

Pontiac Public
Library
will be closed
Monday,
May 30, for
Memorial Day.

Story Time Schedule

There are no story-times scheduled for May.

We will be busy getting ready for our popular Summer Reading Program!

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(815) 844-7229

Mon-Thu 9am—7pm
Fri-Sat 9am— 5pm
Sunday Closed

RETIRE WITH COUPONS WORKSHOP



Ever wonder how the person ahead of you in the grocery line has a cart full of stuff and only pays a fraction what you do? Do you see all the valuable coupons in the Pantagraph and think “I should clip these but I’ll never remember to use them.” Pontiac Public Library has the class for you!

On **Saturday, May 28, at 2 pm**, **Kimberly McCormick** will share her 17 years of saving with coupons experience in this fun and educational workshop designed for the coupon beginner. You may recognize her name from her popular Pantagraph column.

Kim will teach you:

- The basics of coupon use
- Where to find the coupons
- Organizational tips
- Plus, she’ll share her own amazing stories of the wonders of couponing

Get educated, get motivated and find out how to stretch your grocery dollars.

Please register for this free class by calling the library at (815) 844-7229 or emailing Layla Johnston at director@pontiacpubliclibrary.org.

SUMMER READING REGISTRATION

Summer Reading Registration begins on **Saturday, May 28, from 9 to 5**, with a kickoff party! Any child who signs up on the 28th

will be treated to a snack and an extra prize! Registration will be open the length of summer reading, so children are allowed to sign up any-

time. Children age 1-5th grade must have a parent with them to register. Young Adults can sign up on their own. We hope to see you all at the party!

CHECK IT OUT:**New Items for
Teens****FICTION**

Stardust by
Neil Gaiman

Amy & Roger's Epic
Detour by
Morgan Matson

Angel by
James Patterson

After Ever After by
Jordan Sonnenblick

NONFICTION

Making the Trade:
Stocks, Bonds, and
Other Investments
by Aaron Healey

MOVIES

127 Hours
starring
James Franco

Country Strong
starring
Gwyneth Paltrow

MUSIC

Now That's What I
Call Music #36
by Various Artists

YOUTH SERVICES

A message from
Melissa, Pontiac
Public Library's
youth services li-
brarian:

Hey kids! It's fi-
nally May, the
month you can
really start to look
forward to those
long summer days
of fun in the sun!

While you're busy
looking for activi-
ties to fill up your
days, don't forget
to include the li-
brary in your list of
things to do!

I have been busy
planning six weeks

worth of fun for you
all in the cool air
conditioning of
Pontiac Public Li-
brary.

Why not spend a
few hours of your
summer at the li-
brary?



Activities are being
planned right now
for young children
all the way through
high school. So,
there are exciting
events planned for
everyone!

Without giving too
much away now,
this year's program
is call "A Midsum-
mer Knight's
Read," and the li-
brary will be full of
Kings and Queens,
dragons, sword
fighting, wizards
and much more all
summer long!

Look for me at your
school in mid-May
to reveal more de-
tails on upcoming
programs, and be
sure to check the
mail for your invita-
tion to "A Midsum-
mer Knight's
Read!"

MAY 7 IS

Celebrate **National
Train Day & The Red
Carpet Corridor** with
Pontiac Public Library!
On **Saturday, May 7 at
10 am**, children of all
ages are invited to the
library for a morning of
fun. We will be design-
ing engineer hats,



**NATIONAL
TRAIN DAY**

painting a mural, and
exploring model
trains! Children must
be accompanied by an
adult as we will be
walking to the mural
site and then to Even-
glow. If you have a

painting smock or an
old shirt for your child,
feel free to bring it
along.

Call 844-7229 for more
information.

STAFF PICKS

Ever wondered what your favorite library staff member does when they are not helping you check out materials? They read, watch movies, and listen to music, just like you!

