



# Summer Fun Guide 2025



# JOIN YOUR FAMILY COUNCIL

**Ensuring all children and families have access  
to the Early Childhood services they need  
requires YOU!**

Parents and caregivers of children eight and under, join a community-driven Family Council in your Region to:

- Share your family experiences
- Hear from other families
- Advocate for your community
- Be compensated for your participation

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY SUPPORTS WHO DO I CALL? St. Clair County

The referral agencies listed below will help families connect with services that best meet their needs.



## Child Care Resource & Referral

Support for Families, Early Learning Professionals, and Communities. Help finding or paying for early learning or out of school time care, referrals to family support programs, professional development, help with opening a home based or center business, and early learning data.

**800-467-9200, Ext. 390**



## Coordinated Intake

Home Visiting Referrals for St. Clair County. Parent and Caregivers can contact for family service referrals.

**618-482-7654**



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## Community Resources

Agencies and resources near you to help individuals from basic needs to disaster relief. Call 211 or text to be connected to service providers.

**211 or Text 800-427-4626**



1000 S Illinois St  
Belleville, IL 62220

1-618-825-3929  
[www.birthtofiveil.com/region50](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/region50)



# EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY

## Birth to Three

### Child & Family Connections 21

Empowers families to help their children learn and overcome challenges. They provide service coordination, developmental therapy, and behavioral services. Child & Family Connections serves children birth through three years of age.

1-618-622-6581

## Three to Five

### Local Education Agencies (LEA)/ School District

Your local education agency as defined by Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), is charged with allocating resources to effectively implement special education services for students under their supervision.

To find your LEA visit  
<https://stclairil.devnetwedge.com/>

## Support Services

### Family Matters

A Parent Training and Information Center that provides information, referral, linkages, and training to parents, students with disabilities, and special education professionals.

[www.fmptic.org](http://www.fmptic.org)  
1-866-436-7842

### STAR NET Region IV

Illinois STAR NET provides training, technical assistance, and resources supporting children ages three to five with disabilities and their families.

[www.starnetiv.org](http://www.starnetiv.org)  
1-618-825-3966



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<https://tinyurl.com/yww9fkuj>



Region 50: St. Clair County  
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# Free/Low Cost Local Splash Pads

Alton Splash Pad – Alton, IL

Bethalto City Park – Bethalto, IL

Bicentennial Park – Belleville, IL

Dupo Community Park – Dupo, IL

Freeburg Pool & Splash Pad – Freeburg, IL

\*Fee for pool and splash pad usage

Millstadt Pool & Splash Pad – Millstadt, IL

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O'Fallon Sports Park – O'Fallon, IL

