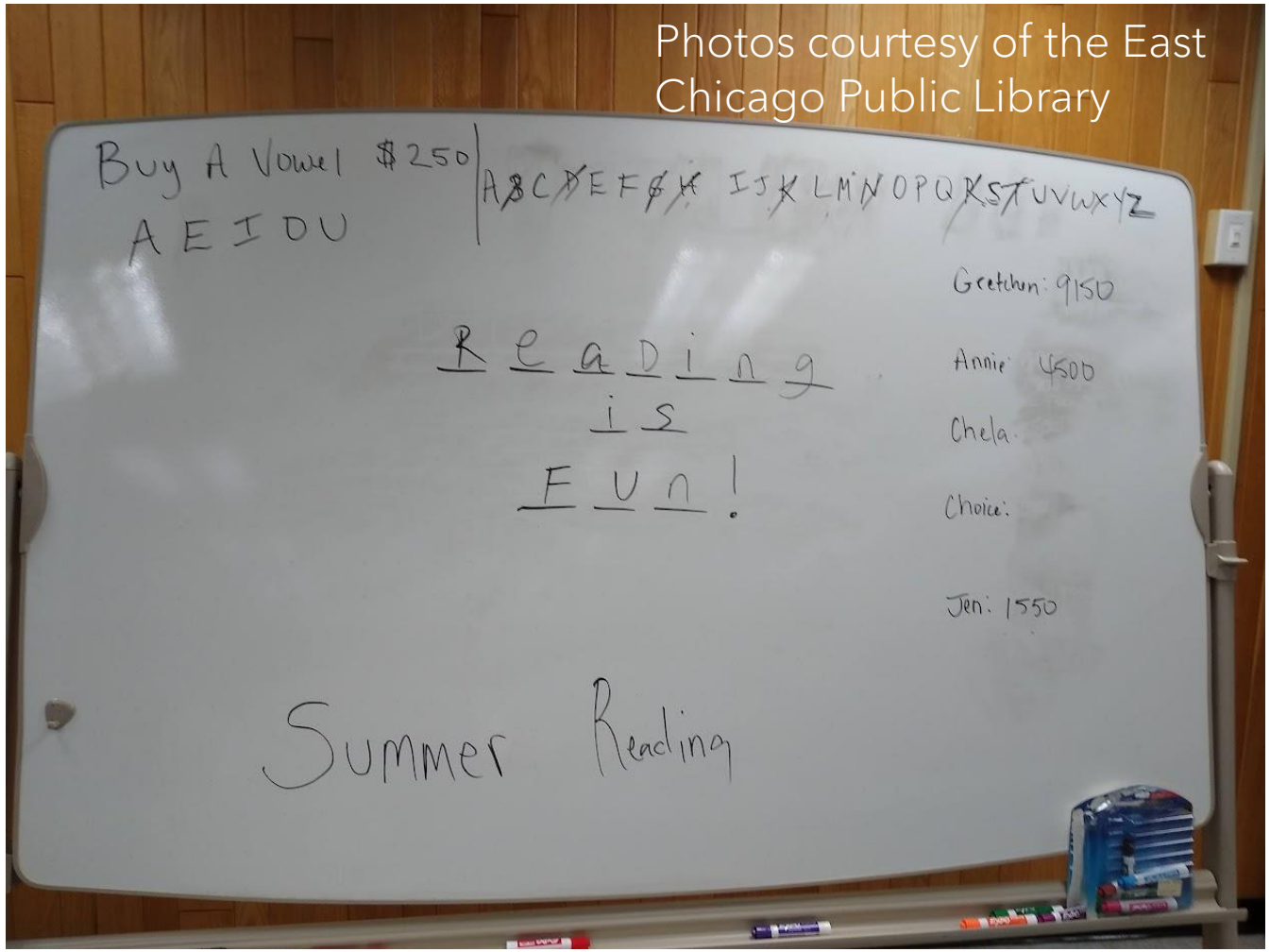
WHEEL OF FORTUNE



