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MAY-AUGUST 2026

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SUMMER
FUN!

UNEARTH
A STORY

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
JUNE 1-AUGUST 1

DINO
DAY

A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE!

TINY ART
SHOW

JUNGLE
TERRY
AND FRIENDS



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MUSIC PROGRAMS

ALPL Ukulele Jammers

Adults

Thurs., May 7-Aug. 27, 7pm-8pm

Bring your ukulele and jam with other ukulele strummers. Open to all levels.

ALPL Guitar Jam

Adults

Thurs., May 14, 28, Jun. 11, 25, Jul. 9, 23,

Aug. 13, 27, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bring your guitar and jam with Chuck Heindrichs, Tom Riley, and other guitarists.

Polka Jam

All ages

Mon., May 18, Jun. 22, Jul. 27, Aug. 24,

6pm-8pm

Join the Polka Pirates monthly to jam and enjoy all kinds of accordion music. Other polka style instruments are welcome.

The Polka Pirates Concert

All ages

Mon., Jun. 1, 7pm-8:30pm

Bring your outdoor chairs and get ready to dance to a fun-time band that plays all styles of polkas, big band, and more!

Adult Beginner Ukulele Course

Mon., Jun. 8, 15, 29, 6pm-7pm

A three-session beginner ukulele course designed for adults who are new to the instrument or want to refresh their skills.

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Pop Rocks Kids Concerts

Families

Fri., Jun. 5, Jul. 10, Sat., Jul. 25,

10:30am-11:30am

It's time to grab your blankets, chairs, and dancing shoes to celebrate summer mornings with popular music.

ALPL Open Mic Nights

Ages 14+

Tues., Jun. 16, Aug. 11, 7pm-8:30pm

Come to perform or just come to enjoy an evening of live music and community.

Registration required for performers.

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Adult Beginner Guitar Course

Adults

Sat., Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Aug. 15, 10am-11am

A three-session beginner guitar course designed for adults who are new to the instrument or want to refresh their skills.

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Name that Tune

Adults

Tues., Jul. 7, 7pm-8pm

Celebrate American composers and music with Name That Tune bingo.

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ALL AGES

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PICK UP A READING LOG AT THE LIBRARY OR DOWNLOAD ONE AT ALPL.ORG

MULTI-AGES

Summer Reading: Unearth a Story

All Ages

Mon., Jun. 1-Sat., Aug. 1

Get ready for a roaring good time and dig up some summer fun with dinosaurs! Download a reading log at ALPL.ORG or pick one up at the Library. Open to all ages and reading levels.

Craft Supply Swap

All Ages

Sat., Jun. 13, 10am-3pm

Supply Drop-Off: Jun. 8-12

Do you have a stash of gently used craft supplies collecting dust? Donate them to our Craft Swap and go home with something new to inspire your next project.

DIY Bath Bombs

Ages 14+

Wed., Jun. 24, 6pm-8:30pm

Grab some friends for an evening of crafting and make a sizzling bath bomb.

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Tiny Art Show

All Ages

Kit Pickup Beginning: Fri., Jul. 10

Submission Deadline: Sat., Aug. 8

Pick up a mini art kit beginning **July 10** and unleash your creativity! Tiny masterpieces will be displayed in the Library from **Aug. 11-31**. Open to all skill levels and ages.

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Cosplay 101 Survival Guide

Ages 14+

Sat., Jul. 11, 12pm-1pm

Step into the world of cosplay with the organization Wellness & Cosplay as they share insider tips, tricks, and advice to surviving and thriving in the cosplay and convention scene.

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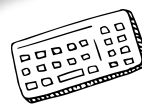


Hidden Talents: Staff Art Showcase

All Ages

Thurs., Aug. 13, 6pm-8:30pm

Did you know our staff had talents beyond the Library? Join us for an evening of art and creativity while exploring the imagination of our very own ALPL staff.



Tech Help Programs

Tues., 7pm-8pm

Navigate the world of technology with our IT support technician as he walks you through various topics.

May 19: Free Library Ebooks with Libby

May 26: Free Library Streaming Apps

Jun. 23: Bluetooth Technology

Jun. 30: How to Clean Computers

Jul. 21: Library Research Databases

Jul. 28: Tech News Update

Aug. 18: Home Wi-Fi Setup

Aug. 25: Intro to Windows 11

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ADULTS

Stitch Niche

Mon., May 11, Jun. 8, Jul. 13, Aug. 10

6:30pm-8:30pm

Bring your knitting, crocheting, craft, or sewing project and enjoy the company of fellow needlework enthusiasts.

