

# KID + TEEN CENTRAL July 2026



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Sun 1-5pm	Mon 10am-8pm	Tue 10am-8pm	Wed 10am-6pm	Thu 10am-6pm	Fri 10am-5pm	Sat 10am-5pm
<p><b>Key:</b>                      ◆ Preschool                      ● School-Age                      ■ Teen                      ◆ Family Program / Event</p>	<p><b>Other Monday Weekly Programs:</b>                      ●◆◆ 5:30-7:30pm                      Books and Rooks Chess Club</p>		<p>1                      ◆●■ 2:00-5:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Anime Shrinky Dinks</p>	<p>2                      ● 1:00-2:00pm                      Field Day at the Library                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon</p>	<p>3                      ◆ 11:00-12:00pm                      Tales 'n Play Storytime                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!</p>	<p>4                      LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>
<p>5                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More</p>	<p>6                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-5:00pm                      Teen Magic: The Gathering 101                      ■ 4:00-6:00pm                      Teen Watchlist                      ●■ 5:30-7:30pm                      Minecraft Club</p>	<p>7                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 5:00-7:00pm                      Teen Zone</p>	<p>8                      ◆●■ 2:00-5:00pm                      Summer Open Activities</p>	<p>9                      ● 1:00-2:00pm                      I AM WILD Exploration                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon</p>	<p>10                      ◆ 11:00am-12:00pm                      Meet and Play                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!</p>	<p>11                      ◆● 10:00-11:00am                      Block Party                      ● 11:00am-3:00pm                      The Gurl/Bro Code                      ●◆◆ 12:00-4:00pm                      Folklore Mexicano Festival 2026                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More</p>
<p>12                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More</p>	<p>13                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-6:00pm                      Teen Watchlist                      ●■ 5:30-7:30pm                      Minecraft Club</p>	<p>14                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-5:00pm                      Teen Central Manga Book Club                      ■ 5:00-7:00pm                      Teen Zone</p>	<p>15                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Recycled Art                      ◆●■ 2:00-5:00pm                      Summer Open Activities</p>	<p>16                      ◆●■ 1:00-2:00pm                      Animal Meet and Greets                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon</p>	<p>17                      ◆ 11:00-12:00pm                      Tales 'n Play Storytime                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!</p>	<p>18                      ◆● 10:00-11:00am                      Block Party                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More                      ◆●◆ 2:00-3:30pm                      Circulating Sound Concert</p>
<p>19                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More</p>	<p>20                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-6:00pm                      Teen Watchlist                      ●■ 5:30-7:30pm                      Minecraft Club</p>	<p>21                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 5:00-7:00pm                      Teen Zone</p>	<p>22                      ◆●■ 2:00-5:00pm                      Summer Open Activities</p>	<p>23                      ● 1:00-2:00pm                      Paws and Play                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon</p>	<p>24                      ◆ 11:00-11:45am                      Zoo Explorers                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!</p>	<p>25                      ◆● 10:00-11:00am                      Block Party                      ●◆◆ 11:00-3:00pm                      Day of Chess                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More</p>
<p>26                      ◆●■ 1:00-4:00pm                      Explore STEM + More                      ◆●◆ 2:00-3:30pm                      Circulating Sound Concert</p>	<p>27                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-6:00pm                      Teen Watchlist                      ●■ 5:30-7:30pm                      Minecraft Club</p>	<p>28                      ◆●■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Summer Open Activities                      ■ 4:00-5:00pm                      Teen Central Manga Book Club                      ■ 5:00-7:00pm                      Teen Zone</p>	<p>29                      ◆●■ 2:00-5:00pm                      Summer Open Activities</p>	<p>30                      ● 1:00-3:00pm                      Build It!                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!                      ■ 2:00-4:00pm                      Teen Switch Gaming Afternoon</p>	<p>31                      ◆ 11:00-12:00pm                      Tales 'n Play Storytime                      ◆●■ 1:00-3:00pm                      Summer Movie!</p>	

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## **WEEKLY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:**

### **TEEN WATCHLIST | MONDAYS 4:00-6:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Drop by, grab a seat, and watch cool movies or binge-worthy shows with other teens. Hang out, chat, react dramatically to plot twists, or just vibe in the background – no pressure either way. Bring your favorite snacks and make yourself comfy!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **MINECRAFT CLUB | MONDAYS 5:30-7:30 PM**

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids ages 7 and up are invited to join us on the 3rd floor of the library for Minecraft Club! Stop by to mine, build, and interact with fellow Minecrafters using the library's laptops or iPads. Jump into our premade world or create one entirely of your own!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend

### **SUMMER OPEN ACTIVITIES |**

#### **MONDAYS & TUESDAYS 2:00-4:00 PM**

#### **WEDNESDAYS 2:00-5:00 PM**

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Looking for something to do this summer? Visit Kid and Teen Central for some fun, tech, arts & crafts, LEGOs, and more! Explore your creativity with exciting hands-on crafts for everyone!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **TEEN CENTRAL MANGA BOOK CLUB |**

#### **EVERY OTHER TUESDAY (JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup>) 4:00-5:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Join us at Teen Central to read and discuss manga! You will get a chance to meet other manga fans and gush about your favorite titles! Each session, we'll discuss a different theme. For teens, ages 13-18.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **TEEN ZONE | TUESDAYS 5:00-7:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to our new Teen Space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, to explore art, technology, games, science, and more with Teen Central! From 3-5 pm, you can engage with free materials and learn new skills at your own pace.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **SUMMER MOVIE! | THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS 1:00-3:00 PM**

