

Summer Adventure @ the Voorpl • 2021

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The Voorheesville Public Library is excited to keep our community reading, learning and exploring with the Summer Adventure @ the Voorpl. Make a READSquared account to track reading on our website beginning on June 1. There will be prize incentives for participants who record their reading by midnight on Friday, August 13.

This Summer, different types of programming will be offered as we strive to reach our patrons in varied ways with a wide array of opportunities. Storytimes will be held outdoors or on Zoom in case of rain. Some programs will be held in the park and other community sites. Virtual programs can be viewed using private links emailed to registrants. Some will offer Take & Make kits paired with instructional videos. Registration is limited and required for most programs. Registrants will receive emails with current COVID protocols that must be followed for in-person programs. Please register for activities using our online calendar beginning on June 1.

It's going to be a fun Summer full of Tails and Tales!

FAMILY

Turtle Dance Music - Tails and Tales! A Music, Bubble and Comedy Show Wed., July 21 • 6:30 pm

This performance celebrates famous children's stories and songs about animals including a few written by adults on the autism spectrum! The show will also celebrate biodiversity - the more wild our planet is, the healthier it is! Kids will dance, sing, laugh, use their imaginations and connect with new friends.

For children pre-K-grade 5 and families.
Please register for the ZOOM link. **R** • ☑

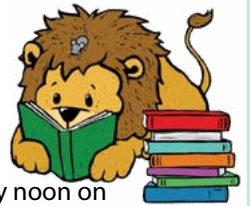


Family Yoga

Saturdays, July 24 and August 7 • 11:15 am

Join yoga instructor, Tommie Burch, for a fun class that encourages family bonding while sharing the wellness benefits of yoga! This class will explore standing and seated poses, breath-work, and partner poses. Classes will be held on the library's side lawn. If there is inclement weather, class will be cancelled and registrants notified.

Ages 3-7 w/caregiver. **R**



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Tue., July 27 - Wed., July 28

Drop off your stuffed animal buddy by noon on Tuesday for a fun-filled sleepover in the library! Teen volunteers will entertain them and take great photos to share with you when you pick up your buddies after noon on Wednesday. Preschool - Grade 6. **R**



Animal Meet & Greet Week @ Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monday, August 2 - Thursday, August 5 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm with Rain date on Friday, August 6 at 24 Martin Road

The library has teamed up with the 4-H educators and students and other animal specialists for a week of animal meet and greets, demonstrations, animal-themed activities, and garden tours by the Master Gardeners. There will be special exhibitions each evening. Children and families can stop in anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 pm and may attend as many evenings as desired. All COVID safety guidelines will be followed including mask wearing, social distancing, and hand sanitizing stations. More detailed guidelines and instructions will be provided in August. All ages, no registration required.

Monday, August 2: Dogs & Cows

The evening's exhibitions include dog agility demonstrations, meeting a Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy in training and the Albany County K-9s.

Tuesday, August 3: Rabbits & Pigs

The evening's exhibitions include rabbit education and handling, visits from therapy pigs and a 3 Little Pigs STEAMy activity station.



Wednesday, August 4: Chickens & Llamas

The evening will feature chicken education and handling and llama education and demonstrations.



Thursday, August 5: Sheep & Goats

The evening's exhibitions include sheep and goat education, handling and demonstrations and a 3 Billy Goats Gruff activity station.



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PRESCHOOL

Sunglasses Storytime

Mon., June 28 • 10:30 am

@ Wallace Park

Wear your best pair of shades and join the fun as we read books, sing songs, and participate in “shady” activities. Take home a kit of fun at-home activities. For children ages 2.5-6 with families. The storytime will be held at Wallace Park on Swift Rd. **R**



Summertots

Thursdays, July 1, 15, and 29 • 10:00 am

Meet on the library lawn for a fun program featuring songs, fingerplays, movement, felt board stories and books! Each child will get their own bag of early literacy supplies to keep. In case of rain, this program will be live on ZOOM. For children aged newborn to 30 months and their caregivers. **R**

Storytime

Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3 • 10:00 am

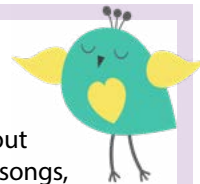
Enjoy an interactive, theme-based, multi-age storytime with an emphasis on early literacy outdoors on the library's lawn. Take home a kit of fun at-home activities. In case of rain, the storytime will be held live on ZOOM. Ages 2-5 w/caregiver. **R**

Baby Birds

Mon., July 12 • 10:00 am

Ages 3-5 @ Wallace Park

Preschoolers will learn about baby birds through stories, songs, movement and an art activity. Each child will create their own baby birds in a nest to take home with them. For children ages 3-5 with a caregiver. **R**