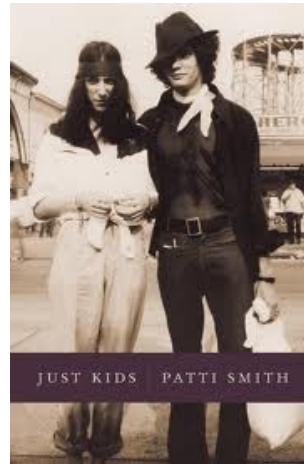
Every month, we will feature top selections from our friendly and helpful library staff. Rediscover an old favorite, or find a new author or musician to check out.

Layla is reading *Just Kids* by Patti Smith. In 1967, 21-year-old singer-song writer Smith, determined to make art her life and dissatisfied with the

lack of opportunities in Philadelphia to live this life, left her family behind for a new life in Brooklyn. When she discovered that the friends with whom she was to have lived had moved, she soon found herself homeless, jobless, and hungry. Through a series of events, she met a young man named Robert Mapplethorpe who changed her life—and in her typically lyrical and poignant manner Smith describes the start of a romance and lifelong friendship with this man.

Smith's memoir of her friendship with photographer

Robert Mapplethorpe won the 2010 National Book Award.



CHOOSE PRIVACY WEEK MAY 1-7

May 1-7 is Choose Privacy Week, a program of the American Library Association. Librarians feel a professional responsibility to protect the right to search for information free from surveillance. Privacy has long been the cornerstone of library services in America.

Why? Because the freedom to

read and receive ideas anonymously is at the heart of individual liberty in a democracy. Librarians defend that freedom every day.

Libraries are information hubs for their communities. They are also natural centers for learning and talking about information issues... including privacy. Our vision is to inspire

Americans to recommit to their privacy.

In the spirit of civic values that allow people to freely seek information in all formats without fear of retribution or exploitation, it's time to reclaim our right to privacy. For more information, go to privacyrevolution.org.



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: MEMBERS NEEDED!

Pontiac Public Library is looking for help to improve our young adult collections and services. We thought going to the source would be a great place to start, so we are looking for input from creative teenagers that like to read, write, edit digital photos, play games, and otherwise create and tell stories.

Interested teens would be asked to form a Teen Advisory

Board that would meet once a month.

Activities will include pizza night, gaming events, among others. We want your advice, and we will give you free food! If you are interested in helping us help you, please send a message to Library Director Layla Johnston at director@pontiacpubliclibrary.org

CHECK IT OUT: New Items for Adults

FICTION

Minding Frankie
by Maeve Binchy

Mystery by
Jonathan Kellerman

Sing You Home by
Jodi Picoult

Swamplandia! by
Karen Russell

NONFICTION

*New Seeds of
Contemplation*
by Thomas Merton

*The Total Money
Makeover* by
Dave Ramsey

*Small Kitchen
Solutions* by Better
Homes and Gardens

*Taste of Home Quick
Cooking Annual
Recipes, 2010*

AUDIOBOOKS

The Opposite of Fate
by Amy Tan

Embers of Love by
Tracie Peterson

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choose Privacy Week	2 Adult book club 6:00 pm	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 National Train Day Event 10 am
8 Red Carpet Corridor Fest, Pontiac	9 Board Meeting 5:15 pm	10	11	12 National Kite Day	13 Movie Day for Futures Unltd 12:30 pm	14 Lewis & Clark began trek, 1804
15	16	17	18 Mt. St. Helens erupted, 1980	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22	23 Budgeting Basics Class 10 am	24 1st Morse Code message sent, 1844	25	26 Blueberry Cheesecake Day	27	28 Coupon Workshop 2 pm and Summer Reading Reg- istration Party, all day
29	30 Memorial Day Library Closed	31				

Budgeting Basics

Too busy to make it in during Money Smart Week last month?

Trina Keller of Woodforest Bank will be back in the library on **Monday, May 23, at 10 am** to teach her Budgeting Basics Class for Adults.

This free class for adults of all ages includes lessons on budgeting basics, balancing a check book, and credit card management.

For more information or to register for classes, call 844-7229



Join the American Library Association, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Center for Democracy and Technology, Freedom to Read Foundation, Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, author Cory Doctorow, and the Society of American Archivists and choose to protect your right to privacy. To take part in the discussion on the importance of privacy rights in the age of digital information and surveillance, visit www.readerprivacy.org