

June & July Library Programs @ Kingwood Branch Library

Kingwood Branch Library offers the following programs in June & July 2026.

All programs are free. Some programs require registration or tickets.

For details, go to <https://tinyurl.com/KWLibevents1> or call 832-927-7830.

The Kingwood Branch Library expresses its gratitude to the Friends of the Library- Kingwood (F.O.L.K.) for their support. Funding from the Friends makes programming possible. Please visit the F.O.L.K. website at <https://www.kingwoodfolk.org/>.

Holiday Closure: In honor of the Juneteenth, all HCPL branch locations will close at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 18th and remain closed through Sunday, June 21st. We will reopen Monday, June 22nd at 10:00 AM.

In honor of the Independence Day, all HCPL branch locations will close at 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 3rd and remain closed through Sunday, July 5th. We will reopen Monday, July 6th at 10:00 AM.

Children Programs

Children's programs take place in the Children's Activity Room unless otherwise noted. Tickets or registration may be required; limited tickets are available prior to the program.

Story Times and Events

Family Story Time, Saturdays at 10:30 AM. Join us for stories and crafts suited for all ages!

Baby Sprouts Lapsit, Tuesdays at 11:00 AM. Join us for an Infant Lapsit style Story Time. Enjoy books and songs followed by playtime with your 0-18 month old!

Sapling Story Time for Preschoolers, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 11:15 AM. Join us for Preschool Story Time with you 3 - 6 year old! Enjoy stories, songs, and a craft each week!

Little Seedlings Toddler Time, Thursdays, 10:30 AM and 11:15 AM. Join us for Toddler Time with your 18 month- 3 year old! Enjoy stories, songs, and a craft each week.

Teen Programs

Teen programs are open to teens ages 13-18. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. For more information, see Young Adult Librarian, email kwteens@hcpl.net, or call the library at 832-927-7830. Get program updates sent straight to your phone by texting @kwteens to 81010. Service is free and confidential; standard text message rates apply.

Monday, June 1, 8, & 15, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Cosplay Makerspace. Computer Lab.

Whether you're a cosplayer or not, join us to create your own costume pieces! Participants will go on choose from a list of garments and accessories and use Kingwood Branch Library's Glowforge, 3D Printers, and sewing machines to make the vision come to life.

This is a four-part program, and due to the extensive work required for each costume piece, participants are required to attend all four sessions. Liability waivers are required and are due back before the start of the first program. Pick one up at the upstairs reference desk! This program is for teens 13-18.

Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: DIY Cyanotypes. Teen Game Room.

Cyanotype is a camera-less photographic printing process that produces blue prints using sunlight and iron salt chemicals. Teens are invited to make their own cyanotype prints at the library! All materials and snacks will be provided.

Friday, June 12, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Super Smash Tournament. Teen Game Room.

Smash your way through the tournament bracket to earn the title of Super Smash Bros Champion! 1st and 2nd place will laser cut trophies! Snacks and controllers will be provided.

This program is for teens ages 13-18.

Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, July 8, All Day: Teen Thrift Trade: Clothing Drop-Off. Reference Desk.

During the weeks of June 14-July 7, young adults are invited to drop off new and gently used, clean clothing items including shirts, sweaters, jackets, pants, shorts, skirts, dresses, and shoes at the upstairs reference desk. Please do not bring children's clothes smaller than 14 or YXL in t-shirt sizes. One ticket will be given for each item received by library staff. One ticket can then be turned in for one item the participant wishes to take on Teen Thrift Trade day (July 8). A limit of 10 clothing items can be turned in to the library.

Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Teen Open Art Space. Teen Game Room.

Calling all teen artists! Whatever your medium is, you're invited to hang with other artists and work on your projects. Sketch pads, art pencils, markers, paints, yarn, crochet hooks, and more will be available for those who just want to show up and create. Snacks will also be provided.

Thursday - Friday, June 25 - June 26, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Clay Magnets. Teen Game Room.

This is a two-part series in which teens can get creative designing and forming clay pieces, then painting and installing the magnet to them the next day. All materials and snacks will be provided. This program is for teens ages 13-18.

Monday, July 6, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Teen Tech Camp: 3D Printer. Computer Lab.

Teens are invited to attend a 3D Printer orientation, where they will earn the 3D Printer badge that they can use to 3D print at any available HCPL location, and they'll also get to 3D print an item of their choosing!

Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Teen Thrift Trade. Meeting Room.

