



2021 Summer Reading Program at Effingham Public Library

Frolicking frogs, bustling beavers, animal tail art & fuzzy, furry, fabulous, fun! You may think we're describing a zoo, but no, it's EPL's 2021 Summer Reading Program! "Tails and Tales" is the theme this year and there's something for everyone.

Come to the library to sign-up. You'll get a reading log and be entered to win prizes! Read animal tales over the six weeks (we can help with book recommendations). Attend one or all of our special events listed in the calendar below. Finally, come to our wrap-up party at the end! All events will be outside, weather permitting. Masks are optional. Hope to see you there!

Family Friendly Programs

Wednesday July 7th 11am–12:30pm Animal Tail Art with Carol Hanson

Esteemed artist, Carol Hanson, makes a very special visit to Effingham with her paints and supplies! Participants will paint animal bodies and on a separate piece of paper we'll paint animal tails. Next, we'll throw all the tails into a box, mix them up, and then attach the new tail onto the original animal. Then we'll write a tale about our new commingled creatures.

Pre-registration is required! Registration closes Sunday, July 5th. Sign up [here](#).

Thursday July 15th 1pm–2pm Frog Discovery time with GMCG

Join EB Brandt from Green Mountain Conservation Group in learning all about frogs! We'll be reading "Growing Frogs" by Vivian French and illustrated by Alison Bartlett. We will also learn about what it means to be an amphibian, what is metamorphosis, and what frogs we can find in our backyards! We will play a game, create a frog puppet craft, and interact with **live frogs** from the GMCG vernal pool.

Tuesday July 20th 11am–12pm Tin Mountain's Busy Beavers

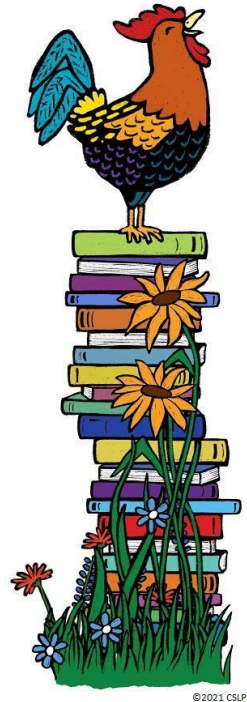
Every animal is marvelously adapted to the place and the way it lives. The beaver may be the perfect example: many of its body parts and behaviors are unique in the animal world. In this program Tin Mountain naturalist, Dexter Harding, will show various beaver body parts such as pelts, skulls, teeth, and feet while explaining how these body parts give the beaver "super powers". Then Dexter will guide us in drawing the beaver's world as it transforms a small creek into a pond with a versatile dwelling!

Pending... Instrument Petting Zoo

Julia Howard from Mountain Top Music will show off different types of instruments. Then, participants will get to try out the instruments and ask questions.

Pending... K9 Story Time

Effingham's new police dog and his sergeant will read aloud a story about what it's like to be a police dog. Come meet Fero and learn what it takes to be a dog with a badge.





Teens

Teens! You can participate too and be entered to win cash prizes!

Do you have a passion for reading or libraries? Do you want to share your video or performative skills with teens across the country? The Teen Video Challenge is for you! Five winners will be chosen and will receive: a \$200 cash prize, and \$50 worth of summer reading materials for their library! The Teen Video Challenge is an annual video contest and is open to all teens (librarian and teacher support is encouraged).

The challenge is for teens to create a public services announcement-type video that shows their unique interpretation of the 2021 CSLP slogan "Tails and Tales". Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds and should promote libraries and reading. Videos will be accepted June 1 through August 6, 2021. **More info @ <https://www.csllpreads.org/programs/2015-teen-program/2021-teen-video-challenge/>**

Adults

Yoga at the library

Downward dog and stretching like a cat, July 22nd kicks off our very first day of yoga at the library! Join yogi, Shelby Hill as she leads us through gentle poses, stretches, and mindful exercise. More information [here](#).

Pending...Understanding bobcats in NH

This virtual presentation from NH Fish and Game covers a brief history of wildlife in NH, the Sport Fish Restoration Program, bobcat natural history, research, and management in NH.

Pending...Animal book club

Just like our regular monthly book club, sign up for book club. Read an animal themed book and join in on the discussion on August __

Everyone!

Saturday August 14th (time?) SRP Wrap-up Party!

All our welcome to our wrap-up party outside at the library lawn. Refreshments will be provided. Animal costumes or animal print attire are encouraged!