Our Lady of the Snows – Belleville, IL

Schhranz Park – Swansea, IL

## Free Splash Pads in St. Louis Area

Creve Coeur Park

Fogerty Park

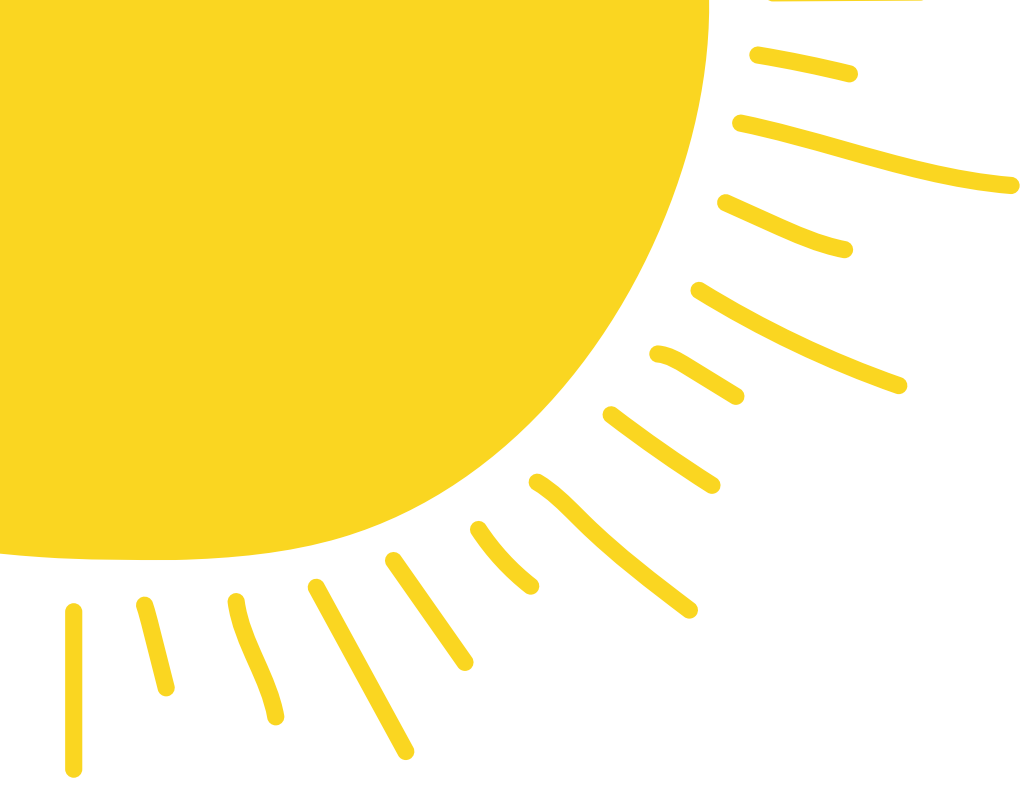
Fox Park

McDonald Park

Muckerman's Children Fountain

Tilles Park





# Free Parks

## **Belleville Parks**

- Bellevue Park
- Bicentennial Park
- Cambridge Park
