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**Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics:**
Starring Li Liu  
Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 PM  
Join us for this amazing one-woman show. Li Liu performs plate spinning, hand balancing, ribbon dancing, foot juggling and more. Li is an internationally renowned performer. She is a regular on the WBA & WNBA half-time circuits and has performed on the Late Show with David Letterman.

**Manga-Smanga Cartoon Drawing:**
with Debi Hamuka-Falkenham  
Monday August 8th at 2:00  
Ages 8 & up. Please call to register. Limit 20.  
Kids will learn how to draw their own manga and anime cartoon characters by following Debi’s chalk talk. They will also learn interesting facts about this unique cartoon style. Anime and Manga books will also be displayed and discussed to reinforce the importance of reading. Children will complete a fun cartoon manga project to take home with them.

**Play is a Good Thing!**  
Saturday August 6th at 10:00 AM  
This program is designed for families with infants and toddlers who are looking for an environment where they can meet new families, network, and create friendships. Age-appropriate books, puppets, toys, and music will be available.

**Yoga Together with Maggie Gaier**  
Tuesday August 9th at 3:00  
Please call to register. Limit 12  
An exploration for kids ages 3-5 and their caregivers.  
This class will take you and your little yogi on a journey through a variety of breathing techniques, poses, activities to connect with and methods for focus, relaxation and of course, fun!

**SCIENCE:**
**STEM: Balloon Tower Challenge**  
Wednesday August 3rd at 3:00  
Ages 7 & up  
Please call to register. Limit 20.  
Think your team can build the tallest tower in 12 minutes? Get ready to fill your balloons and then build!

**Shopkins Play and Swap**  
Saturday August 13th at 10:00 AM  
Calling all Shopkins enthusiasts! Gather up your Shopkins and bring them to the library to play, display, and swap with your friends!

**Pokémon Club**  
Saturday August 20th at 10:00 AM  
All ages welcome.  
Get ready to swap cards & wage battles against your friends. Are you new to Pokémon? Not to worry! We have plenty of experienced players who will be happy to show you the ropes.

**Scott Jameson: Magic!**  
Tuesday August 9th at 6:30 PM  
Family Event  
See the show audiences are calling “Superb”, “A blast!”, and “Heartwarming fun for the whole family.” Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled and the audience will travel through time. Don’t miss it!

“**A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure.**”  
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**Teen Book Discussion**  
Tuesday August 30th at 6:30  
This month’s selection:  
**Burning Midnight** by Will McIntosh