

# TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD



Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park

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Welcome to the Monarch Herald, your source for updates on new services, events, activities, and other important information in the Town of Highland Park. We aim to keep you informed and engaged with our community. If you have suggestions for topics you'd like to see covered, please let us know. Contact Sofia Tarango, Administrative Assistant, at [starango@hptx.org](mailto:starango@hptx.org) or call (214) 559-9308 with your ideas and recommendations.



## Park Cities Recycling Event

 Saturday, May 3 | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 3001 University Blvd

Drop off documents for shredding, gently used items for donation, and electronics for recycling. No reservation needed!

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off Event

 Saturday, May 10 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 3801 Lexington Avenue (HP Pool parking lot)  
 HP Residents Only

Accepted items include unused paint cans, chemicals, old cleaners, and any items labeled with hazardous signal words such as *Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Flammable, Reactive, Corrosive, or Toxic.*

For more information or to make a reservation, please visit [www.hptx.org/hhw](http://www.hptx.org/hhw) or call Customer Service at (214) 521-4161 during business hours.



# HIGHLAND PARK SWIMMING POOL



## SWIM PERMITS

\$60/person

Up to 4 Family Members

(\$30/person for extra family members when purchased in the same transaction)

## DAY PASSES

Day passes available for residents and their guests

\$7/person/day

## SWIM CONDITIONING PROGRAM

Master competitive strokes, dives, starts, flip turns, and endurance!

Participants must swim the length of pool and back to qualify.

\$70/week or \$350/full program

May 27th - Aug 1st (except week of July 1)

Tues-Fri | 10:30am-11:30am

Ages 6+

## PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Enjoy personalized instruction with our private swim lessons!

\$280/2 weeks

May 27th - August 1st

Tues-Fri | 30-minute daily sessions

Ages 4+

Purchase permits and register for classes at

[www.hptx.org/recreation](http://www.hptx.org/recreation)



# THE HIGHLAND PARK LIBRARY

## Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Challenge Registration is Open!

Join the fun this summer with our Summer Reading Challenge! Adults who register will receive a special prize, while supplies last.

To qualify for the grand prize drawing, participants must log 1,000 minutes of reading—that's about the length of two audiobooks—and attend at least two programs in June or July.

All types of reading count: whether it's a paperback, e-book, audiobook, website, cereal box, or even the picture book you've read to your child dozens of times.

Simply track your reading minutes and program attendance to earn a chance at one of three exciting grand prizes, including a stunning tile set and mat from The Mahjong Line or a gift card to Highland Park Village.

Let's make this a summer to remember—happy reading!

## DIVE INTO THE *2025 Swim Season*

**Regular Season begins Friday, May 23**

Purchase your permit now at [www.hptx.org/recreation](http://www.hptx.org/recreation)

Let us help you with your spring cleaning~

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## Children's Summer Reading Club

Preregistration for the 2025 Children's Summer Reading Club is Open!

The Summer Reading Club runs from June 1 through July 31, and points earned during those months can be logged through the end of August. Beginning June 1, sign-up bags will be available for pickup with each including reading logs and a few extra goodies!



We're looking forward to a summer full of fun events at the Library and hope you'll join us on June 6 for **Summer Spectacular**, our official kickoff to summer programming.

For questions or concerns, please contact us at [hplibrary@hplibrary.info](mailto:hplibrary@hplibrary.info) or [votterbine@hplibrary.info](mailto:votterbine@hplibrary.info).

The Library would like to thank our 2025 Summer Reading Club Sponsor, Christine McKenny and Allie Beth Allman & Associates, as well as The Friends of the Highland Park Library for generously funding the Sharing Literacy program.



**REGISTER & PARTICIPATE ONLINE  
AT [HTTPS://HPTX.BEANSTACK.ORG](https://hptx.beanstack.org).**

HIGHLAND PARK HARVEY R. "BUM" BRIGHT LIBRARY

*Your Connection to Lifelong Learning*

4700 DREXEL DRIVE, HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS 75205

[WWW.HPLIBRARY.INFO](http://WWW.HPLIBRARY.INFO), 214-559-9400

Thank you to the Friends of the  
Highland Park Library & our 2025  
Sharing Literacy recipient

 **Hope Cottage**  
LOVING FAMILIES GROW HERE

Summer Reading Club  
Sponsored by

Christine McKenny

 **MCKENNY**  
of Allie Beth Allman & Associates

# Library Programs: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

— Adult Program

— Children's Program

— All Ages

**DIY Silk Scarves** - Saturday, May 3 at 1pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind silk scarf that is perfect for Mother's Day. Contact Pamela at 214-559-9345 to reserve your spot in this [class](#).



**Traffic Safety Storytime** - Friday, May 9 at 10am | Davis Park

Join the Highland Park Library for a special, all-ages Storytime in honor of Global Youth Traffic Safety Month. A member of the Highland Park Department of Public Safety will share important tips on staying safe around roadways. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be moved indoors to the 2nd floor of Town Hall. Registration not required.



**Growing and Cooking with Herbs** - Saturday, May 10 at 10am | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Barbara Gollman, a Texas Master Gardener since 2005, will share her expertise on herbs for fantastic culinary creations! Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.



**Great Presidents with Chefsville** - Saturday, May 10 at 2pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Take a culinary journey through American history as we explore the favorite foods of each U.S. president from 1789 to 2023. Children will learn about the regional origins of the U.S. presidents and discover how each culture contributed unique ingredients to the presidential kitchen. Through food and cooking, children will learn about the cultural roots of customs we carry on to this day. Recommended for ages 6+.