- Citizens Park
- Dawn Heights Mini-Park
- East End Park
- Hough Park
- Laderman Park
- North End Park
- Pleasant Hill Park
- Southside Park

## **Dupo Parks**

- Dupo Community Park

## **Fair View Heights Park**

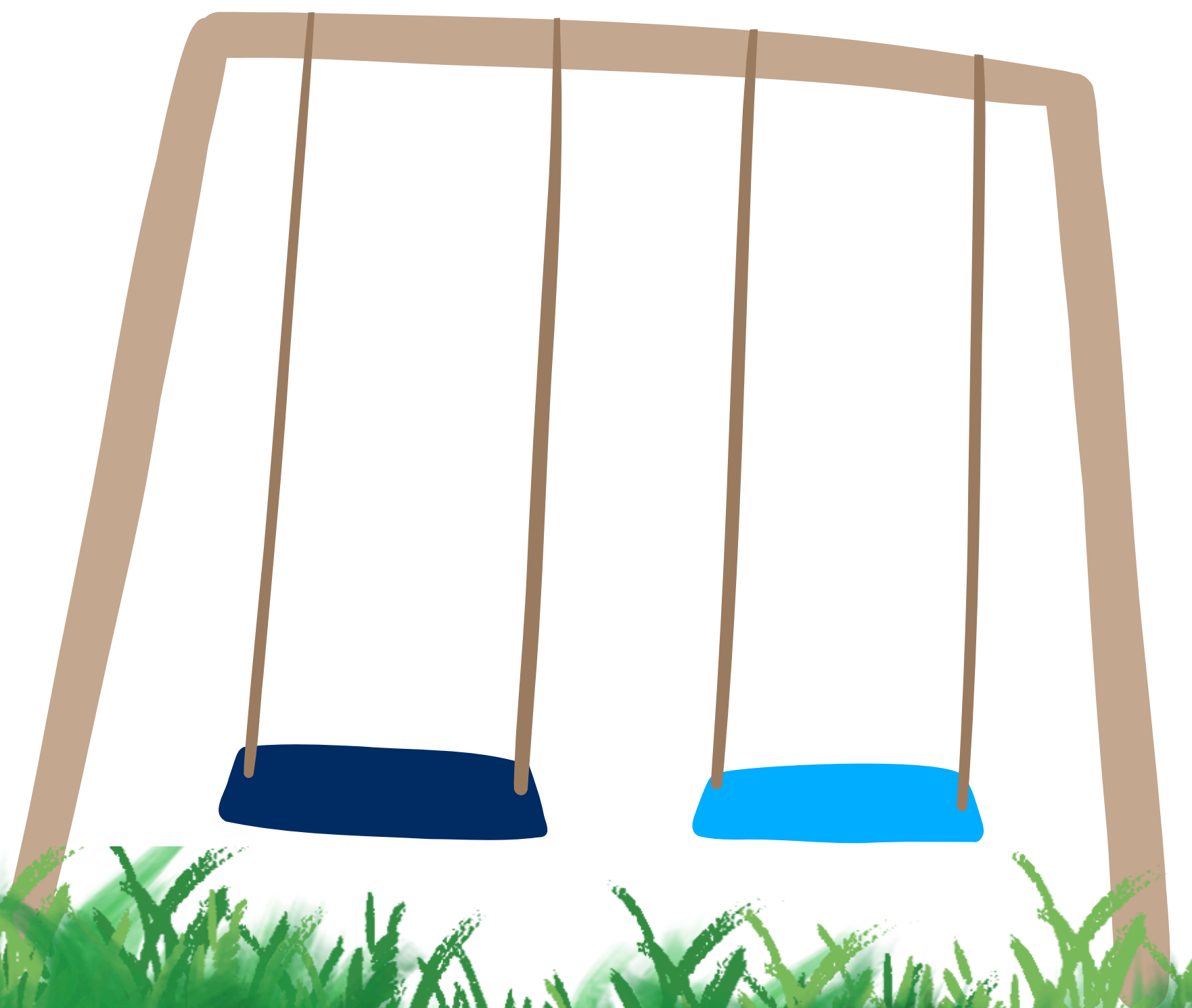
- French Village Park
- Lexington Mini Park
- Moody Park
- Old Lincoln Trail Park
- Pleasant Ridge Park