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families, All Ages

Take a break from the hot sun and join us for a cool movie! Movies will be appropriate for all ages.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **TEEN SWITCH GAMING AFTERNOON | THURSDAYS 2:00-4:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Teens, ages 12-17, are welcome to come hang out for an evening of low-pressure gaming. Meet some new friends and join in for a round of Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Just Dance, or one of our other games on our Switch or Switch 2!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **TALES 'N PLAY STORYTIME | FRIDAYS 11:00-12:00 PM**

Age Level: Babies and Toddlers, Preschoolers

Stop in for some stories, music, and fun! Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join Kid Central for a story time! Afterward, all are welcome to stay for some open playtime.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend

### **BLOCK PARTY | SATURDAYS 10:00-11:00 AM**

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids are invited to flex their creative muscles and building skills at our Block Party! Stop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to create with LEGOs, blocks, and other kid-friendly building materials.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend

### **EXPLORE STEM + MORE | SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS 1:00-4:00 PM**

Age Level: Kids, Teens, Families

Kids and families drop by the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to immerse yourself in the world of science and tech exploration. Discover something new by exploring robots, LEGOs, STEM apps, crafts, games and more at your own pace.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

## **SPECIAL KID/TEEN CENTRAL PROGRAMS:**

### **ANIME SHRINKY DINKS | WEDNESDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2:00-4:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to create keychains or bag charms of their favorite characters. Use special shrinking paper to turn your art into miniature hard plastic charms.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

### **FIELD DAY AT THE LIBRARY | THURSDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 1:00-2:00 PM**

Age Level: Kids

Kids, ages 1-12, can increase mobility and flexibility through a series of field day games! Inspire movement, problem-solving, and strengthen fine motor skills with each challenge.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend

### **TEEN MAGIC: THE GATHERING 101 | MONDAY, JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> 4:00-5:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Learn the basics of Magic: The Gathering with an expert from Gamers Loot game store. No experience necessary. All supplies provided.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

### **I AM WILD EXPLORATION | THURSDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-2:00 PM**

Age Level: Kids

Explore the flora and fauna of different habitats through hands-on learning. Build your own bug motel, create art inspired by wildlife, and more! Based on the Indiana State Museum's I AM WILD: A Charley Harper traveling exhibit visiting this summer.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

### **MEET AND PLAY | FRIDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Age Level: Babies and Toddlers, Preschoolers, Families

Bring your young child to play while you meet other caregivers of young children! Children will have opportunities for playful learning while caregivers can chat about life with littles. Perfect for children ages 0-5.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

### **TEEN RECYCLED ART | WEDNESDAY, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2:00-4:00 PM**

Age Level: Teens

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to make 1-3 different projects that reuse materials, such as magazine page bowls, memory boxes, and other ideas.

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## **ANIMAL MEET AND GREETINGS | THURSDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-2:00 PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Meet up to three animals at these casual drop-in sessions presented by Silly Safaris. Ask your question and take a picture with the critters.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

## **PAWS AND PLAY | THURSDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> 1:00-2:00 PM**

*Age Level: Kids*

Playing is important for kids, and it's just as important for our pets! Kids, ages 6-12, will learn how to create a playful, enriching environment at home for your pets. Create an enrichment activity for your pet or donate it to an animal waiting for a home at IndyHumane.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

## **ZOO EXPLORERS | FRIDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> 11:00-11:45 AM**

*Age Level: Preschoolers*

Go wild with the Indianapolis Zoo! Young children will explore life in the rainforest, discover what makes it special, and develop a sense of wonder for the world around them.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

## **BUILD IT! | THURSDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> 1:00-3:00 PM**

*Age Level: Kids*

Let's get building! Kids, ages 6-12, will learn basic woodworking skills and how to use tools safely to build your own project. Each participant starts with raw materials and leaves with a sense of accomplishment, pride, and a functional finished piece.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

## **ADDITIONAL CENTRAL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS:**

### **BOOKS AND ROOKS CHESS CLUB | MONDAYS**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Casually play chess in the Atrium of the library. Chess sets and clocks are provided. All ages and skill levels welcome.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend

### **THE GURL/BRO CODE | SATURDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

*Age Level: Kids*

Get ready to dive into a fun, hands-on creative tech session where you'll bring your coolest ideas to life.

**NOTE:** Registration is required to attend.

### **FOLKLORE MEXICANO FESTIVAL 2026 | SATURDAY, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**12:00-4:00 PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Travel to Mexico without leaving Indianapolis! Enjoy performances, live music, activities, a Mexican food truck, mercado (shops), and informational booths. Fun for the whole family!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend.

### **CIRCULATING SOUND CONCERT | SATURDAY, JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:00-3:30PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Join us for a concert featuring several Chinese and American musicians in Clowes Auditorium. This special event will be a little longer than normal, to allow for even MORE awesomeness!

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend

### **DAY OF CHESS | SATURDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Free to play G/25+5 (rated and unrated) chess tournaments. Casual play will also be available.

**NOTE:** Registration and USCF membership are required to play rated matches.

### **CIRCULATING SOUND CONCERT | SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:00-3:30PM**

*Age Level: All Ages*

Join us for a concert featuring The Indianapolis Chamber Players, our longest-playing performers. Sit back and enjoy these classical musicians from the comfort of Clowes Auditorium.

**NOTE:** No registration is required to attend