Does your closet have pieces you don't wear anymore? Looking to change up your wardrobe? Here's your chance to do so! Participants can bring new or gently used clothing items (shirts, sweaters, jackets, pants, skirts, dresses) during the weeks of June 14-July 7. A limit of 10 clothing items per participant can be dropped off. One ticket will be given for each item donated that participants can then use to trade for clothing on the day of the program. All remaining clothing items will be donated to charity.

Thursday, July 9, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Teen Movie Night. *Teen Game Room.*

Teens are invited to hang out, have a snack, and enjoy a film!

Monday, July 13, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Teen Tech Camp: Laser Cutter. *Computer Lab.*

Teens are invited to attend a Glowforge orientation, where they will earn the Laser Cutter badge that they can use to laser items at any available HCPL location, and they'll also get to laser engrave agate slices!

Thursday - Friday, July 16 - 17, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Stop-Motion Animation Studio. *Computer Lab.*

This is a two session program in which teens will make their own stop-motion short-film from start to finish! All materials, tools, and snacks will be provided.

Monday, July 20, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Teen Tech Camp: Laser Cutter. *Computer Lab.*

Teens are invited to attend a Cricut orientation, where they will earn the Cricut badge that they can use to cut items at any available HCPL location, and they'll also get to use the Cricut to make a tote bag!

Thursday, July 23, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Teen Open Art Space. *Teen Game Room.*

Calling all teen artists! Whatever your medium is, you're invited to hang with other artists and work on your projects. Sketch pads, art pencils, markers, paints, yarn, crochet hooks, and more will be available for those who just want to show up and create. Snacks will also be provided.

Adult Programs

Monthly Programs

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM: Mystery Book Club. *Conference Room.*

Join the book club to meet, mingle and chat with other literature lovers. Experience the pleasure of reading and discovering new mystery books and authors.

For June, the Mystery Book Club is reading *Kill your Darlings* by Peter Swanson.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 – 7:45 PM in the upstairs Conference Room.

Contact the Library for more information at kw@hcpl.net

Wednesday, June 10, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Cook by the Book. Meeting Room.

Looking to experiment with new recipes? Join us for Cook by the Book, our monthly cooking demo class for adults.

No registration required, but make sure to come hungry as we'll be tasting the dish during the class.

Monday, June 15, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Talk it Up! Book Club. Conference Room.

Join the Talk It Up! book club at Kingwood Branch Library in May as we read and discuss *The Last Flight* by Julie Clarke.

Tuesday, June 16, 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Paint Along. Meeting Room.

Join us for a delightful afternoon of creativity at our Paint Along program! For June, we will be following along a step-by-step online instructor and painting a "Midnight Koi Fish".

Due to demand, if you have not arrived by 5 minutes after the start of the program, your spot will be released.

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Crafternoon. Meeting Room.

This month we'll be creating decoupage vase!

All supplies provided plus snacks!

***Due to demand, if you have not arrived by 3:10 pm, your spot will be released to a registrant on the waitlist**

Monday, June 22, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Microsoft Excel Basics. Computer Lab.

This class will teach you the basics of Microsoft Excel 2019 as well as some of the tips and tricks that are needed to create and navigate your spreadsheets. Basic computer skills are required.

All classes start within five minutes of the announced time; classes are cancelled if no registered attendees arrive within fifteen minutes of announced time.

Please register for this class online or by calling 832-927-7830.

Tuesday, June 23, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Yarn & Thread. Meeting Room.

Are you someone who likes to knit, crochet, needlepoint, or cross stitch? Bring your projects to work on at the library and chat with others!

Please note that this is not a class but a space to work on projects.

No registration required. Adults 18 and over.

Wednesday, June 24, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Coffee and Coloring. Meeting Room.

Relax, catch up with your neighbors, meet new people, and enjoy refreshments! We have plenty of coloring pages and pencils but feel free to bring your favorites. All supplies and refreshments generously furnished by FOLK.

Don't like to color? That's okay, stop by for a cup of coffee or tea & some conversation.

No registration required.

Thursday, June 25, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Read Against the Machine! Computer Lab.

Read Against the Machine! is a new nonfiction book club exploring social, cultural, historical, and political topics. Selections will highlight varied perspectives and encourage readers to think critically about the ideas and narratives that shape contemporary life.

In June, we are reading *How We Fight for Our Lives* by Saeed Jones. Join us for discussion on the fourth Thursday of the month!

A limited number of copies of the book selection are available to check out at the circulation desk downstairs.