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Hair Loss Options

Tues., May 12, 7pm-8pm

Gina from Gina's Wigs in Rocky River will discuss options for individuals experiencing hair loss.

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Bookin' & Cookin'

Tues., 1pm-2pm

May 12: *Cinco de Mayo Celebration*

Jun. 9: *Gluten Free*

Jul. 14: *Stay Cool on a Hot Day*

Aug. 11: *Fruit of the Vine Dessert*

Select and prepare a themed recipe (8-10 servings) from the Library's cookbook collection, and we'll sample our culinary creations and exchange recipes.

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Tea Time Book Club

Tues., 2pm-3pm

May 19: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Jun 16: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

Jul. 21: *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* by Martha Hall Kelly

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of tea, cookies, and a friendly book discussion.

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A History of the Lakeshore Electric Railway

Tues., May 19, 7pm-8pm

Learn about the role of the Lake Shore Electric Railway (LSE) in Avon Lake from 1890 to 1938, the economic development that it brought to the community, and its vestiges in the present day.

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Nonfiction Readers' Circle

Tues., May 19, Jun. 16, Jul. 21, Aug. 18

7pm-8pm

Bring a couple of your favorite nonfiction books to share with the group.

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Take and Make Paper Crafts

Week of May 26: *Father's Day Pop Out Card*

Week of Jun. 22: *July 4 HOORAY Book Folding*

Pick up instructions and supplies at the Information Desk for take and make at home.

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Birding Isn't Easy

Thurs., Jun. 11, 7pm-8pm

Hear an experienced birder discuss trials and tribulations and pitfalls and mayhem that await all birders on their paths to birding glory.

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Adult Spelling Bee

Thurs., Jun. 18, 7pm-8:30pm

Show off your spelling skills at our second annual Library Spelling Bee. Who will take home the trophy?

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Predators of the Sky

Tues., Jun. 30, 6pm-7pm

Learn why raptors and other birds of prey are the masters of the sky featuring Carlisle Raptor Center wildlife ambassadors.

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The Spirit of 1776 Lives On

Wed., Jul. 8, 2pm-3pm

Learn how the Nathan Perry Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, continues the legacy of our patriot ancestors through service in our community with Julie Limpach, Chapter Regent.

An Afternoon with Mary Cassatt

Mon., Jul. 27, 2pm-3pm

Join local historical reenactor Stephanie Kramer as she portrays American painter Mary Cassatt.

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Early Schooling in Ohio

Tues., Jul. 28, 7pm-8pm

A member of the Ohio Heritage Center discusses early schooling in Ohio.

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You're a Grand Old Flag: Stories of the American Spirit

Tues., Aug. 4, 7pm-8pm

Join us as we spotlight patriotic people and places, including entertainers like George M. Cohan and Bob Hope, who were recognized for their American spirit with Congressional medals.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Scientists believe dinosaurs had feathers.



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BiblioBox!

Ages 12-17

Get your own personally tailored book box each month.

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PAWS and Relax

Ages 10-17

Thurs., May 7, 3pm-4:30pm

Stop in after school for pizza, coloring, and petting our visiting therapy dogs.

Herbivore Gardening 101

Ages 11-14

Sat., May 9, 10am-11am: Planting Party!

Thurs., Jun. 25, 3pm-3:45pm

Sat., Jul. 18, 10am-10:45am

Wed., Jul. 29, 7pm-7:45pm

Sat., Aug. 15, 10am-10:45am

It's a herbivore takeover of the Children's Garden! Join us in planting and learning about all those great veggies that herbivores can't get enough of. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

SIGN UP AT ALPL.ORG/PROGRAMS

Make Your Own Papyrus Paper

Ages 10-17

Tues., Jun. 16, 3pm-4pm

Come get messy and make your own "papyrus" paper using newspaper and glue!

Registration begins Jun. 2.

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Dinolympics

Ages 11-14

Mon., Jul. 27, 7pm-8pm

Join us for pizza and fun dinosaur-theme games, including dinosaur foot-races and a dinosaur ring-toss. **Registration begins Jul. 13.**

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DISCOVERYWORKS

Brown Bag Science

All Ages

Sat., May 9, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8

Stop by DiscoveryWorks and pick up materials for hands-on science and art activities you can do at home. General supplies like glue, tape, and scissors may be needed.