## **Freeburg Parks**

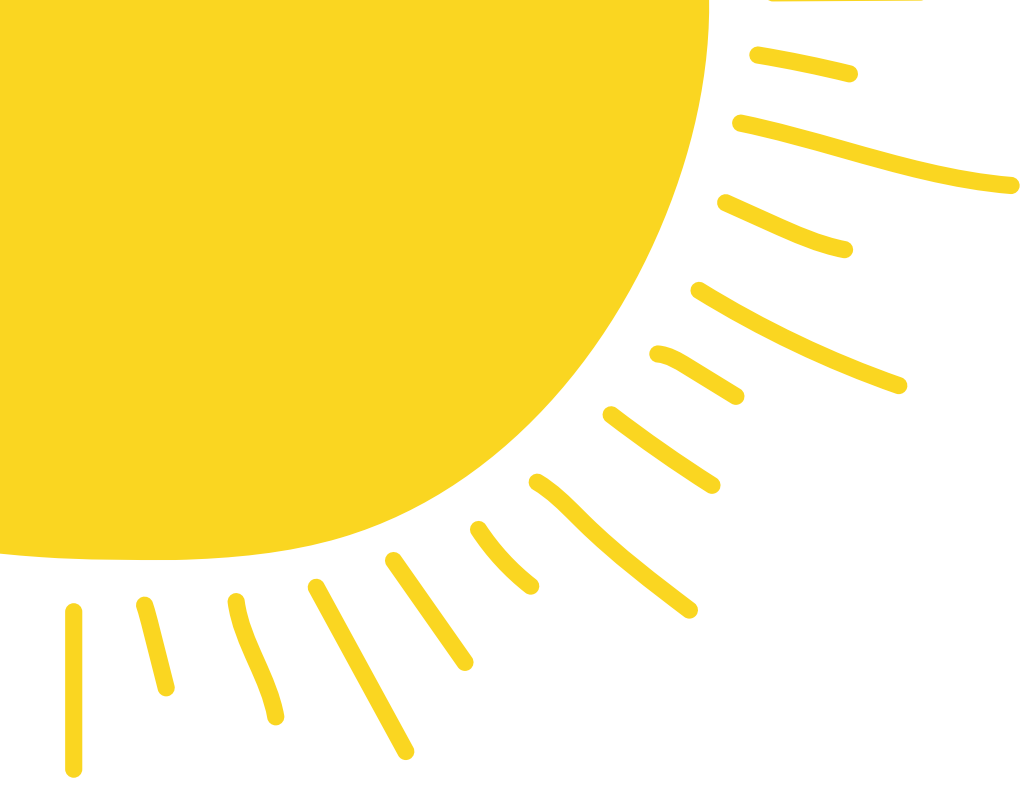
- Freeburg Park

## **Lebanon Parks**

- Horner Park







# Free Parks

## Mascoutah Parks

- Scheve Park
- Maple Park

## Marissa Village Park

## Millstadt Parks

- Elm Street Park
- Village Park

## New Athens Parks

- Hanft Park

## Swansea Parks

- Melvin Price Memorial Park
- Schranz Memorial Park

## Smithton Park

## O'Fallon Parks

- Community Park
- Hesse Park
- O'Fallon Family Sports Park
- Park Spring Rotary Park
- Savannah Hills Park
- Shiloh Community Park
- Thoman Park







# Free and Low-Cost Farms/Outdoor Activities

Brautigam Orchards – Belleville, IL

Cahokia Mounds – Fairmont City

Grant's Farm – St. Louis, MO

\*Parking cost but online vouchers provided

Lone Elk Park – St. Louis, MO

Missouri Botanical Gardens – St. Louis, MO

\*Kids under 12 free; adults cost

Olin Nature Preserve – Godfrey, IL

Pere Marquette State Park – Grafton, IL

Randy's Rescue Ranch – O'Fallon, IL

\*open to the public Saturdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm

Silver Lake Trail – Highland, IL

Suson Park – St. Louis, MO

World Bird Sanctuary – St. Louis, MO

Willoughby Farm – Collinsville, IL







## **Sporting Events**

### **St. Louis Cardinals**

\$6 tickets, Kids Day (date not yet announced) with entry to the game, hot dog, bag of chips, and a soda for \$13. Kids 3 and under are free if sitting on an adult's lap.

### **Gateway Grizzlies**

\$2 games on Tuesdays;  
Izzy's Kids Club (\$50 up front)



# Free Summer Movie Days!

11 Weeks

FREE

2025

SUMMER

MOVIE SERIES



June 2, 3 & 4



June 16, 17 & 18



July 7, 8 & 9



July 28, 29 & 30

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

10:00a.m. Start

Lobby Opens at 9:15a.m.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS PERMITTED



June 23, 24 & 25



July 14, 15 & 16



August 4, 5 & 6



June 9, 10 & 11



June 30, July 1 & 2



July 21, 22 & 23



August 11, 12 & 13



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701 S. Belt West

Belleville IL

\*Movie Titles are Subject to Change

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# Free Summer Movie Days!

**FREE  
SUMMER**

**MOVIES @**



**EVERY TUESDAY &  
WEDNESDAY**



- 6/3 6/4: BAD GUYS
- 6/10 6/11: KUNG FU PANDA 4
- 6/17 6/18: THE GARFIELD MOVIE (2024)
- 6/24 6/25: DESPICABLE ME 4
- 7/1 & 7/2: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3
- 7/8 & 7/9: THE WILD ROBOT
- 7/15 & 7/16: TROLLS WORLD TOUR
- 7/22 & 7/23: CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS: THE FIRST EPIC MOVIE
- 7/29 & 7/30: WONKA
- 8/5 & 8/6: PADDINGTON GOES TO PERU
- 8/12: & 8/13 GOONIES

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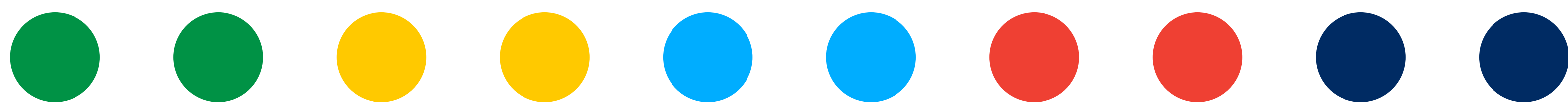


**See 8 movies for \$12 plus tax for one child  
at all Marcus Theater's!**

Kids Dream Summer 2025 Films	Date
"Despicable Me 4"	June 8, 2025 - June 12, 2025
"Harold and the Purple Crayon"	June 15, 2025 - June 19, 2025
"A Sloth Story"	June 22, 2025 - June 26, 2025
"Sonic the Hedgehog 3"	June 29, 2025 - July 3, 2025
"The Garfield Movie"	July 6, 2025 - July 10, 2025
"Kung Fu Panda 4"	July 13, 2025 - July 17, 2025
"Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse"	July 20, 2025 - July 24, 2025
"The Wild Robot"	July 27, 2025 - July 31, 2025



