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CHERRY VALLEY CHAPTERS

Summer 2025 / June - August

LEVEL UP at Your Library!

May 27 - August 1

The game is set, and it's time to Level Up at Your Library during the 2025 Summer Reading Program! Record your reading minutes and complete activities using Beanstack to earn fun rewards and badges, including free ice cream from Cattle & Cream, a free book if you complete your reading goal, and more! Record minutes and activities every week to be entered into a weekly prize drawing! If you complete your reading goal by **Friday, August 1 at 5:00pm**, you will be entered into our Grand Prize Drawing.

Register for the reading program online at cherryvalleylib.beanstack.org, or by using the Beanstack app, beginning Tuesday, May 27. The Beanstack app can be downloaded onto a phone or tablet and makes recording your minutes and activities easy! The app includes a reading timer, ISBN scanner for title entry, and the capability to record minutes for multiple readers simultaneously. The last day to register for the reading challenge will be Saturday, July 5.

If you participated in last year's program, you will use the same Beanstack username and password. Can't remember your password or have other questions? Call the library at **815.332.5161** and library staff will be happy to assist you!

Reading Goals:

Ages 0-5 600 minutes	Ages 6-11 1,000 minutes
Ages 12-17 1,400 minutes	Adults 18+ 2,500 minutes



Village of Cherry Valley
Upcoming Events

Questions?
Call Village Hall at 815.332.3441

4th of July Parade

Friday, July 4
12:45pm

Street Dance

Saturday, July 19
6:30-10:30pm

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5
5:30-8:30pm



Summer Youth Programs

Priority for summer programs will be given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards. Those without a Cherry Valley card will be placed on a pending waiting list upon registration. If spaces are available after registration closes, you will be notified of a status change via email.

Have questions about using Beanstack for the Summer Reading Program? Most youth programs will have time at the end for instructions and a quick Q&A session.



Story Times at Your Library

Story time programs give children time to interact with books and learn the joy of reading! **Registration is required.** Room capacity will be strictly followed and therefore, only registered participants and caregivers will be allowed at story times.

Story Times run: June 2 - August 2

Wee Read^R

Mondays at 9:30am Ages 2-3

Enjoy 30 minutes of short stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs. In this program, parents or caregivers interact with their children and discover the joy of reading. Limit of 10 children with one accompanying adult each.

Book Babies^R

Tuesdays at 9:30am Ages 6-24 months

Enjoy 20 minutes of baby bounces, rhymes, short stories, finger plays, and 10 minutes of playtime. Because this is a special time for you and your youngster, please make other arrangements for siblings and other children in your care during story time. Limit of 10 children with one accompanying adult each.

Book Bike Story Time @ Baumann Park

Tuesdays at 10:30am All Ages

Slather on your sunscreen and join us at the Baumann Park picnic shelter by the playground for a 30 minute all ages story time! Registration is recommended to receive reminders, but not required. This program is weather-dependent, so watch our website and social media for updates.

Preschool Story Time^R

Thursdays at 9:30am Ages 4-5

Enjoy 30 minutes full of reading readiness, finger plays, rhymes, short stories, and songs that prepare children for school. **Children are encouraged to attend story time independent of caregivers.** Limit of 10 children.

Story Sprouts^R

Thursdays at 10:30am Ages 1-6

Enjoy 30 minutes full of reading readiness, finger plays, rhymes, short stories, songs, and dancing as we grow our love of books. Limit of 15 children with one accompanying adult each.

Music & Movement^R

Fridays at 9:30am or 10:30am Ages 1-5

Spend 30 minutes in our musically rich environment singing, dancing, and listening to stories. Limit of 15 children with one accompanying adult each.

Family Story Time^R

First Saturday of the month at 10:30am Ages 1-6

Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs with your family. Limit of 10 families.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025

LEVEL UP YOUR LIBRARY!

May 27 - August 1

Summer Reading Program Goals

Summer Reading registration begins Tuesday, May 27 on Beanstack. All minutes and activities must be entered on Beanstack by **Friday, August 1 at 5:00pm** to be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. Visit cherryvalleylib.org or download the Beanstack app to get started!



Ages 0-5:
600 minutes



Ages 6-11:
1,000 minutes



Ages 12-17:
1,400 minutes



Adults 18+:
2,500 minutes

Patio Programs

Join us on the patio for a variety of outdoor activities and crafts! Registration is required. Space is limited and therefore only registered individuals will be allowed to participate.