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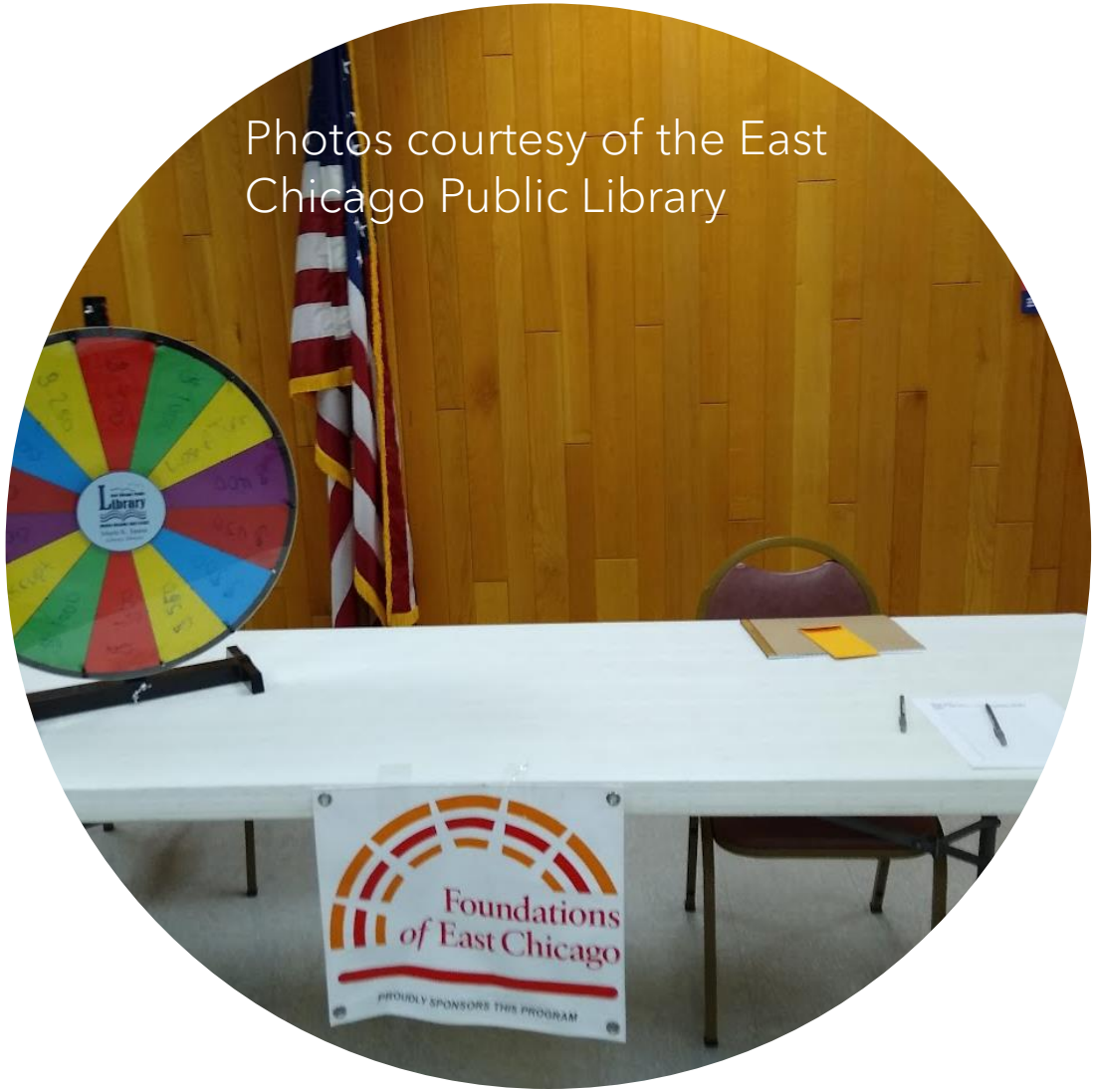