# **Don't forget to check out your local libraries for free events (and the books of course)!**



**Belleville Public Library**

**Cahokia Library**

**Fairview Heights Public Library**

**Freeburg Public Library**

**Lebanon Public Library**

**Daughtry Public Library (Dupo)**

**East St. Louis Public Library**

**Marissa Public Library**

**Mascoutah Public Library**

**Millstadt Public Library**

**New Athens Public Library**

**O'Fallon Public Library**

**Smithton Public Library**



# SUMMER READING PROGRAM FREEBIES

**BARNES & NOBLE**

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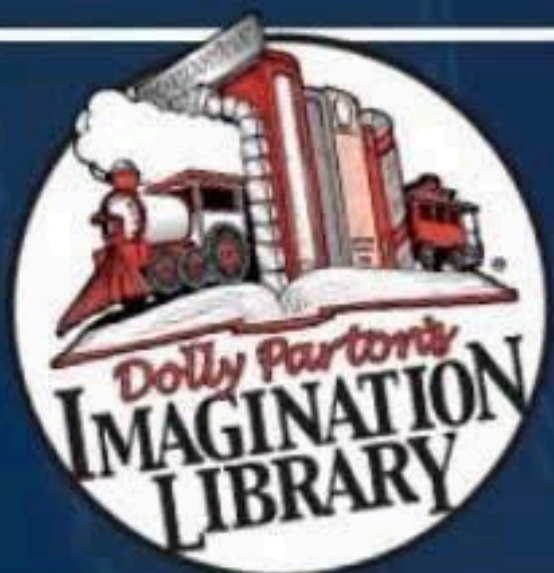
FREE book for reading books and writing about them in their Reading Journal!



**BAM!**  
BOOKS-A-MILLION

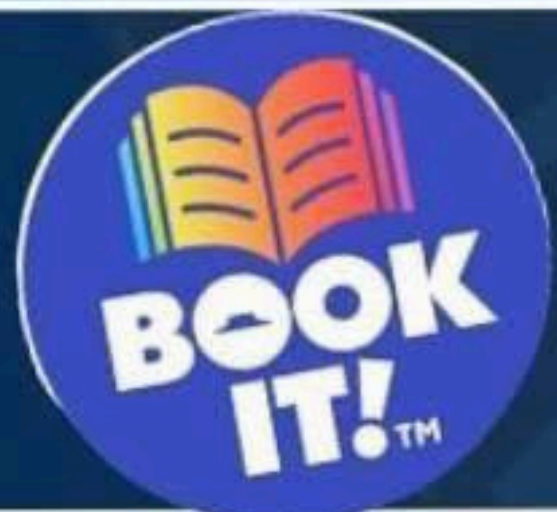
**BOOKS-A-MILLION**

FREE backpack just for reading books!



**IMAGINATION LIBRARY**

FREE books for ages 1-5 from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!



**PIZZA HUT BOOK IT!**

Earn a FREE personal-sized pizza and more!



**PANDA EXPRESS**

FREE kids meal coupon when students read 5 books!



**CHUCK E. CHEESE**

10 FREE play points for reading and filling out the Reading Rewards Calendar,





# Free (and low cost) Indoor Activities

[Kidsbowlfree.com](https://kidsbowlfree.com)

Register your children (for free) to receive 2 free games of bowling each day during the summer, and can register family members for a one-time fee.

[Kids Club at Home Depot](#)

Join us the first Saturday of each month between 9 am – 12 pm for free in-person Kids Workshops.  
While supplies last.



# PLAYGROUND Playdates

Join us for Playground Playdates! Every Monday in June & July we will explore a variety of parks in Belleville. We will offer a craft, outdoor toys, snack, and playground time! Ages: 2-10 yrs. Time: 9:30am-11am, parent supervision required. Register by the Thursday before each date listed.

*\$3 per child, per Monday, or \$24 for all 9 days!*



**JUNE 2** All things SUMMER at Bicentennial Park (upper level)

4811 Belleville Crossing



**JUNE 9** Playground Olympics at South Side Park (Pavilion 1)

600 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.



