

**VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION LIST**

Program Supervisor: Libby Paulson			Season: Summer 2026
Program Name:	Seasons Offered	Number Enrolled	Justification to Continue Offering with Low Enrollment
Bagpipe Lessons	W/Sp/Su/F	2	This program is no cost to Recreation and Parks because we trade lessons for space usage. We earn \$51 per session but pay them nothing.
I Speak Spanish - For Kids	W/Sp/Su/F	0	Program has had success in the past.
Program Name:	Seasons Offered	Number Enrolled	Brief Explanation for Discontinuing Program
Connie's Art Club Mini Camp	Su	16	Instructor is unable to teach in summer 2026.
From Garden to Porch	W/Sp/Su	12	Will be offering in fall 2026 instead of summer 2026.
Starting Strokes: Watercolor	W/Sp/Su/F	24	Instructor is unable to teach in summer 2026.
The Spanish Acquisition	W/Sp/Su/F	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Trivia Night at the Farm	Su	0	Will be offering in fall 2026 instead of summer 2026.
Vamonos Youth Spanish	W/Sp/Su/F	5	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Program Name:	Seasons Offered	Number Enrolled	Brief Description of New Program
250th Anniversary Arts and Crafts Workshop			Come celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country by doing arts and crafts ! We will be creating patriotic bead art designs, such as flags, eagles, patriotic bracelets and necklaces, and more. Let's make things together to celebrate our country being together!
Abraham Lincoln in Song			<p>With "Abraham Lincoln in Song," Chris Vallillo combines Lincoln's own words and stories with contemporary folk music and period folk songs to shed light on one of our nation's most beloved historical figures -- not only as a remarkable leader, but as a man who knew and loved this very music himself. Skillfully presenting both well-known and obscure songs from Lincoln's time, Vallillo tells Lincoln's story – from his birth 200 years ago on the Big South Fork of Nolan's Creek in Kentucky through his death in 1865 at the hand of John Wilkes Booth.</p> <p>President Lincoln himself will also be attending the performance! After the show is over, the Tinley Landmark Chapel and Schoolhouse Museum will be open for visitors.</p>
America 250 - Local Heritage Tours			On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. Although Illinois had not yet become a state, Illinoisans have long played, and continue to play, a vital role in bringing the Declaration's ideals to life. Join us for free, guided tours of Old Orland to learn about local history over the past 250 years, touching on topics such as Indigenous people in the area, the development of Old Orland and how our heritage shapes the community we are today.
Intermediate to Advanced Watercolor			Have experience with watercolor painting? Build off your foundational knowledge and continue your watercolor journey in this class designed for intermediate and advanced painters. Over the course of four sessions, you will learn advanced methods of watercolor painting in an engaging and fun way, making this the perfect course to feel even more confident in your skillset.
Pokemon Bead Art Workshop			Gotta catch 'em all, bead-art style! Make your own electrifying Pikachu and Pokeballs by learning how to weave strings and beads together.
Speaker Spotlight: Casting a Historic Vote - Suffrage for Women in Illinois			Join Jeanne Schultz Angel, the President of the Illinois Association of Museums, for an engaging presentation on the history of women's suffrage in Illinois. Prior to 1920, women were denied the vote in the majority of elections in the United States. The struggle for enfranchisement began with the birth of our nation and was strategized differently in our local, state and federal elections. From attorney Ellen Martin, the first woman to vote in Illinois, to Ida B. Wells, a woman who did not let racism silence her voice, women's suffrage has been a battle hard fought by a diverse group of activists in Illinois.
The Farmer is the Man			<p>Immerse yourself in Illinois' rich agricultural history while listening to traditional folk songs on the site of Orland Park's oldest farm property, Stellwagen Farm. From traditional songs like "The Farmer is the Man," to the dust bowl ballads of Woody Guthrie, to the works of contemporary songwriters like Stan Rogers and farmer Chuck Sukay, the subject of farm life has long been fertile ground for folk musicians. Chris Vallillo has spent more than 35 years documenting the music of rural Illinois farmers, who are the backbone of both Orland and Tinley's historic foundation.</p> <p>After the show is over, tours of the historic farm property will be available. A petting zoo will also be onsite, as well as pioneer games, crafts and other activities.</p>