Summertots Finale: Outdoor Bubble & Water Party

Sat., Aug. 7 • 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us for a festive and fun time on the library lawn with water and bubbles! For children aged newborn to 30 months and their caregivers. **R**

Rain date: Aug. 14



ELEMENTARY

Earthworm

Adventures

Wednesdays

June 30,

July 7 and 21

10:30-11:15 am

@ Wallace Park



Join us as we dig down deep to learn about the lives of earthworms! We will conduct fun experiments and build our own earthworm habitats to take home. Held at the pavilion area in Wallace Park on Swift Rd. For grades K-2. Registrants must attend all three sessions. Register on June 30 entry for all three sessions. **R**

Spin a

Woolly Tale

Thursdays

July 1, 8 and 22

10:30-11:30 am

@ Wallace Park

Join us as we learn more about these

beautiful animals and how their fleece is processed to become your favorite sweater. Try your hand at washing, carding, spinning and dyeing wool. Your finished project can be used for a variety of crafts from knitting to weaving to string art. For grades 3-6. Registrants must attend all three sessions. Register on July 1 entry for all three sessions. **R**



Miniature Wood Houses

with Megan Viscio

Tues., July 13 • 10:00-11:30 am

@ Wallace Park

Join local artist and teacher, Megan Viscio, for an art and architecture adventure! Use various materials such as wood, paper, fabric scraps, and beads to create a miniature house. Then adopt mini pets from the shelter to live in your tiny home. Grades 4-6. **R**

A Visit to Graystone Horse Stables

Mon., July 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

@ 5870 Gardner

Rd. in Altamont

Megan Rogers, riding instructor and owner of Graystone Stables, will teach students all about



the magnificent world of horses! Hands-on activities will include an educational tour of the stables, meeting and grooming the horses, games, and a riding demonstration. For grades 2-6. Children in grades 2-4 must be accompanied by one adult caregiver. **R**

What's the Scoop?

Ice Cream Making

Mon., July 26 • 6:30 pm

Join the 4-H educators from Cornell Cooperative Extension for this interactive program. Learn how ice cream is made, where the ingredients come from, then make ice cream and ice cream cones. Recipes will be included for dairy and non-dairy options. Pick up a bag with a book, ingredients to make ice cream and cones, and Hannaford gift card to purchase the dairy/non-dairy ingredients needed. Grades K-4, please register to receive the ZOOM meeting link. **R** • ☺ ☑



A Tale of Tails:

Pushing up the Sky

Tuesday, July 27 • 6:30 pm

Explore Indigenous American folktales using Joseph Bruchac's *Pushing up the Sky*. We will listen, read, discuss, craft and perform these special creation and animal tales. Pick up supplies prior to the program. Grades 2-5, please register to receive the ZOOM meeting link.

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TWEENS & TEENS



Be the Change

Are you concerned about issues that are in the news right now? If you want to be prepared to “Be the Change You Wish to See in the World,” reading is a great way to start! The environment, immigration, gun violence, racism, mental health, and any number of social issues can be explored through books. Read a fiction or nonfiction book about a topic that interests you, share a slide with teens@voorpl.org by 8/13, and snag your Be the Change tote bag. Families and friends are encouraged to read together as well and discuss a title to claim a canvas bag. Email teens@voorpl.org if you need book suggestions for your topic. You will earn Community Service hours for participating. Grades 6-12, please register on the August 13 calendar entry.

Read It Forward!

All Summer Long

For the eighth year, we'll be releasing free books into the community. This year, there are two titles being offered. *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, a realistic story about a gifted runner joining a track team, will be available for middle school students. Marie Lu's science fiction title will immerse high school readers in the world of the virtual online game *Warcross*. Pick up a copy of either title, read it, comment on it, and pass it on to another teen – there are no due dates or late fees. If you need help passing a copy forward, drop it off at the library. You can also read the title on one of the YA eReaders, download the ebook or audiobook, or request a library copy. No registration required; grades 6 and up.



Creativity Labs

Pick up a project kit, follow or view the project instructions online, and get creative!

Experiment with wind after decorating your bird kite or with electric motors by assembling an air racer. Get crafty and imaginative with critter craft kits and Fantastic Creature notebooks. Some household supplies and tools may be needed. Register separately for the activities that appeal most to you.

