

# Scare Up a Good Book this Summer

The more you know, the less you'll fear!

**Wednesday mornings: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
June 23 through July 28**

- June 23**     **Zoo Lady:** “Who doesn’t love rainbows?” A villain called Mr. Gray. He only likes white and black, but the kids of Rainbow Island teach him to love color as they dance with their faces painted as rainbow tigers, lizards, kittens and more...At this program, **Mickey Lower** will paint faces and engage children in not-so-scary animal-related fun!
- June 30**     **Meet & Greet Normal Cornbelter’s Baseball Mascot, Corny,** along with team members: Do the players have any fears? Learn what things scare them, how they overcome their fears, and ways you can overcome yours, too!
- July 7**        **Gross-ology!** Slimy things may not be as bad as they seem. Slime can be useful to animals and to people. Did you know the average person makes enough saliva in a lifetime to fill a bathtub 150 times? Learn more about topics that some may think are gross and others may think are helpful. Don’t be scared.
- July 14**      **Not-So-Scary Wildlife: Sara Mackey of Wildlife Prairie Park** will present helpful information about creatures in the wild and even bring some along to show you that once you learn more about them, there’s no need to be afraid!
- July 21**      **Bugs!** Through the use of story, questions, real objects, and live specimens, **Dean Johnston of Forest Park Nature Center** will help students re-examine their own attitudes, fears, and misconceptions about insects.
- July 28**      **Scary Weather: National Weather Service’s Chris Miller** is a Warning Coordination Meteorologist in Lincoln, IL. He will share how to be safe in “scary” weather.

*Each speaker will be followed by age-appropriate reading activities and games:  
Karen Bersche will lead upper elementary youth in Reader’s Theater & mind challenges.  
Tommie Crouthamel will read to preschool through 6-year-olds.*

**Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30pm June 22 through July 27**  
Youth read one-on-one with a trained and certified canine friend - by appointment only.

*Reading incentives are awarded throughout the program.*