



July 2026

5 Things I Learned in July

The locusts were in concert the other evening – is summer already fading? Noooo.....! I love autumn but the wind-down of summer hits hard. It reminded me to celebrate all the grandchildren time we had in July and shout out **5 Things I Learned from My Grandkids this Month:**

1. If you can fit through the doggie door, go for it.
2. You can learn a lot if you're a good eavesdropper.
3. If you're going to make a splash, make it big.
4. Take your treasures to bed with you so no one takes them.
5. It's okay to be loud.

And here's some Loud News! If you're local to Central Illinois, mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 14th**, where you're sure to [find some treasures](#) at the **Authors and Artists Event in Litchfield IL**, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Local authors and artists will be at the Litchfield Library (right across the street from the community's annual Festival of Trees!) to showcase and sell their books and artwork – right in time for Christmas!



Wishing you a big splash before summer is over!
Gail



FINDING BRAVO: THE GREATEST RESCUE IN AIR FORCE HISTORY, is **now available for pre-order at [Bookpress Publishing - Gail Bradburn](#)**. A huge shoutout to illustrator Michelle Rouch, who is creating fantastic watercolor pages that will make you feel the humidity of the Vietnamese jungle and hear the thump of the helicopters.