

Morrill Public Library

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



SUMMER 2026

May • June • July

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MAY 1 - JULY 31, 2026
Summer Program & Guide

LIBRARY HOURS

MON-THU 9 AM - 7 PM
FRI 9 AM - 5 PM
SAT 10 AM - 4 PM
SUN 1 PM - 4 PM

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All are welcome.

Mission Statement

The Morrill Public Library is a center for lifelong learning, providing a variety of resources to meet the community's information, education, and recreation needs.



READ BOOKS.
ATTEND EVENTS.
WIN PRIZES.

**ALL AGES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
 MAY 21 - JULY 9, 2026**

To participate in the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack, patrons earn reading badges for every hour (or book for preschoolers) and additional activity badges. Activity badges are just for fun challenges like attending our special events or checking out our digital collections!

Completing any badge will earn two tickets you can enter into our grand prize drawings. You can pick what prize you want a chance to win!



*Limited paper logs available

HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Get the Beanstack app or go online to sign up: hiawathalibrary.beanstack.org
- 2** Pick the reading challenge that's just right for you - all ages are invited!
- 3** Log your reading, do activities, earn badges, and win prizes!

READING CHALLENGES BY AGE GROUP

0-5
 Log 30 books on Beanstack

6-12
 Log 20 hours on Beanstack

13-18
 Log 20 hours on Beanstack

19+
 Log 30 hours on Beanstack

THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE SUMMER READING *sponsors*



FREE EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

MAY

- Fri 1**
1 PM Senior Social
- Mon 4**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
- Tue 5**
2 PM Quilters Club
3:45 PM After School is Cool
- Wed 6**
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour
- Thu 7**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
3:45 PM Studio Thursday
- Mon 11**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
6 PM Diverse Voices Book Club
6 PM Evening Book Club
- Tue 12**
3:45 PM After School is Cool
- Wed 13**
9:30 AM Morning Book Club
- Thu 14**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
3:45 PM Studio Thursday
- Fri 15**
12 PM Rainbow Tech Topics
1 PM Senior Social
- Mon 18**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
- TUE 19**
2 PM Quilters Club
3:45 PM After School is Cool
- Wed 20**
1-2 PM Staff meeting, Library closed
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour

- Thu 22**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
Summer Library Program Kickoff
- Mon 25**
Memorial Day Library Closed
- Tue 26**
10 AM Heller Martial Arts - Elem.
11 AM Heller Martial Arts - Middle
- Wed 27**
4 PM Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thu 28**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
4:30 PM LEGO Program w/C3Brix

JUNE

- Mon 1**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
- Tue 2**
1 PM K-State STEAM
2 PM Quilters Club
- Wed 3**
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour
- Thu 4**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
11 AM Build Your Own Adventure
12 PM K-2 Crafts
1 PM 3-8 Crafts
- Fri 5**
1 PM Senior Social
- Mon 8**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
6 PM Diverse Voices Book Club
- Tue 9**
10:30 AM K-State Fossil Program
11:30 AM Dino Dig
1 PM K-State STEAM
- Wed 10**
9:30 AM Morning Book Club
- Thu 11**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
11 AM Build Your Own Adventure
12 PM K-2 Crafts
1 PM 3-8 Crafts

- Mon 15**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
6 PM Evening Book Club

- Tue 16**
1 PM K-State STEAM
2 PM Family Movie
2 PM Quilters Club

- Wed 17**
1-2 PM Staff meeting, Library closed
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour

- Thu 18**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
11 AM Build Your Own Adventure
12 PM K-2 Crafts
1 PM 3-8 Crafts

- Fri 19**
Juneteenth Library Closed

- Mon 22**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club

- Tue 23**
10:30 AM Scavenger Hunt
1 PM K-State STEAM

- Thu 25**
10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
11 AM Build Your Own Adventure
12 PM K-2 Crafts
1 PM 3-8 Crafts

- Mon 29**
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club

- Tue 30**
1 PM K-State STEAM

JULY

Wed 1

2 PM Creative Hour
2:30 PM Happy Birthday, America!
5:30 PM Creative Hour

Thu 2

10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
11 AM Build Your Own Adventure
12 PM K-2 Crafts
1 PM 3-8 Crafts

Fri 3

1 PM Senior Socials

Sat 4

Independence Day Library Closed

Mon 6

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club

Tue 7

11 AM K-State STEAM
2 PM Family Movie
2 PM Quilters Club

Wed 8

9:30 AM Morning Book Club

Thu 9

10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
4 PM End-of-Summer Carnival

Mon 13

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
6 PM Diverse Voices Book Club

Wed 15

1-2 PM Staff meeting, Library closed
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour

Thu 16

10:30 AM Preschool Storytime

Fri 17

1 PM Senior Social

Mon 20

ALL DAY StoryWalk Begins Downtown
10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club
6 PM Evening Book Club

Wed 23

4 PM Board of Trustees Meeting

Thu 24

10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour

Mon 28

10:30 AM Toddler Storytime
6 PM Knitting Club

Thu 31

10:30 AM Preschool Storytime
2 PM Creative Hour
5:30 PM Creative Hour

**Dates with this
symbol have
summer events!**



STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH EVENTS

1. Go to hiawathalibrary.org/calendar
2. RSVP to events you're interested in.
3. Library staff will email you any updates.

*Library events are subject to change.

ALL AGES EVENTS



Summer Kickoff

MAY 21 | THU | ALL DAY

Visit the library for door prizes, games, and treats. Staff will be available to help anyone get registered on Beanstack.