Saturday, June 27, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ESL Café. Meeting Room.

Adults who are learning English are invited to come to E.S.L. Cafe each month at Kingwood Library!

At E.S.L. Cafe, we play tabletop games (board games, card games, and conversation games) in English.

Join us for a welcoming, supportive space to practice your English and connect with others in your community.

Come when you want and stay as long as you want. All levels are welcome! Coffee and refreshments provided.

Wednesday, July 1, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Cook by the Book. Meeting Room.

Looking to experiment with new recipes? Join us for Cook by the Book, our monthly cooking demo class for adults.

No registration required, but make sure to come hungry as we'll be tasting the dish during the class.

Wednesday, July 1, 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM: Mystery Book Club. Conference Room.

Join the book club to meet, mingle and chat with other literature lovers. Experience the pleasure of reading and discovering new mystery books and authors.

For July, the Mystery Book Club is reading *The Librarians* by Sherry Thomas.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 – 7:45 PM in the upstairs Conference Room.

Contact the Library for more information at kw@hcpl.net

Saturday, July 11, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ESL Café. Meeting Room.

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Come when you want and stay as long as you want. All levels are welcome! Coffee and refreshments provided.

Tuesday, July 14, 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM: Paint Along. Meeting Room.

Join us for a delightful afternoon of creativity at our Paint Along program! For July, we will be following along a step-by-step online instructor and painting a "Pink Flamingo Sunset".

Due to demand, if you have not arrived by 5 minutes after the start of the program, your spot will be released.

Monday, July 20, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Talk it Up! Book Club. Conference Room.

Join the Talk It Up! book club at Kingwood Branch Library in May as we read and discuss *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

Thursday, July 23, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Read Against the Machine! Computer Lab.

Read Against the Machine! is a new nonfiction book club exploring social, cultural, historical, and political topics. Selections will highlight varied perspectives and encourage readers to think critically about the ideas and narratives that shape contemporary life.

In July, we are reading *Myth America* by Kevin M. Kruse and Julian E. Zelizer. Join us for discussion on the fourth Thursday of the month!

A limited number of copies of the book selection are available to check out at the circulation desk downstairs.

Monday, July 27, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Microsoft Word Basics. Computer Lab.

This class will teach you the basics of Microsoft Word as well as some of the tips and tricks that are needed to create and navigate your documents.

All classes start within five minutes of the announced time; classes are cancelled if no registered attendees arrive within fifteen minutes of announced time.

Please register for this class online or by calling 832-927-7830

Tuesday, July 28, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Yarn & Thread. *Meeting Room.*

Are you someone who likes to knit, crochet, needlepoint, or cross stitch? Bring your projects to work on at the library and chat with others!

Please note that this is not a class but a space to work on projects.

No registration required. Adults 18 and over.

Wednesday, July 29, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Coffee and Coloring. *Meeting Room.*

Relax, catch up with your neighbors, meet new people, and enjoy refreshments! We have plenty of coloring pages and pencils but feel free to bring your favorites. All supplies and refreshments generously furnished by FOLK.

Don't like to color? That's okay, stop by for a cup of coffee or tea & some conversation.

No registration required.

Special Programs

Mondays, June 1 – July 27, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Pathway to Citizenship. *Conference Room.*

Join us for a free, 12-week class to help you prepare for your naturalization interview and civics test. An English assessment must be taken for class admittance. Taking this class does not grant citizenship or pay for any application fees. Registration is required as space is limited.

Please contact Susan Howard for registration information at susan.howard@hcpl.net or 713-306-9274.

Thursdays, June 4 – July 30, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ESL Read-Aloud Group. *Conference Room.*

Practice reading aloud in English with other adult learners this summer on Thursday mornings in June and July. Focus is on pronunciation, fluency, and confidence through shared reading in a supportive library setting.

For adults who can read in English and have some language experience; not for beginning learners.

Monday, June 22, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Summer Diamond Painting. *Meeting Room.*

Similar to cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting is creating a sparkling masterpiece as easy as affixing vibrantly colored resin rhinestones to a self-adhesive canvas. The canvas is printed with the design as well as symbols to let you know exactly which color to place in each spot.

For the summer edition of diamond painting, we will be making a butterfly car ornaments.

Due to demand, if you have not arrived by 5 minutes after the start of the program, your spot will be released.

Friday, June 26, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Painting Rocks. Meeting Room.

Looking for a creative way to unwind? Join us for a relaxing afternoon of painting rocks!

Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, this is the perfect chance to tap into your creativity, make some new friends, and bring home your very own rock masterpiece!

Tuesday, June 30, 10:15 AM – 12:15 AM: Adult Maker: Cricut Tote Bag. Computer Lab.

Learn how to use the Cricut to make make your own custom designed tote bag.

Space is limited and registration is required. Basic computer and mouse skills required.

Friday, July 10, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Painting Rocks. Meeting Room.

Looking for a creative way to unwind? Join us for a relaxing afternoon of painting rocks!

Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, this is the perfect chance to tap into your creativity, make some new friends, and bring home your very own rock masterpiece!

Saturday, July 18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Puzzle Swap. Meeting Room.

Bring in your gently used puzzles and exchange them for new-to-you puzzles!

Please limit puzzles to 15 per person and no puzzles with missing pieces.

The downstairs Meeting room will open at 3PM...the first few minutes will be the puzzle browse.

Anyone that brings in a 500+ piece puzzle can participate in the swap.

You will receive 1 ticket for each puzzle that you bring to trade for a new(ish) puzzle.

Any leftover puzzles will be donated to the Friends of the Library-Kingwood.

Tuesday, July 21, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Adult Maker: Vacuum Former Jelly Soaps. Meeting Room.

Learn how to make tiny jelly soaps by using the Vacuum Former to create unique plastic molds.

Wednesday, July 22, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Adult Maker: Beginner's Sewing Pocket Tea Caddy. Computer Lab.

Come learn to sew and create a custom Pocket Tea Caddy!

Machines and materials will be provided by the Kingwood Branch Library.

Friday, July 24, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Candle Painting. Meeting Room.

Join us for our candle painting program!

This program invites you to unwind while designing and painting your own set of tapered candles.

Monday, July 27, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament. Meeting Room.

Get ready for Kingwood Library's 5th Annual Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament.

This event is open to teens and adults.

Team size limited to 2 - 4 persons. Tournament is limited to 10 teams.

Only one team member needs to register for the whole team.

Maker Orientations

Registration will open one week before the class. The orientations are open to those ages 13 and older.

Teens ages 13-16 must be accompanied by an adult guardian. If you do not already have a Beanstack account, please sign-up for Beanstack prior to orientation. You can sign up for a Beanstack account here:

<https://hcpl.beanstack.com/reader365>

Digital Converter Appointment

Book an appointment to convert your VHS, VHS-C tapes, MiniDV tapes, 8mm reels, or 50 mm slides/negatives into a digital file. You may only book one machine per appointment. During your appointment, you either have to bring a USB or external hard-drive. To request an appointment, fill out the form: tinyurl.com/DigitalMediaAppt

Thursday, June 4, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Laser Cutter Orientation. Computer Lab.

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Glowforge Laser Cutter! This orientation session will introduce participants to laser cutting and engraving services in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a laser cutter at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a laser cutter.

Tuesday, June 9, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: 3D Printer Orientation. Computer Lab.

This orientation session will introduce participants to 3D printing services in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a 3D printer at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a 3D printer.

Thursday, June 18, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Cricut Orientation. Computer Lab.

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Cricut! This orientation session will introduce participants to using the Cricut in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a Cricut at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a Cricut.

Wednesday, June 24, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM: Vacuum Former Orientation. *Computer Lab.*

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Mayku Vacuum Former. This orientation session will introduce participants to vacuum forming services in the library, and the basics on how to create your own uniquely-shaped plastic molds. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a vacuum former at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a vacuum former.

Tuesday, July 7, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Laser Cutter Orientation. *Computer Lab.*

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Glowforge Laser Cutter! This orientation session will introduce participants to laser cutting and engraving services in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a laser cutter at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a laser cutter.

Tuesday, July 14, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Sewing Machine Orientation. *Computer Lab.*

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Singer Sewing Machine! This orientation session will introduce participants to sewing machine operation. Those who complete the class will be able to request time to use a sewing machine at HCPL branches. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a sewing machine.

Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Cricut Orientation. *Computer Lab.*

Learn how to book time with the Kingwood Library's Cricut! This orientation session will introduce participants to using the Cricut in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a Cricut at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a Cricut.

Thursday, July 30, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: 3D Printer Orientation. *Computer Lab.*

This orientation session will introduce participants to 3D printing services in the library. Those who complete the class will then be able to request time to use a 3D printer at HCPL branches, at which time they will complete a short machine-specific orientation at the location of their choice. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a 3D printer.