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Pee Wees on the Patio ^R

Wednesdays at 9:30am or 10:30am Ages 3-6

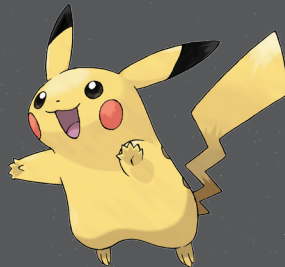
June 11 — Book Character BINGO
June 18 — Balloon Rockets
June 25 — Paper Plate Ring Toss
July 2 — Bubble Snakes
July 9 — Will it Float?
July 16 — Tic-Tac-Toe
July 23 — Shaving Cream Slime



Kids on the Patio ^R

Mondays at 2:00pm Ages 7-11

June 9 — Squirt Gun Painting
June 16 — Pokemon BINGO
June 23 — Minecraft Slime
June 30 — What's in the Box?
July 7 — The Claw
July 14 — Relay Rumble
July 21 — Design Your Own Puzzle



Terrific Thursdays

Fred & Friends ^R

June 12 at 2:00pm Ages 3-11

Put on your dancing shoes and power up the party while we enjoy 45 minutes of silly songs and delightful dances with Fred & Friends!

Animals Around the World ^R

June 26 at 2:00pm Ages 3-11

Level up your animal knowledge with the team from Incredible Bats! They will be here to show and tell us about different animals around the world, including fruit bats, sugar gliders, armadillos, geckos, and more!



Recycled Rollercoasters ^R

July 10 at 2:00pm Ages 3-11

Imagineers, put on your construction hats and get ready to design your own rollercoaster! Families will work together using the library's Makedo tools and a variety of recycled materials to build a marble run.

Foam Party with Absolute Science ^R

July 24 at 2:00pm Ages 3-11

Join us in the parking lot for this fantastic foam frenzy! A cannon will shoot biodegradable foam a distance of 40 feet. Wear your swimsuit or regular clothes to play in the suds (shoes are required). We will provide hula hoops, music, and beach balls for extra fun!

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Summer Family Programs



Family Fun in Your Community! at 5:30pm

Monday, June 9

Monday, July 14

Monday, August 11

All Ages

Join us for family friendly outdoor games and activities at Fisher Park (203 S. Cherry St.), followed by Scoops & Stories at Cattle & Cream. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for one or both events.

Gather at the park at 5:30pm for games the whole family will enjoy including bag toss, giant Jenga, giant Connect Four, and more.

Then head over to Cattle & Cream at 6:30pm to purchase a sweet treat, and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and songs!

Registration is not required, but recommended to receive reminders. In the event of rain, both activities will be moved inside the ice cream parlor at Cattle & Cream.

Family Grab & Go Kits

Gather the whole family together for a fun-filled activity kit! Each kit contains supplies and instructions. **One kit per family.** Adult supervision is required. Registration closes the Wednesday before kit pick-up begins. Kits are available for pick up at the library for one week. Priority is given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards.

Recommended for ages 5+.

Foosball Fever — June 13 - June 21 ^R

Build your own foosball machine with supplies provided. Challenge your family and friends to level up in a tournament! *This kit is sponsored by the Cherry Valley Men's Club.*

Angry Birds Pretzels — July 11 - July 19 ^R

Dip pretzels in chocolate and decorate to make some deliciously angry birds. Then let them fly right into your mouth! *This kit is sponsored by the Cherry Valley Men's Club.*

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LEGO Movie Mania

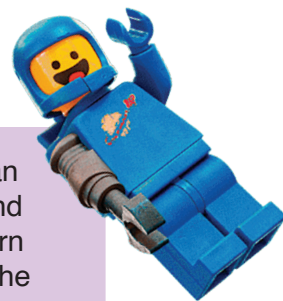
Saturday, July 12 - 7:30pm - All Ages

Are you a master builder? Join Emmett and friends as they go on an epic journey to stop the evil Lord Business. Grab your lawn chair and join us at the library for an evening of family fun! We are going to turn our parking lot into a movie theater and show The LEGO Movie on the big outdoor screen.

Come early to get a good spot and use your Master Builder skills to participate in various activities before the show starts. Activities begin at 7:30pm and the movie starts at dusk. Registration is NOT required for this FREE family event!

The event is sponsored by the Cherry Valley Men's Club. In case of inclement weather, cancellation information will be posted on our website and social media, and the movie will be shown on Saturday, July 26.

Run time: 100 minutes Rated: PG



Summer Teen Programs

Priority for summer programs will be given to those with valid Cherry Valley library cards. Those without a Cherry Valley card will be placed on a pending waiting list upon registration. If spaces are available after registration closes, you will be notified of a status change via email.

Dungeons & Dragons at 5:30pm ^R

Monday, June 16

Monday, July 21

Monday, August 18

Ages 12-17

Come ready for adventure as you and your party explore the land of Barovia and face off against the vampire, Count Strahd. Discover the immersive world of Dungeons & Dragons in our ongoing monthly group. Both new and experienced players welcome.