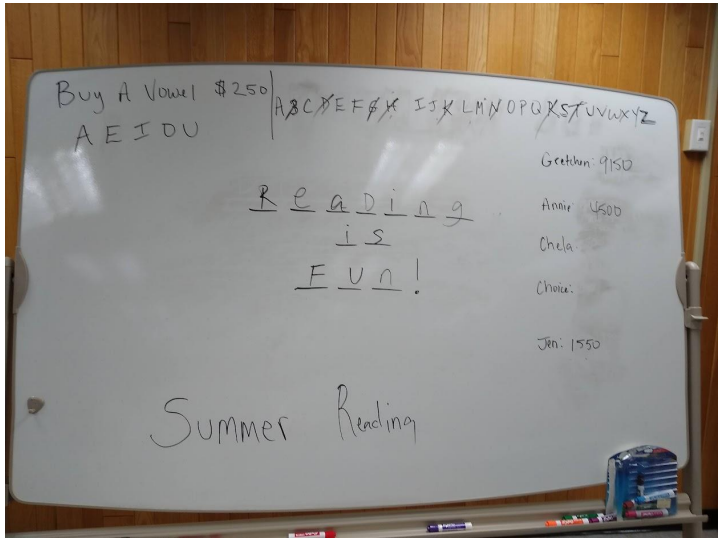
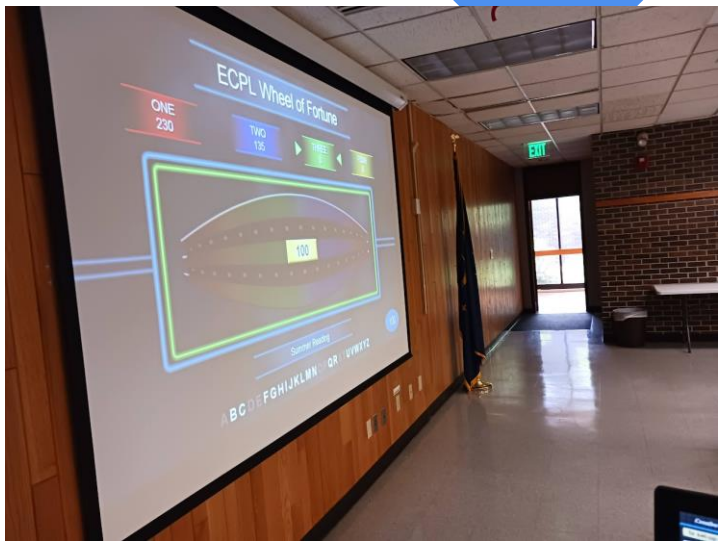
Wheel of Fortune