One per child, while supplies last.



Tinker Time

All Ages

Fri., Jun. 5, Jul. 3, Aug. 7, 11am-3pm

Drop into The Lab to take on our maker-space challenge of the day! Use a variety of tools and materials to think, design, and invent.

Jr. Explorers

Ages 5-8

Thurs., Jun. 18, Jul. 16, Aug. 6, 3pm-4pm

Experiment, explore, create! Join us for an hour of hands-on science and art activities in The Lab. **Registration required beginning one week prior to each program.**

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Explorers

Ages 9-11

Thurs., Jun. 25, Jul. 30, Aug. 13, 3pm-4pm

Experiment, explore, create! Join us for an hour of hands-on science and art activities in The Lab. **Registration required beginning one week prior to each program.**

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CHILDREN

Paws to Read

Grades K and up

Sat., May 16, 10am-11am

Wed., Jun. 17, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tues., Jul. 14, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read with a furry friend. **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Yoga Buddies

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver

Sat., May 23, Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Aug. 15

10am-10:30am

Join kids' yoga instructor Kate Matos for some movement and poses to help you bend, stretch, bond, and breathe with your little one! **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Dinosaurompus

Ages 9-12

Tues., Jun. 9, 2pm-3pm

This high-energy program is perfect for aspiring paleontologists who love to dig, build, and explore. **Registration begins May 26.**

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DID YOU KNOW?

Scientists consider birds to be living dinosaurs.



Dinostampede

Ages 5-8

Wed., Jun. 10, 10am-11am

Are you ready for a roaring good time? Get ready to play, craft, and move like a dinosaur. **Registration begins May 27.**

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Baby Time

Non-walking infants ages 5 months and older with a participating adult

Sat., Jun. 13, Aug. 8, 9:30am-10am

Join Miss Misty for bubbles, lap bounces, songs, and instrument play perfect for cuddly babies. Open play opportunity at the end of the session. **No siblings. Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Toddler Time

Walkers up to 36 months with an adult

Sat., Jun. 13, Aug. 8, 10:30am-11am

Join Miss Misty for an active movement time full of bubbles, songs, instrument play, and parachute fun perfect for on-the-move toddlers. Open play opportunity at the end of the session. **No siblings. Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Crafty Kids Club

Ages 6-12

Thurs., Jun. 18, Jul. 2, Jul. 23, 1pm-2pm

Calling all crafters! Join us for crafting fun! **Registration begins two weeks before each event.**

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Dino Day:

An Interactive Family Event Families

Fri., Jun. 26, 10:30am

Get ready for a prehistoric adventure with an interactive dinosaur experience! Come face-to-face with adorable baby dinos and other prehistoric friends, dig for fossils, and go on a guided dinosaur hunt. Perfect for dinosaur fans!



Jungle Terry

All ages, with a caregiver

Fri., Jul. 17, 1pm

Our favorite animal entertainer brings his adventures to ALPL!

Baby & Me Yoga

Ages 6 weeks to crawling babies with a caregiver

Sat., Aug. 1, 10am-10:45am

Join certified yoga instructor Jennifer Hanson-Smith for a class focusing on strengthening the emotional and physical bond between you and baby.

Registration begins two weeks before.

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STORY TIMES

A limited number of tickets are available at the Children's desk, beginning 15 minutes before each scheduled time. Tickets are picked up on a first-come, first-served basis each week. You may only take tickets for yourself and your child(ren). Please attend only one session per week.

Family Story Time

Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with participating adult

Mon., Jun. 15-Wed., Jul. 22

Mon.: 9:30am, 10:30am

Tues.: 9:30am, 10:30am

Wed.: 9:30am, 10:30am

Join the Children's staff for stories, songs, movement activities, and crafts. **30 minutes.**

