

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT  
PROGRAM JUSTIFICATION LIST

<b>Program Supervisor:</b> Libby Paulson			<b>Season:</b> Winter/Spring 2026
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Number of Seasons Offered</b>	<b>Number Enrolled</b>	<b>Justification to Continue Offering with Low Enrollment</b>
Advanced Watercolor Techniques	W/SP, S, F	0	Program has potential and gained traction in Summer 2025.
Basic Watercolor Techniques	W/SP, S, F	0	Program has potential and gained traction in Summer 2025.
Bagpipe Lessons	W/SP, S, 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.
Mixed Media Art Workshop	W/SP, S, F	0	Program has potential and gained traction in Summer 2025.
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Number of Seasons Offered</b>	<b>Number Enrolled</b>	<b>Brief Explanation for Discontinuing Program</b>
Artblazers: Artists Who Changed the World	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Hip Hop! Bunny Making	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
I Speak Spanish! (For Adults)	W/SP, S, F	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
I Speak Spanish! (For Kids)	W/SP, S, F	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
May Day Celebration	W/SP	~150	Will be running again in 2027 (every other year).
Mixed Media Art Workshop	W/SP, S	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Paint Like Van Gogh	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Rustic Creations	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Spring Break Spanish Immersion Camp	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Victorian Valentine Tea	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Vintage Luncheon at the Humphrey House	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
Watercolor Techniques (Basic to Advanced)	W/SP, S	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
World of Design: Think it! Draw it! Make it!	W/SP	0	Program has failed to meet minimums in the past.
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Bead Art Workshop			Let your child's creativity shine in our exciting three-week Bead Art Workshop Series! Each week, kids will explore a new beading project using colorful pony beads, from wearable art to adorable characters. Kids will build fine motor skills, learn pattern-making, and take home their creations after each session. All materials are provided—just bring your imagination!
Comic Book Mini Camp			Get creative on spring break with this Comic Book Mini Camp! Participants will explore the many different angles and tools of not only comics, but also self expression. You will explore a different aspect of comics from paneling, to character, to plot, as well as learning about the different aspects of inspiration and expressing yourself. By the end, you will have created many of your own comics!
Fundamentals of Art			Unleash your creativity in this hands-on, expressive, mixed media art class designed for young artists! In this fun and supportive environment, students will explore a wide range of materials and techniques, including oil pastels, charcoal, graphite, collage, and more. Each week, we'll dive into exciting projects that combine drawing, color blending, mark-making, and texture-building. Artists will learn foundational art skills while experimenting with layering, composition, and creative problem-solving—no experience needed!
Graphic Novel Workshop			Explore the adventurous worlds of stories and drawing, and how they mix together! Participants develop original characters and plot styles, as well as practice different tools and techniques of comics from paneling, to story telling, to onomatopoeia. Each week, you will focus on a specific area of comics, and expand into making your own. Join us for this unforgettable creative experience with juggling, live music, and comedy!
Historic Crafts: Victorian Shellwork			Did you know that using shells in arts and crafts dates all the way back to the ancient period? By the eighteenth century, shellwork had become a popular craft for upper-class Victorian ladies. In this historic craft workshop, participants will learn about the history of Victorian shell art and "sailor's valentines," then have the opportunity to create their own shell mosaic to take home.

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History After Hours			Get involved in local history in this exclusive, Heritage Sites members-only event! Every other month, enjoy a specialized program on different topics in Orland history and a private mini display of related artifacts from our collection. Alcohol and refreshments will be served. Our Winter/Spring 2026 topics are Orland 101 (January), Women of Orland (March), and Early Businesses (May).
Intro to Watercolor for Kids			Learn the basics of watercolor in this introductory class for kids! Participants will paint a scene using variations of tones, colors and designs to create a masterpiece. No experience necessary and all supplies included.
Painting Camp			A colorful, creative adventure where kids have fun, get messy, and make amazing art—one brushstroke at a time! All materials are included.
Speaker Spotlight - Grassroots Democracy: Illinois Labor Journeys			Join historian Mike Matejka, the vice president of the Illinois Labor History Society, for a presentation on Illinois' labor history. May 4, 2026 marks the 140th anniversary of the Chicago Haymarket Riots in 1886. Mike's presentation will highlight how the state of Illinois was critical to workers' finding their democratic voice through labor organization, using examples such as the Radium Girls from Ottawa, Illinois and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
Spring Break Mixed Media Art Camp			Grab a friend and join instructor Mark LaCien for a three-day Mixed Media Art Camp! You will make art pieces comprised out of color pencils, watercolors, acrylic paints, masking and more. Students will learn how to apply and layer various artistic media in the correct order for best use and impact to create multifaceted, unique artwork to display in your home.
St. Patrick's Day Bead Art Workshop			Get ready for some lucky fun! In this festive St. Patrick's Day workshop, kids will create colorful bead art featuring shamrocks, rainbows, and mischievous leprechauns. It's a hands-on, sparkly celebration full of creativity and Irish cheer!
Stellwagen Community Garden			Built on the historic Stellwagen Farm property, the new Stellwagen Community Garden provides the perfect opportunity for gardeners of all skill levels to cultivate their green thumbs. This gardening space will provide raised garden beds for the community to rent and grow vegetables and flowers each year.

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Valentine's Day Bead Art Workshop			Calling all creative kids -- come join us for a super fun workshop! There will be tons of beads in all the shades of red, pink, purple, and all the other colors of the rainbow. We will make keychains, love bugs, bracelets, and even hearts to take home. This workshop is all about creativity, fun, and friendship. Bring your imagination, and let's make some Valentine's Day magic—one bead at a time!
Victorian Language of Flowers			Step into the romantic world of Victorian floriography! Learn how flowers were used to send secret messages, decode the meanings of different blooms and interpret displayed floral arrangements. Participants will learn about the symbolic tussie-mussie bouquet and will be able to make their own to take home.