What you will need:

- A spinning wheel
- Writing Board
- Score Keeper
- Puzzles
- Prizes
- Refreshments (optional)







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Program Idea Courtesy of Erika Wagner, Programming and Outreach Librarian at Crown Point Community Library

Start propagating those houseplants now for our next plant swap on Saturday, April 6 at the Crown Point location. Participants who bring plants to trade may arrive at 10 a.m. to begin swapping. Anyone interested in "adopting" a plant without trading may come at 10:30 a.m. Participants are also welcome to bring pots, seeds, or other houseplant-related items. Any unclaimed plants after the swap will be available for adoption. Registration is appreciated but not required:
https://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=3652&EventID=519298&PK=

Houseplant Swap

Saturday, April 6
from 10 a.m. - noon
Crown Point Library

This event is free,
all houseplants are welcome.

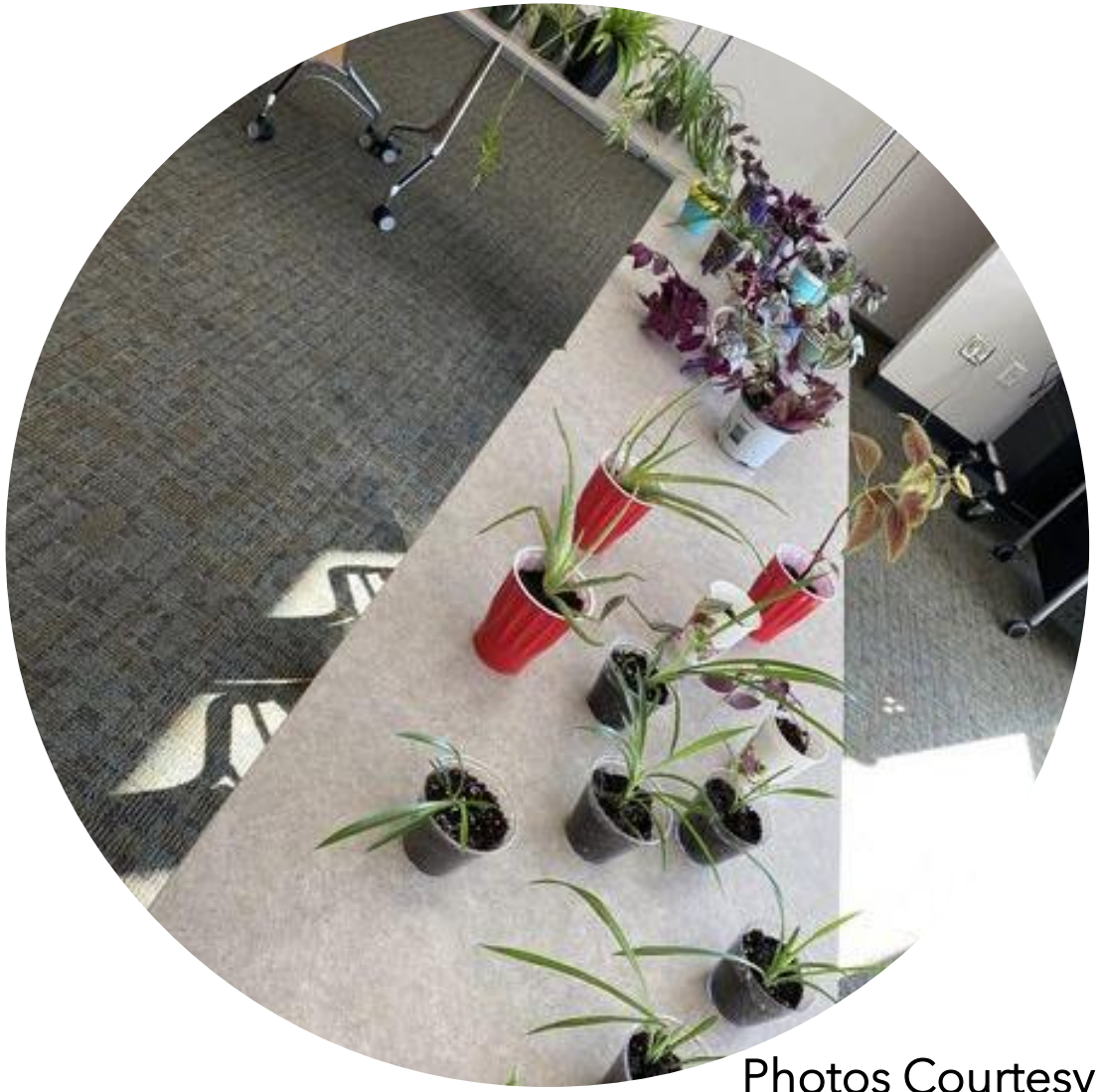
Crown Point Community LIBRARY
CROWN POINT • WINFIELD

Photos Courtesy of the Crown Point Community Library

Houseplant Swap

What you will need:

- Paper and Markers for Labeling
- Laptop (so participants can look up the plant for pet toxicity, allergies, etc.)
- Table to hold the plants



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"Revisiting Our Childhood" Nostalgia Program

Program Idea Courtesy of Jo Bonner, Hobart Branch Manager at Lake County Public Library

Nostalgia Program

What you will need: Supplies will vary depending on the project

January: Paper snowflakes
February: Potato printing
March: Lite Brite
April: Legos
May: Play doh
June: Tie dye
July: Shrinky dinks
August: Sidewalk chalk and Bubbles
September: Scratch art
October: Tissue ghosts (and Halloween stories)
November: Fingerprinted turkeys
December: Popcorn garland

Photos Courtesy of the Lake County Public Library

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Taster Series

Photos courtesy of the East Chicago Public Library

Taster Series

What you will need: Supplies will vary depending on the food

- Coffee
- Tea
- Soda
- Chocolate
- Snow cones
- Ice cream Floats
- Yogurt with granola
- Breads
- Cakes
- Cookies
- Pies
- Candy
- Chips
- And so much more…