Step-Up Club

4, 5, and 6 year-olds on their own

Thurs., Jun. 18-Thurs., Jul. 23, 10am

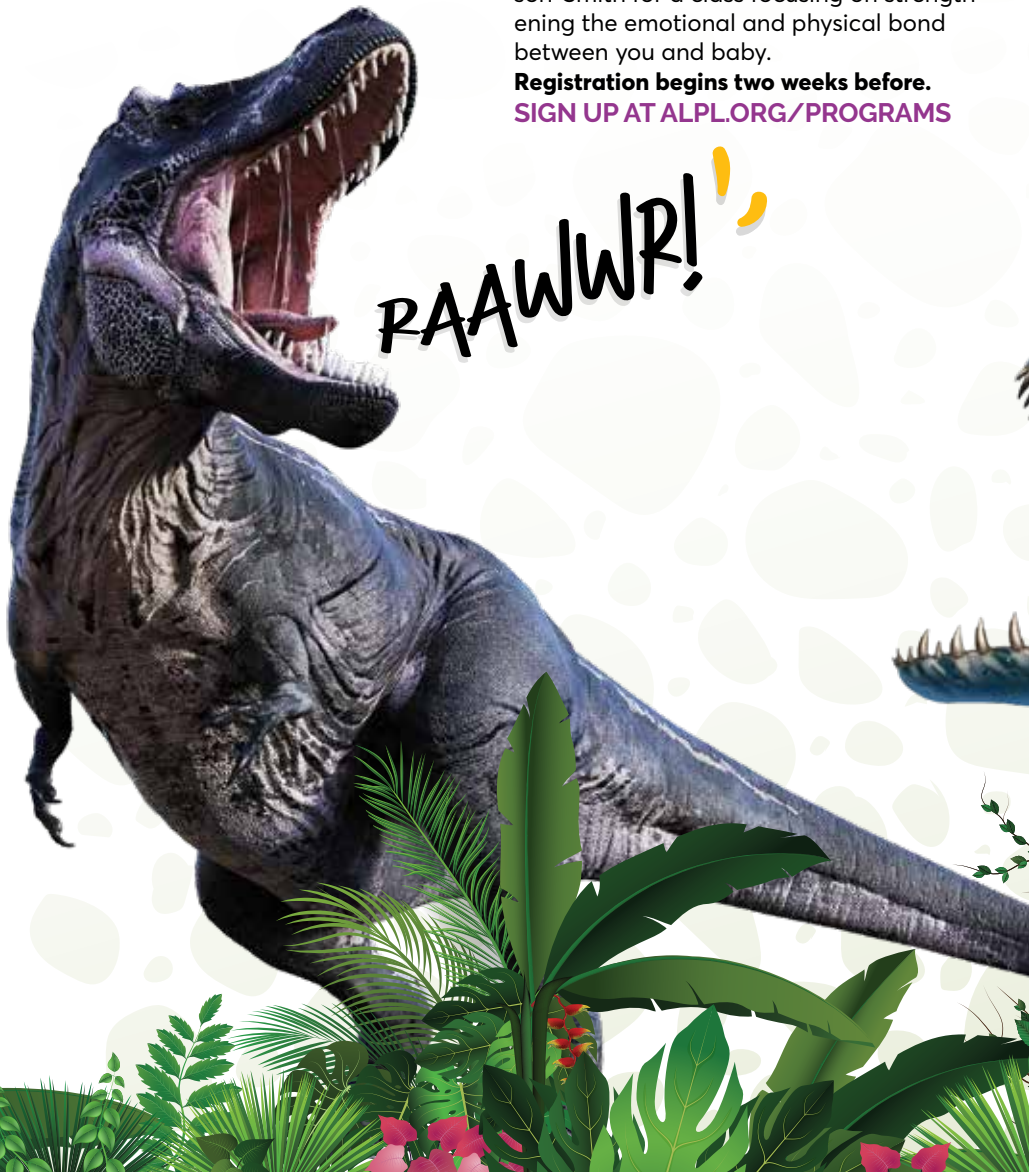
Older preschool and Kindergarten students enjoy the chance to go into story time on their own. **45 minutes.**

Music & Movement

All ages with a participating adult

Sat., May 2, Jul. 11, 10:30am

Join us for an interactive program designed to get little ones moving and grooving with singing, dancing, and playing with rhythm instruments.



ALPL Hours

Monday-Thursday	9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm
Sunday	(Closed Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day)

DiscoveryWorks Hours

Monday-Thursday	10am-9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm
Sunday	(Closed Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day)

ALPL Will Be Closed On:

Sun., May 24	Memorial Day
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day
Sat., Jul. 4	Independence Day

Phone Numbers

Information Desk	440.933.8127
Circulation Desk	440.933.8128
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