Heller Martial Arts

MAY 26 | TUE | 10 AM & 11 AM

Large Meeting Room

Marcus Heller from Heller Martial Arts presents their Bully Defense Program! Marcus will talk about defending yourself against bullies and go through several drills for self-defense techniques.

LEGO & C3Brix Program

MAY 28 | THU | 4:30 PM - 6 PM

Upstairs at the Library

Cody Wells will do a Lego presentation for all ages upstairs at the library. Bring some of your own Lego creations to share! All ages are welcome.



Fossils & Dino Dig

JUN 9 | TUE | 10:30 AM

Large Meeting Room & Outside

Join us for a fossil presentation by the K-State Extension office, followed by a dino dig excavation outside at the library!



Family Movie

JUN 16 | TUE | 2 PM

Large Meeting Room

The library will offer two afternoons to sit back and relax while you watch a dino-themed movie. June's movie is the classic Jurassic Park (PG-13).

Scavenger Hunt

JUN 23 | TUE | 10:30 AM

MPL & Around Hiawatha

Meet at the library to form teams, then set out on a family scavenger hunt & win prizes. Children under 9 need to be accompanied by a caregiver.

Happy Birthday, America!

JUL 1 | WED | 2:30 PM

Upstairs at the Library

Drop by the library for a cupcake and a photo opportunity to celebrate America's 250th!

Library Expedition Logs

MAY 25th - AUGUST 1st

Libraries in Northeast Kansas

Visit any of the participating libraries, collect stickers, and return your Library Expedition Log for a chance to win prizes!

Family Movie

JUL 7 | TUE | 2 PM

Large Meeting Room

The library will offer two afternoons to sit back and relax while you watch a dino-themed movie. The July movie is Disney's Dinosaur (PG).

Celebration Carnival

JUL 9 | THU | 4 PM - 6 PM

Morrill Public Library

Join us as we celebrate the end of our Summer Library Program! We'll have carnival games, treats, grand prize announcements, & Fortress Gaming Lounge!



ADULT EVENTS



Morning Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd WED | 9:30 AM

Large Meeting Room

May 13 | *The Gown*

Jun 10 | *Dear Henry, Love Edith*

Jul 8 | *God of the Woods*



Evening Book Club

MONTHLY | 3rd MON | 6 PM

Large Meeting Room

May 11 | *The Stranger in the Woods*

June 15 | *Sandwich*

July 20 | *The Huntress*



Senior Social

1st & 3rd FRI | 1 PM

Large Meeting Room

Make new acquaintances or bring your friends to this library program meant to bring together the beloved seniors in our community! Light refreshments and games provided.

Diverse Voices Book Club

MONTHLY | 2nd MON | 6 PM

Large Meeting Room

May | *The Girls at 17 Swann St*

June | *Love Thy Neighbor*

July | *Please Stop Laughing at Me*



Quilters Club

1st & 3rd TUE | 2 PM

Large Meeting Room

Join other quilters to work on projects and share ideas. Anyone is welcome to attend!



Creative Hour

1st & 3rd WED | 2 & 5:30 PM

Large Meeting Room

Join Joey May for crafting adventures twice a month!

Knitting Club

WEEKLY | MON | 6 PM

Study Room

This group meets in the library's study room on the top floor.



TEEN EVENTS



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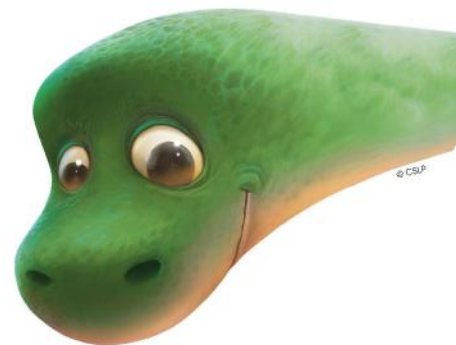


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MPL & Downtown Hiawatha

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Crafts with Lindsay

WEEKLY | THU | 1 PM

Large Meeting Room

Join Miss Lindsay to do a different craft or activity each week during our Summer Library Program! 1pm is for 3 - 8.



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Summer Reading at Your Library

CHILDREN'S EVENTS



Toddler Storytime

WEEKLY | MON | 10:30 AM

Children's Library

Miss Traci leads our toddler storytime on Mondays with fun books and songs!

Preschool Storytime

WEEKLY | THU | 10:30 AM

Children's Library

Miss Elizabeth welcomes our preschool kiddos to her Thursday storytime where she reads books and leads a craft.

Build Your Own Story

WEEKLY | THU | 11 AM

Large Meeting Room

Join Miss Erin for a weekly program to help the library write their next StoryWalk® book! Kids going into preschool through second grade will participate in read-aloud examples, get learning tools to take home, and collaborate on an original story & pictures for a book to be displayed in downtown Hiawatha! Kids will also get to take home their own copy of the book. Funded by a Washburn University grant program.

Crafts with Lindsay

WEEKLY | THU | 12 PM

Large Meeting Room

Join Miss Lindsay to do a different craft or activity each week during our Summer Library Program! 12 pm is for K - 2. 1pm is 3-8.

S.T.E.A.M. Power

WEEKLY | TUE | 1 PM

Large Meeting Room

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Summer Reading Grand Prizes

KIDS PRIZES...

- Free books
- Librarian for a Day
- Storytelling Kit
- Crafty Kit



TEENS PRIZES...

- Free books
- LEGO Sets
- Miniature Build Kit
- Kindle Paperwhite

ADULTS PRIZES...

- Free books
- Chamber Bucks
- Try Something New Gift Basket
- Kindle Paperwhite

**OVERALL
GRAND PRIZE**
Nex Playground



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