Patio Programs ^R

Join us on the patio for a variety of outdoor activities and crafts! Space is limited and therefore only registered individuals will be allowed to participate.

Wednesdays at 2:00pm Ages 12-17

June 11 — Crazy Painting

June 18 — Beat Saber Battle

June 25 — Edible Slime

July 2 — What's in the Box?

July 9 — Will it Waffle?

July 16 — Sphero Obstacle Race

July 23 — Design a Puzzle



Friday Night Takeover

Teens are taking over the library for after-hours pizza and games! Minimum of 10 registrations required or event will be cancelled. Ages 12-17

Larger Than Life Game Party ^R

Friday, June 20 at 6:00pm

All you people can't you see, can't you see, now it's time to play giant Monopoly...as well as Jenga, Kerplunk, and more. This after-hours party will feature games that are larger than life.

Laser Tag

Friday, July 18 at 6:00pm ^R

What happens when the lights go out at the library? An all-out laser tag battle! Divide into teams and defend your section of the library.

Among Us

Friday, August 1 at 6:00pm ^R

Get ready for real life Among Us. Complete tasks and survive the night. But be careful, there's an imposter among us!



COMICS PLUS
#ReadAllTheComics

Do you like comics, graphic novels, and manga?

Cherry Valley Public Library cardholders can now access ComicsPlus, a database with

unlimited access to some of your favorite titles and series. Select from children, teen, or all materials. New titles are added to the collection frequently and the best part is, there is no waiting! Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For access on your smart device, download the ComicsPlus app, search Cherry Valley Public Library, and log in with your library card and pin number to get started. Check it out today!

Plant a Row for the Hungry

Once again, the University of Illinois Extension-Winnebago County is encouraging gardeners to plant an extra row of veggies and donate it to help end hunger.

Do you love gardening but sometimes find yourself with more bounty than you can use? If so, please consider sharing your excess produce with those in need. The library is serving as a drop-off site for the "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program. Extension Service volunteers will collect donated fresh produce and pass it on to local food pantries.

Drop off your produce at the library on **Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30pm from July 8 to September 30.**

Summer Adult Programs

Pickleball ^R

Tuesday, June 3 at 5:30pm
 Thursday, June 5 at 8:30am
 Tuesday, July 1 at 5:30pm
 Thursday, July 3 at 8:30am
 Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30pm
 Thursday, August 7 at 8:30am



Join us at the pickleball courts in Baumann Park to learn the basics and get some practice! Has it been some time since you last played? Feel free to join us as well, all are welcome.

Escape the Library ^R

Friday, June 6 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

It's all fun and games until you're locked in the library! Get those gears going and solve challenging puzzles before it's too late to escape! Minimum of 10 participants required or event will be canceled.

Adult Craft Night at 5:30pm ^R

Tuesday, June 10 - Book Lamp
 Tuesday, July 8 - Pixel Paint Night
 Tuesday, August 12 - Sunflower Etched Trays
 Thursday, August 14 - Sunflower Etched Trays

Let your creativity shine by trying new art techniques at the library!

Chair Yoga at 10:30am ^R \$

Thursday, June 12
 Thursday, June 26
 Thursday, July 10
 Thursday, July 24
 Thursday, August 14
 Thursday, August 28

Chair Yoga is a gentle introduction into yoga, designed for seniors and adults struggling with mobility. Local instructor Marie Bridges will walk you through poses you can use to help maintain flexibility, breathe more deeply, and sleep more soundly. Registration and payment of a \$3 registration fee must be done in person at the library.

Muffins & Medicare ^R

Wednesday, July 23 at 10:00am

Grab a morning muffin as we learn about the changes coming to Medicare in 2025. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services, who has been serving clients since 2003.



Pizza, Medicare, & You ^R

Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30pm

Get a slice of knowledge and a slice of pizza! Join us for an informative Medicare meeting with tasty pizza on the side. Presented by Kris Wilcoxon of American Republic Insurance Services, who has been serving clients since 2003.

TTRPG Adventures at 5:30pm ^R

Tuesday, June 17
 Tuesday, July 15
 Tuesday, August 19

Welcome to TableTop Role-Playing Games! Explore different styles of games by playing through campaigns. Whether a novice or veteran, we welcome all!

Beat Saber Tunes ^R

Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30pm

Are rhythm games your kind of jazz? Then tune on in at the library to rock out on Beat Saber using our virtual reality headset.

Take & Bake: Summer Fruit & Cream Cake ^R

July 11 - July 19

Cool off in the summer with this light and fruity cake! Registrants will receive a packet with a recipe card and the dry ingredients for the recipe.

Mario Party IRL! ^R

Tuesday, July 29 at 5:30pm

Wahoo! Do you have what it takes to become the next Super Star? Collect stars and coins, play some minigames, and win! Minimum of 10 participants required or event will be canceled.