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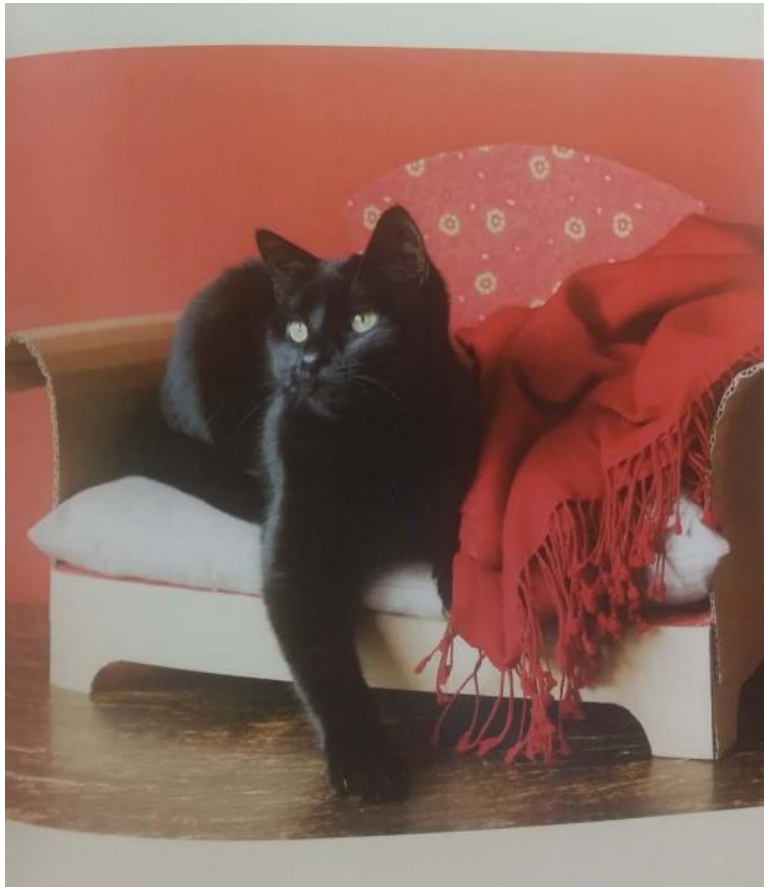


Cat Castles

Programming idea came from Westchester Public Library

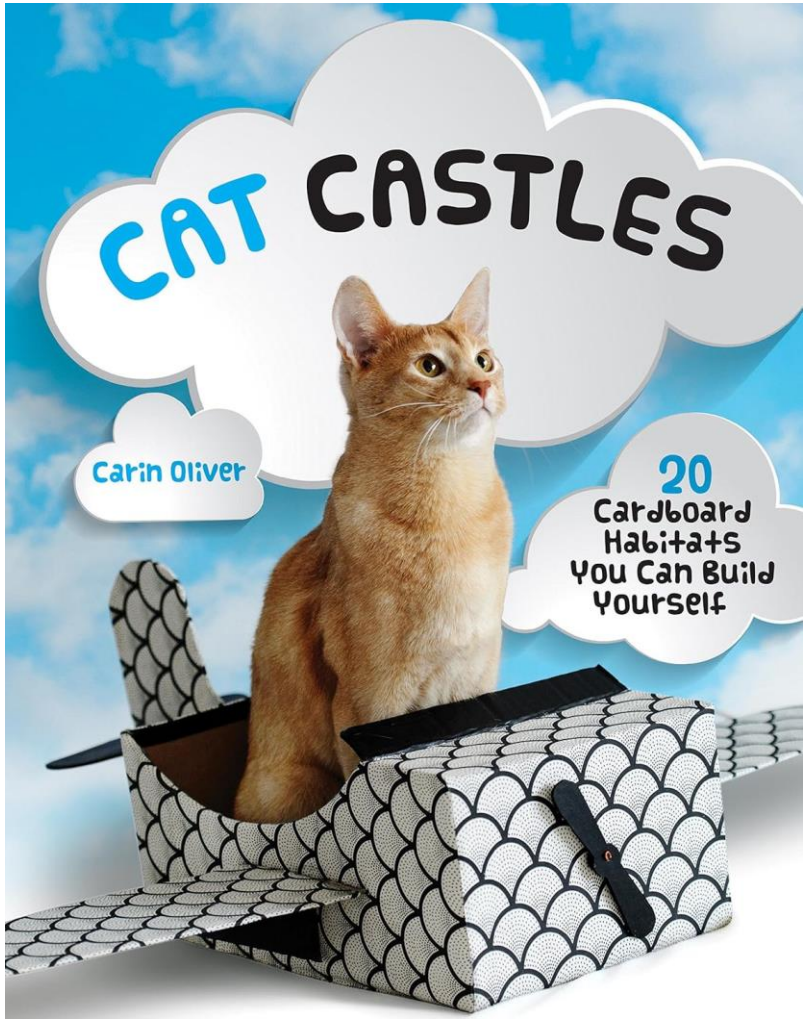
Photos courtesy of the Programming Librarian website

Build Your Cat a Castle

What you will need:

- Boxes-different sizes
- Empty Oatmeal or other cardboard cylinder containers
- Uncoated sisal rope
- Colorful paper to decorate
- Exacto knives
- Scissors
- Hot Glue
- Refreshments (Optional)

Use the book Cat Castles by Carin Oliver for cat castle building inspiration!