[Registration](#) is required. **Please note:** The Highland Park Library and University Park Public Library cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment. Attendees and their guardians are responsible for managing any dietary restrictions or allergens.



**Mahjong Open Play** - Tuesday, May 13 and 27 at 4:30pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

If you are interested in participating, please call the library at 214-559-9345 to sign up.



**Lunch Bunch Book Club** - Wednesday, May 14 at 12pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

This month's selection is *The King of Diamonds: The Search for the Elusive Texas Jewel Thief* by Rena Pederson. The author will join us virtually for the discussion. Feel free to bring your own lunch (no food provided). Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.



**Adult Crafting Hour** - Saturday, May 17 at 10am | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Held on the third Saturday of the month, join other craft enthusiasts for some fun and fellowship! Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.



**STEAM Cinema** - Saturday, May 17 at 3:30pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Enjoy a family-friendly film and a fun activity or craft! Each month's theme promotes STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) concepts and encourages scientific exploration. This month we will be making Density Towers. Suitable for ages 6+. [Registration](#) is required for children to ensure availability of activity supplies.



## Outdoor Scavenger Hunt- Saturday, May 24 at 2pm | Davis Park

Join us for a nature-themed scavenger hunt! Sharpen your observation skills and uncover the hidden treasures of Davis Park. Suitable for ages 6+. Registration not required.



## Tall Tails - Wednesday, May 28 at 4:30pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Spend one-on-one time and read a story with a furry friend! Children of all reading levels are encouraged to get to know one of Canine Companion's future service dogs. These dogs will one day work alongside people with disabilities to help increase their independence. Each child will get 15 minutes of reading time with their pawsome audience to practice their literacy skills. [Registration](#) is required.



### About Canine Companions:

Canine Companions was established in 1975 and is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. With six training centers spread across the US, Canine Companions is the largest provider of service dogs in the world. More can be read about their extraordinary work here: <https://canine.org/about/>.



## Ask a Funeral Director - Saturday, May 31 at 1pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

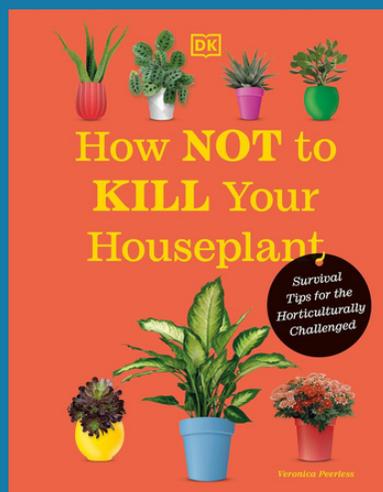
As part of our Planning for the End series, join us for an informative session on funeral planning options in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Suitable for adults 18+. [Registration](#) is appreciated but not required.

## Meet a Mermaid - Saturday, May 31 at 2pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall

Have you ever dreamed of meeting a mermaid? Now's your chance! A mermaid will be taking a vacation from her underwater home to visit Highland Park and read stories, sing songs, and talk about her amazing life away from land. Afterward, children can dive into some of our fantastic ocean-themed crafts! Costumes are welcome but not required. Recommended for ages 4+. [Registration](#) is required.



## WHAT TO CHECK OUT NEXT?



Who says a garden must be outside? From living rooms to office desks and kitchen windowsills, the possibilities for indoor greenery are endless. Learn the basics of keeping your indoor beauties alive with ***How Not to Kill Your Houseplant: Survival Tips for the Horticulturally Challenged*** by Veronica Peerless. With profiles of 119 stunning houseplants and expert advice on care and maintenance, this book will help you find the perfect plants for your unique spaces and keep them flourishing.

# MAY CALENDAR



**Every Tuesday at 11:45 AM:** Mindful Meditation - DPS Training Room, Third Floor

**Every 1st Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM:** Mindful Movement - Yoga in the Park - Lakeside Park

**Every Thursday at 10:00 AM:** Baby Bounce - meets in the Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall)

**Every Thursday at 10:45 AM:** Baby Bounce - meets in the Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall)

**Every Friday at 10:00 AM:** Toddler Story Time - meets in the Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall)

**Every Friday at 10:45 AM:** Preschool Story Time - meets in the Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall)

*\*\*Tickets are required for entry to Story Time on Fridays. Tickets are free & available at the Library Circulation Desk each Friday.*

**May 3, Saturday** **DIY Silk Scarves** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Call the library at 214-559-9345 to register.

**May 6, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Council Chambers  
**8:00 a.m.** Agendas are made available [online](#).

**May 9, Friday** **Traffic Safety Storytime** - Davis Park  
**10:00 a.m.** No registration required.

**May 10, Saturday** **Growing and Cooking with Herbs** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Suitable for adults 18+. Registration is encouraged click [here](#) to sign up.

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**May 20, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Council Chambers  
**8:00 a.m.** Agendas are made available [online](#).

**May 23, Friday** **HP Pool Opens for Regular Season**  
View the full 2025 Swim Season Schedule [here](#).

**May 24, Saturday** **Outdoor Scavenger Hunt** - Davis Park  
**2:00 p.m.** Suitable for ages 6+. No registration required.

**May 26, Monday** **Town Hall Offices & Library Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**

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