**JUNE 16** National Sea Turtle Day at Bellevue Park (Gazebo)

401 Bellevue Park Dr.



**JUNE 23** National Pink Day at Laderman Park (Pavilion 2)

1105 Mascoutah Ave.



**JUNE 30** Fourth of July Celebration at Citizens Park (Pavilion 3)

341 Citizens Park Dr.



**JULY 7** Water Day at Bicentennial Park Splash Pad

4811 Belleville Crossing



**JULY 14** National Mac & Cheese Day at Bellevue Park (Gazebo)

401 Bellevue Park Dr.



**JULY 21** Rodeo Day at Cambridge Park

103 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St.



**JULY 28** Carnival Day at Pleasant Hill Park (Pavilion 2)

601 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

**Must Pre-Register: 618-233-1416 or [www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities](http://www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities)**



BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION'S

# 2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Bands begin at 7pm Food vendors too!

**WEDNESDAYS**  
 BELLEVUE PARK, 401 BELLEVUE PARK DR.  
 Yummy eats: *Whirligigs Shaved Ice*

- JUNE 11: LITTLE KNOWN FACT
- JUNE 18: FAN FARE
- JULY 16: LEFT HAND COWBOY
- JULY 30: SHORTMIST

**THURSDAYS**  
 DOWNTOWN, 10 PUBLIC SQUARE  
 Yummy eats: *The Weingarten*

- JUNE 5: MAGNIFICATS
- JUNE 26: THE FRIENDS OF BLUEGRASS
- JULY 10: VINCE K
- JULY 24: TOMMY TUNES

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*Whirligigs*

*WG*

Belleville PARKS & RECREATION

## POPCORN IN THE PARK

OUTDOOR SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

FREE family-friendly movies under the stars! Bring your chairs & blankets, and be sure to visit the food trucks too!

**JUNE 20**

**WICKED**

**BELLEVUE PARK**  
 Bandshell  
 401 Bellevue Park Dr.  
 Concessions & chair set-up will open at 8:30pm.

MOVIE STARTS: 9:00pm

**JULY 11**

**THE GRINCH**

**CITIZENS PARK**  
 Whitey Herzog Field  
 341 Citizens Park Dr.  
 Concessions & chair set-up will open at 8:30pm.

MOVIE STARTS: 9:00pm

Christmas in JULY

**AUGUST 1**

**MONSTERS UNIVERSITY**

**THE CAMPUS**  
 Football Field  
 2300 W. Main St.  
 Concessions & chair set-up will open at 8:00pm.

MOVIE STARTS: 8:30pm

IN CONJUNCTION WITH:  
 END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION



Belleville Parks & Recreation's

# OPEN PLAY TIME



*Only*  
**\$ 2.00**  
drop-in  
fee  
per  
class



*Join us on:*

**TUESDAYS 10:30AM-12:30PM**

**THURSDAYS 10:30AM-12:30 PM**



**Come play with us! We have fine & gross motor toys for  
Open Play Time at the Nichols Community Center,  
515 East D Street. Perfect for ages up to 6 yrs old.**



**Questions? Please call the NCC (618) 277-9785**

**This is not a drop-off program, grown-ups must be present.**





# O’Fallon Illinois, Kids’ Show at the Amphitheater

## Activity Information

**Dates:** June 17, July 24, August 6  
**Time:** 11:00-11:45 am



Experience our brand-new amphitheater in Community Park and join us for various kids’ shows throughout the summer! We will share out more information for each date soon, but mark your calendars now! The shows will take place on June 17, July 24, and August 6 in the late morning. Check back later for more details and get ready for a fun morning with your kiddos!



## Activity Information

**Dates:** Various summer dates  
**Time:** 6-8:30 pm

Join us in Community Park and visit our brand-new amphitheater! Music in the Park is a summer concert series featuring a variety of local musicians. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Entry into the event is free for all! All you need to do is bring a blanket or chair, kick back, and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park.

Food and drinks open at 6:00 pm, band starts at 6:30 pm

2025 Music in the Park dates: June 18, June 25, July 16, July 30, August 13, and August 27