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Sidewalk Chalk Art

Program idea and photos are courtesy of the Carmel Clay Public Library

Sidewalk Chalk Art

What you will need:

- Chalk
- Water
- Paper Towel

Photos are courtesy of the Carmel Clay Public Library

Registration now closed

Cover the Sidewalks

Chalk art festival for adults outside the Main Library

Saturday, July 27
10:00am - 3:00pm
Add to Calendar

Main Library
Event Lawn

Create a chalk drawing on the Main Library sidewalk that depicts a favorite book cover. This event is for adults, and registration is required.

Choose a book cover that you love or one that's inspired by our summer reading theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library" to recreate on the library sidewalks.

If you'd like to register individually, you'll be assigned a 5-foot square to decorate.
If you prefer to register with a partner, the two of you will be assigned a 6.5-foot square to decorate together. (Both partners will need to register separately using the Register button.)

Check-in for the event begins at 10am on the grassy area on the west side of the Main Library, and you will be given your assigned square when you check in. All drawings must be completed by 2pm.

Although participants must be 18 or older, all ages are invited to watch and vote for their favorite drawings. Voting will take place between 1pm and 3pm.

The library will provide chalk and water, but you're welcome to bring your own chalk/chalk pastels for brighter colors or a design with lots of a single color.

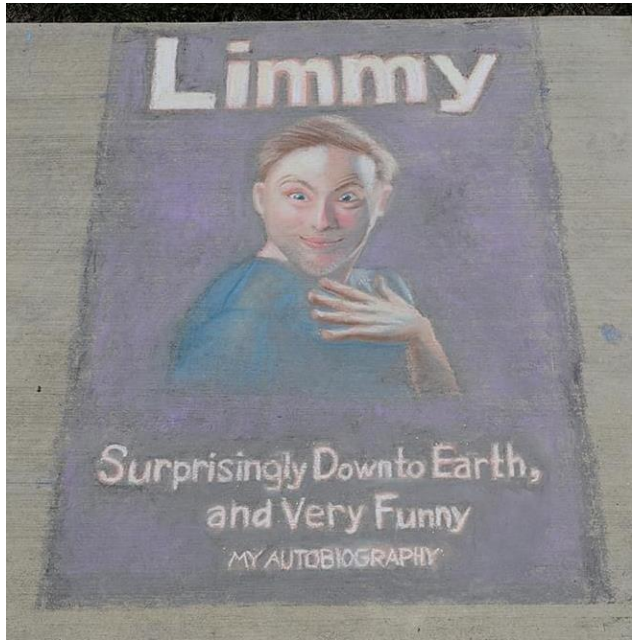
Optional things to consider bringing for a fun chalking experience

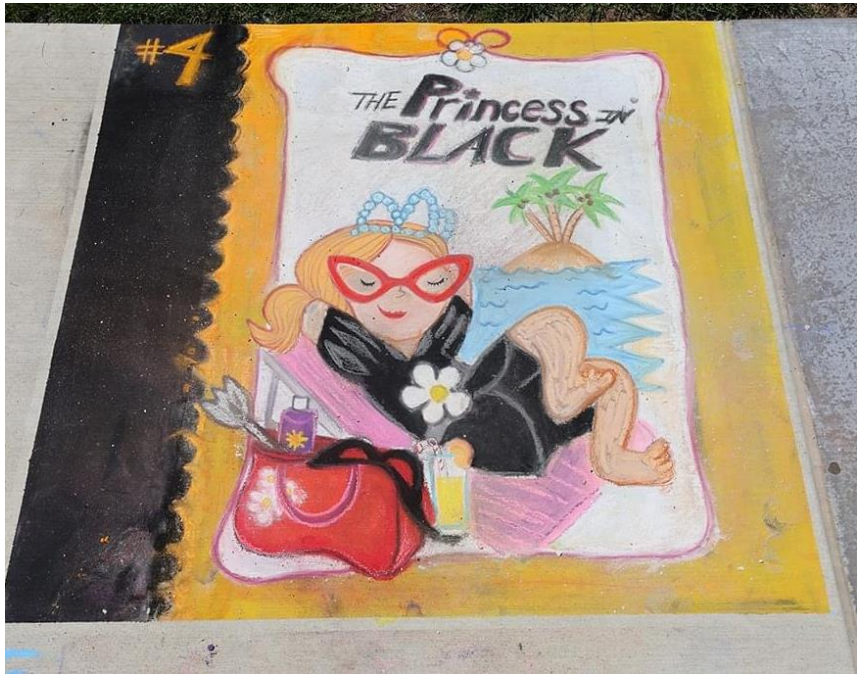
- Sunblock
- Hat
- Knee pads or a garden kneeling pad
- Paintbrushes or rags for blending
- A spray bottle
- A camp chair or blanket for taking breaks
- Snacks or drinks **with a lid** (to prevent inadvertent spills on your design)
- Painters tape for straight lines
- Chalk line tool and measuring tapes (for making a grid drawing guide)

