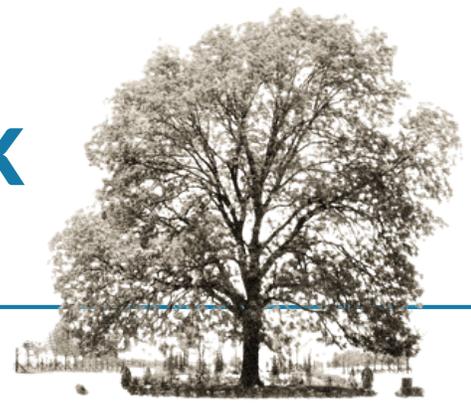


# TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK MONARCH HERALD

Monthly Newsletter for the Residents of the Town of Highland Park



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- Wellness Classes
- Library Summer Reading Challenges
- Library Programs
- June Events Calendar

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Summer

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.



## Monitor Your Water Use with WaterSmart

WaterSmart is an online water use portal provided by the Town as part of its ongoing commitment to providing the highest level of customer service and promoting consumer awareness.

Highland Park residents can easily monitor their water usage through any web browser and choose to receive notifications via email, text, or voice message. These alerts can notify you of potential leaks or when your daily water use exceeds the threshold you've set—perfect for keeping tabs while you are away on vacation.



Learn more and sign up at <https://www.hptx.org/WaterSmart>.

## Stay Active and Mindful with our Wellness Classes

Support your physical and mental well-being this summer with our free, instructor-led wellness programs:

- **Monthly Outdoor Yoga:** Held every first Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at Lakeside Park, led by E-RYT 500 instructor Andy McDonald. *Civic Rec registration is encouraged.*
- **Mindful Meditation** – Unwind each Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. in the DPS Training Room with calming sessions also led by Andy. *Civic Rec registration is encouraged.*
- **Water Aerobics** – Enjoy low-impact fitness at the HP Pool, every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m., led by Dana Sours. *No registration required—just bring a valid swim permit or purchase a daily pool pass to participate.*



For more information, visit [Civic Rec](#) or call 214-559-9308.



# THE HIGHLAND PARK LIBRARY

## Adult Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Challenge Has Officially Begun!

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!

## Children's Summer Reading Club

Get Ready, Get Set...Get Creative! Summer Reading is Here!

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. Sign-up bags are available for pickup with each including reading logs and a few extra goodies!

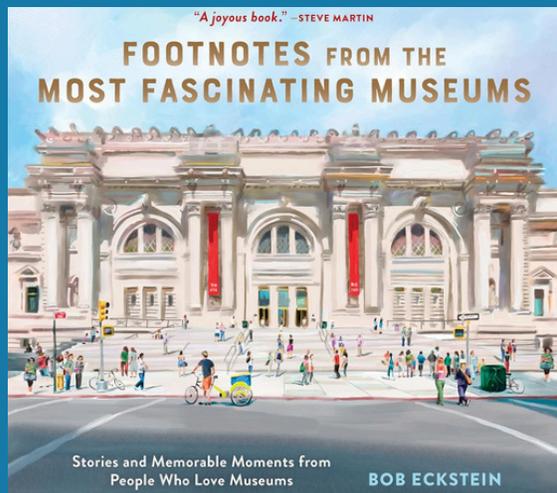
We're looking forward to a summer full of fun events at the Library and hope you'll join us on June 6 for

**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.



## WHAT TO CHECK OUT NEXT?



Let's celebrate the 2025 summer reading theme, Color Our World, with a book that brings art and storytelling together! **Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums** by Bob Eckstein highlights the best parts of museums: the strange stories, hidden gems, and delightful oddities. Covering over 75 museums, from the famous Metropolitan Museum of Art to the obscure Neon Museum in Las Vegas, this illustrated book offers readers a colorful journey through culture, history and creativity. Be inspired to explore and create. Art can be anything and everything!

# Library Programs: Your Connection to Lifelong Learning

- Adult Program
- Children's Program
- Teen Program
- All Ages

**Mahjong Open Play** - Tuesday, June 3 and 17 at 4:30pm - 6:30pm | 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Library  
Interested in playing Mahjong? Call Pamela at the Library at 214-559-9345 to sign up.