Prime Time



Severson Dells ^R

Wednesday, June 11 at 1:00pm

Get outside with Selena and the staff of Severson Dells for a guided stroll through the forest and fields of the nature center. Come prepared to be awed by the beauty of the wild areas of northern Illinois! *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens ^R

Tuesday, July 1 at 2:00pm



Step back in time to experience the plants and animals of the Cretaceous Period! Join Selena at the Nicholas Conservatory to explore the Dinosaurs of the Forgotten Forest exhibit, featuring stunning botanical sculptures of famous large dinosaurs and more. *This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

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Family Prime Time

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! ^R

Sunday, June 15 at 1:00pm

Take the whole family out to the game this Father's Day! Join us at Rivets Stadium (4503 Interstate Blvd. Loves Park, IL 61111) for an afternoon of fun. The Rockford Rivets will take on the Royal Oak Leprechauns at 1:00pm.

Before the game, join the library at 12:00pm in the parking lot for some tailgate gaming fun and yummy snacks.

Tickets will be available for pick up from the library beginning Friday, June 6 until Friday, June 13 at 12:00pm. After 12:00pm, any tickets not picked up will be given to the next person on the waitlist.



This program is sponsored by the *Cherry Valley Men's Club*.



Be a Friend...Bring a Friend! ^R

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:45pm

You're invited to our quarterly Friends of the Cherry Valley Public Library meeting! We are always looking for new people to join our organization. Whether you're a current Friend or looking to join the Friends, this is a great opportunity to become involved at the library. We'll be discussing upcoming fundraisers including Scarecrows on Parade and the Fall Book Sale. Please register online. We hope to see you there!



Level Up & Help Your Community!

The Rock River Valley Pantry's mission is to fight hunger in the community by providing nutritious food to those in urgent need. The library will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly to be donated to the Rock River Valley Pantry. Participants in the summer reading program will earn a Beanstack badge for bringing in donations.

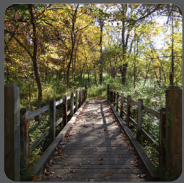
If you are donating jelly, please note that the pantry prefers plastic jars. Collection begins May 28 and runs through August 1. Please bring donations to the desk to collect your badge. Those not participating in the summer reading program may also bring donations.

Level up and spread the love!



Senior Moments

You're invited to join our community-driven group where we learn, play games, and have fun! Registration is required for these programs.



Landscapes of Winnebago ^R

Thursday, June 19 at 10:30am

There is much more to Winnebago County than farmland and cities. Learn about the natural wonders this county boasts and the unique flora and fauna associated with them. Presented by Severson Dells.



Around the Globe by Virtual Reality ^R

Thursday, July 17 at 10:30am

Visit all over the world through Virtual Reality! Get to see places you've never been to before and experience it all here at the library using our VR headset.



America's Golden Girl: The Life of Betty White ^R

Thursday, August 21 at 10:30am

Step into the vibrant world of Betty Marion White Ludden, brought to life by the captivating historical presenter, Michelle Gibbons. Audiences will revel in her vivid recollections, as White revisits treasured moments from the sets of iconic shows. Allow your heart to be warmed by America's honorary grandmother, with a portrayal of Betty White.



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Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 8:00pm

Friday & Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday
Closed from May 25-August 31

Library Closed Dates

Sunday, May 11
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26
Friday, July 4
Friday, August 8

Mother's Day
First Closed Sunday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Closed 9:00am-1:00pm
for staff development

New Summer Merchandise



We have some new colors coming for adult t-shirts (colors/sizes will vary) \$15.00 each.



Kids will also get to sport their very own 2025 summer reading t-shirt! They will be available after May 27 and will be \$12.00 each.



Hoopla Digital offers audiobooks, eBooks, comics and manga, music, movies, TV, and more with BingePass, all available 24/7 with no holds and no waiting! To get started, simply visit hoopladigital.com or download the hoopla app from your device's app store, and sign up with your Cherry Valley library card.

With over 1.5 million titles available instantly and more being added each week, hoopla truly has something for everyone. Start exploring! You can borrow up to 5 titles each month; borrows reset on the first of each month.

Find more digital resources at:
cherryvalleylib.org/wpcherryvalley/everything/



Beyond Books = Summer Fun!

Summer is here and it's time to take advantage of the longer days and warmer weather. Let the Cherry Valley Public Library help you with our Beyond Books collection.

Did you know that we have pickleball sets, fishing poles, youth golf clubs, telescopes, and binoculars? Whether you want a quiet afternoon fishing at Baumann Park, or an evening gazing at the stars, we can help you.

For more information on our Beyond Books collection visit our website at: cherryvalleylib.org. Then, stop by the library to check out equipment for your many recreational needs!