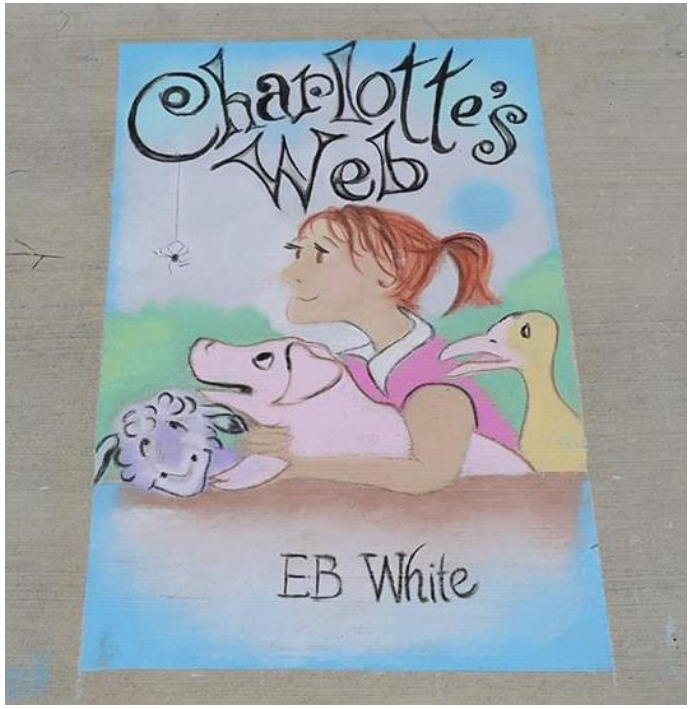
In the event of rain, this event will take place on Saturday, August 3, from 10am–2pm.

AGE GROUP: | Adults |

From Caramel Clay Public Library's event calendar







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Puppies and Pi(e)

Program idea is courtesy of the
Programming Librarian Website

Puppies and Pi(e)

What you will need:

- Puppies-partner with a local shelter
- Plastic drop cloth to protect the carpet
- Variety of pies
- Plates, forks, napkins,
- Water or lemonade

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Adulting 101

Basic How-Tos for Ages 16-25

February 25: Bare Essential Cooking
How to cook easy recipes, and how to creatively cook in dorm rooms (ironed grilled cheese, anyone?)

March 18: Financial Know-how
How to balance a checkbook, set a budget, file your own taxes, and build credit

April 22: Getting a Job
How to write a resume and cover letter, and how to interview

May 20: News and the like
How to find and understand real news on the Internet

June 17: Moving out?
How to live with roommates, find an apartment, and talk to your landlord

July 22: Odds and ends
How to check and refill your oil, use a breaker box, reset an outlet, clean an oven, and anything else you want to know how to do!