**Teen Drop-In Puzzles** - Thursday, June 5 at 3:30pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
Love jigsaw puzzles? So do we! Join us to trade puzzles with fellow enthusiasts, enjoy music, work on your puzzle, and maybe take part in a friendly competition. Suitable for ages 10+. [Registration](#) is open.



Puzzle donation guidelines:

- Minimum 250 pieces
- Complete (no missing pieces)
- In original manufacturer's box
- In overall good condition (clean and dry)

**Summer Spectacular with HPDPS** - Friday, June 6 at 10am | Davis Park  
Visit and explore interactive stations provided by Highland Park Library and the Highland Park Department of Public Safety. Enjoy face painting, crafts, and an adventure-filled storytime! There is something for everyone in this exciting community event! Attendees can earn 25 points towards the Summer Reading Program reading goal! Presented in partnership with the Parks Department and Highland Park Department of Public Safety. **Note:** In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled. Suitable for all ages. [Registration](#) is open.



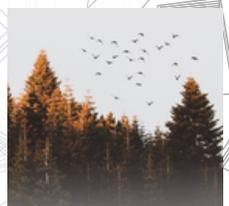
**Intro to Belly Dancing** - Saturday, June 7 at 1pm | University Park Public Library  
Discover the art of belly dancing in this fun and engaging introductory class. Led by an experienced instructor, participants will explore the fundamental movements including isolations, shimmies, and steps. No prior dance experience is required—just wear comfortable clothes and a willingness to move. Suitable for adults 18+. Visit [here](#) for more information.



**Lunch Bunch Book Club** - Wednesday, June 11 at 12pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
This month, we will be reading *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. Feel free to bring your own lunch (no food provided). Suitable for adults 18+.



**Blackland Prairie Raptor Center** - Friday, June 13 at 10am | Davis Park  
There are raptors in the park this summer! Join us for a fascinating presentation by the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, where children will be introduced to the world of raptors and birds of prey. These hawks, owls and falcons are well-trained and an important part of our environment. Discover their roles in the food chain, their unique adaptations to hunt, and watch as they demonstrate their unique capabilities. **Note:** In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled. Suitable for all ages. [Registration](#) is open.



**The Dementia Live Experience** - Saturday, June 14 at 1pm | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
Gain a deeper understanding of cognitive impairments and the complexities of sensory changes. Call 214-559-9345 to reserve your space.



**Baby Splash Storytime** - Wednesday, June 18 at 10am | Highland Park Pool  
Book it to the pool this summer! Join us for a special storytime at the Highland Park Wading Pool. Children will listen to stories, sing songs, and play games while splashing around! This event is hosted in collaboration with the HP Parks Department. **Note:** In the event of inclement weather, this program will be canceled. Suitable for parents, caregivers, and children ages 3 or younger. **Registration** is required for the children.



**Adult Crafting Hour** - Saturday, June 21 at 10am | 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall  
Join other craft enthusiasts for some fun and fellowship! This month we are making tie dye totes! Suitable for adults 18+. Supplies are limited, so please call to reserve your space at 214-559-9345.

**DIY 3D Glasses** - Tuesday, June 24 at 3:30pm | Library  
See art in a whole new dimension! Learn how to make your very own 3D glasses and then experiment with making your art POP off the page. Attendees can also participate in a paper scavenger hunt to uncover hidden 3D images. This program is presented in partnership with the University Park Public Library. Suitable for ages 6+ **Registration** is open.



**Tall Tails** - Wednesday, June 25 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/>.



**Chalk the Block** - Saturday, June 28 at 10am | Front of Town Hall  
Embrace your creativity and join us as we decorate the walkway in front of Town Hall! Attendees will create vibrant chalk drawings, enjoy puzzles, lawn games, music, and more! For even more colorful fun, the Library has partnered with the Meadows Museum to provide crafts for everyone to enjoy. Water and snacks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Library would like to thank the sponsor of this event, HEB | Central Market. **Registration** is open.



# JUNE CALENDAR



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

**Every 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM:** Mindful Movement - Yoga in the Park - Lakeside Park

**Every Tuesday & Thursday at 9 AM:** Water Aerobics - HP Pool

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**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.*

**June 3, Tuesday** **Town Council Meeting & Study Session** - Council Chambers  
8:00 a.m. Agendas are made available [online](#).

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Mahjong Open Play** - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Library  
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**June 5, Thursday** **Yoga in the Park** - Lakeside Park  
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