

Events for Teens This August at Darien Library

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Teenagers, check out these events and programs Darien Library is offering in August: A coding lab for teens, capture the flag with Nerf Blasters, a creative writing workshop, a "self-care" workshop, a video game bus, a teen movie fest and blood donation drive.

From Darien Library's newsletter and events calendar:

Courtyard Games

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4 in the library Courtyard.

Celebrate summer at Darien Library every Friday with Courtyard Games! Soak up some sun and challenge your friends in cornhole, ping pong, or ladder ball. Who will become Darien's Courtyard Game Champion? Only time will tell!

Coding Lab for Teens

Wednesdays, Aug. 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Attention teen tech wizards! Join us at the Library for [an open coding lab](#) and collaborate with like-minded programmers. Participants encouraged to bring their own laptop. **Ages 12-18.**

Game On!

From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Fridays

Love to play video games at the Library? [Stop by on Friday afternoons](#) to try out our games and grab some snacks with your friends. **Ages 12 - 18.**

Nerf Blaster Capture the Flag

[Register Here!](#)

From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11 in the Reference Room

Duck and dodge behind the stacks as we compete in [capture the flag using Nerf Blasters](#)! We will have twenty blasters available for use, but teens are welcome to bring their own blasters. Hydration and snacks provided. **Ages 12 – 18.**

Creative Writing Workshop for Teens

From 1 to 3 p.m. Monday Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25

Do you enjoy imagining your own worlds or creating your own characters? Do you dream of writing the next bestseller? Join members of Darien High School's literary magazine to discover the art of creative writing in a five-day program through scavenger hunts, character role plays, map drawing, and more!

We'll workshop pieces and conclude with a fun end-of-camp open-mic.

For rising 7th-9th graders. Attendance at all five days is strongly recommended.

Live Your Life: Zen

Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 5 p.m.

Being a teenager is stressful; join us at the Library for an afternoon of relaxation. Make a sugar scrub and bath bombs, and learn some self-care techniques!

Summer Reading Teen Finale

Tuesday, Aug. 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

As summer comes to a close, join us at the Library to celebrate your Summer Reading success! Hang out

with us and a video game bus for one last time before heading back to school. There will be tacos, music, games and more!

Classic Teen Movie Festival

Wednesdays in August at 3 p.m.

- [Aug. 2, "The Princess Bride"](#) While home sick in bed, a young boy's grandfather reads him a story called *The Princess Bride* -- hilarity ensues.
- [Aug. 9, "The Sandlot"](#) In the summer of 1962, a new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his rowdy team, resulting in many adventures.
- [Aug. 16, "The Goonies"](#) In order to save their home from foreclosure, a group of misfits set out to find a pirate's ancient valuable treasure.
- [Aug. 23, "10 Things I Hate About You"](#) A pretty, popular teenager can't go out on a date until her ill-tempered older sister does.

Donate Blood and Your Library Overdue Fines are Waived

For teens and adults.

From 1 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31 in the library parking lot

Please [contact the Red Cross](#) to look for other local opportunities to donate blood.

Darien Library will be hosting the American Red Cross for a blood drive in August.

Registration that day will be in the Community Room then donations will occur in the Red Cross' specially equipped bus in the parking lot. [Visit the Red Cross' website](#) to schedule an appointment or call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767).

Blood donors and those who attempt to donate are eligible to have their overdue fines waived (does not apply to bills or replacement charges).

Submit Your Paperwork in Advance

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by [completing](#) your pre-donation reading and health history questions before your appointment.

Facts about blood donation from the Red Cross

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- Roughly 1 pint of blood is given during a donation.

In case you were wondering, here's when the next school year starts in Darien:

- Wednesday, Aug. 30 — Darien High School freshmen orientation
- Thursday, Aug. 31 — First day of school