Adulting 101

What you will need (Supplies may vary depending on topic)

- Notebooks/pens for note taking
- Water, lemonade, cookies for refreshments (optional)
- Expert in the topic (optional)
  - Cooking
  - Cleaning
  - Laundry
  - Finances
  - Car Maintenance
  - Making appointments

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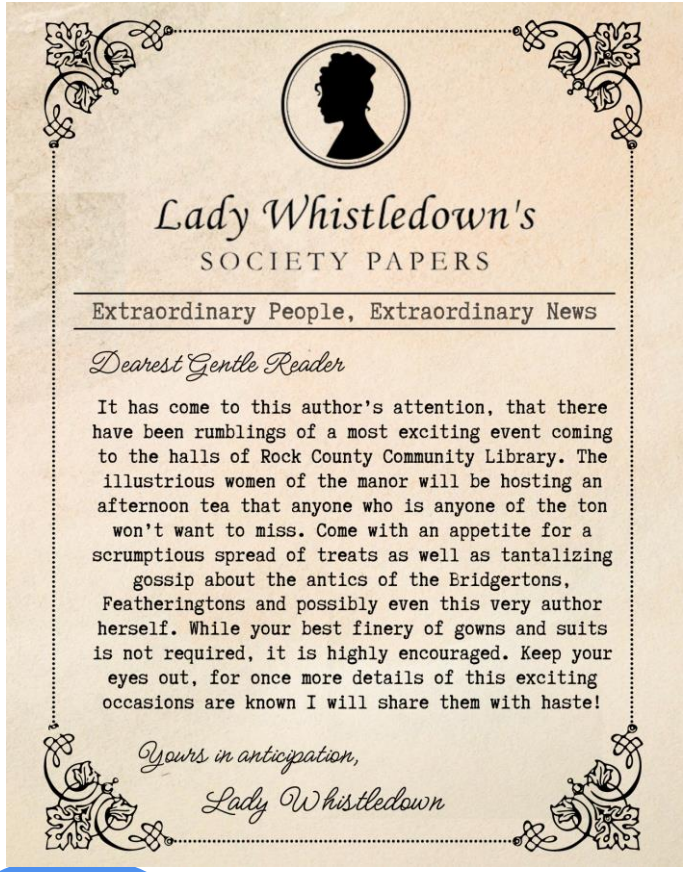
Bridgerton Afternoon Tea

Program idea and photos courtesy of the Programming Librarian Website



Lady Whistledown's

SOCIETY PAPERS

Extraordinary People, Extraordinary News

Dearest Gentle Reader

It has come to this author's attention, that there have been rumblings of a most exciting event coming to the halls of Rock County Community Library. The illustrious women of the manor will be hosting an afternoon tea that anyone who is anyone of the ton won't want to miss. Come with an appetite for a scrumptious spread of treats as well as tantalizing gossip about the antics of the Bridgertons, Featheringtons and possibly even this very author herself. While your best finery of gowns and suits is not required, it is highly encouraged. Keep your eyes out, for once more details of this exciting occasions are known I will share them with haste!

Yours in anticipation,

Lady Whistledown

Bridgerton Afternoon Tea

What you will need:

- Decorations
- Tea
- Finger sandwiches
- Baked goods
- Activities
  - Trivia
  - Book/TV Show discussion

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Educational Speakers

MEDICARE
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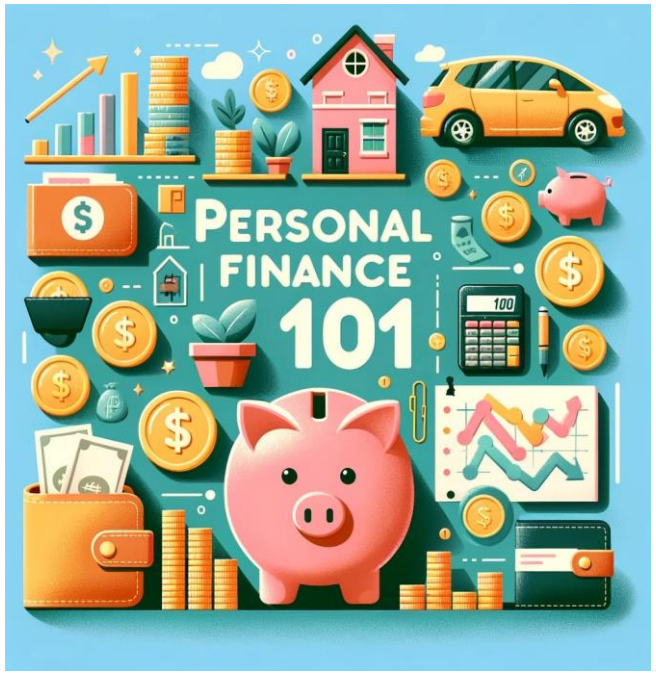
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Resources

Adult Programming Made Easy Resources (Google Doc)

Any Questions?
Thank you!

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