Grades 6-9. **R** •

Bird Kites

• **kit pickup begins Wed., June 30 @ 11 am**

Air Racers

• **kit pickup begins Wed., July 14 @ 11 am**

Critter Crafts

• **kit pickup begins Wed., July 28 @ 11 am**

Fantastic Creature Notebooks

• **kit pickup begins Wed., Aug. 11 @ 11 am**

Llama Laundry Bag

Pick up begins Wed., July 7 • 11:00 am

Use basic sewing machine skills to make a llama laundry bag at home. Canvas llama print fabric, thread, and cord included. Sewing machines can be borrowed from the Library of Things, if needed. Grades 7-12. **R** •



Manga Book Club

Heaven's Design Team by Tsuta Suzuki

Thu., July 15 • 7:00 pm

Welcome to the wild thing factory! The design team faces many unique and funny engineering challenges when creating the animals that will populate Earth. Whether we meet up in person or online, you will get a chance to design a new animal with provided supplies. Grades 9-12, register and pick up a copy of the book. **R**



Dungeons & Dragons

Interest Group

Thur., Aug. 5 • 7:00 pm

Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or just starting out, come talk about all things D&D! Get some tips on building and running your own games, share stories with heroes of young and old, and maybe even meet a few new party members! Don't worry if you've never played - every hero is welcome! Grades 7 and up; register for the ZOOM meeting link. **R** •



Teens Care

Kit pickup begins Thu., July 22 • 11:00 am

Pick up supplies to create an item that will bring comfort to shelter animals. Return your finished project by August 14 and receive Community Service hours. Grades 7-12. **R** •

Teen Time: Play Day

Fri., July 30 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

@ Wallace Park

Get outside and play some ridiculous games with your friends – Crazy Croquet, Obstacle Course, Olympic challenges, prizes, and food, of course. Rain date Friday, August 6. Grades 6-12 **R**

Middle School Book Club Adventure

Blood Mountain by James Preller

Tue., July 20 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm

@ Heldeberg Workshop

Rain Date: Wed., July 21 • 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Read this exciting wilderness survival story by local author, James Preller, then join up for a hike on Heldeberg Workshop land. (Don't worry, our guide, Steve Young, will keep us from getting lost.) Grades 6-9, register and pick up your free hardcover copy at the library. **R**

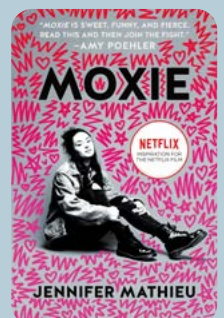


Teen Book Club

Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu

Mon., Aug. 9 • 7:00 pm

Pick up a paperback copy of *Moxie* at the library (or download from Libby) and join the girl revolution! Whether we meet outdoors or online, we'll decorate empowering tanks and tees, snack and chat. Grades 8-12, register and pick up a copy of the book. **R**



FAMILY BOOK DISCUSSION



Family Book Discussion & Author Visit

Stella by McCall Hoyle

Thu., July 8, 6:30 pm

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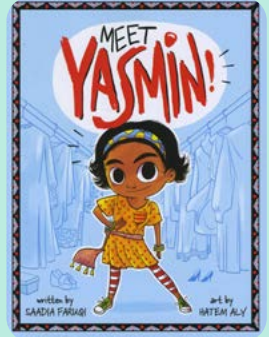
Join author, McCall Hoyle, as we read and discuss her newest book, *Stella*. Stella is an exceptional dog that must overcome her fears to help save a special girl. Registrants will receive a hardcover copy of the book. Print and digital copies will also be available through the library. For students in grades 4-8 with parents/caregivers. Please register to receive the Z@om link. **R • ☺**

Reading Together

Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi

Tue., Aug. 10, 6:30 pm @ Wallace Park

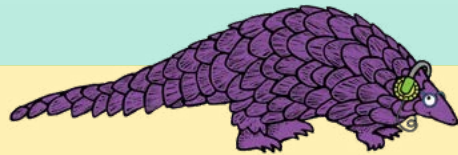
A creative thinker and curious explorer, Yasmin, and her multi-generational Pakistani American family will delight and inspire readers. Join us for an evening of fun book-related discussion and activities. The Khan family from Voorheesville will share the beauty and richness of their Pakistani American heritage and culture. For students in grades K-2 with parents/caregivers. Registrants will receive a copy of the book. **R**



Be the Change

Reading is a great way to explore and fuel action on issues related to the environment, racism, mental health, and more. For this choose-your-own book discussion, read a fiction or nonfiction book about a topic that interests your family and discuss together. If you share a slide with teens@voorpl.org by 8/13, you get a canvas Be the Change tote bag! Email teens@voorpl.org if you need book suggestions for your topic. Teens will earn Community Service hours for participating too. Grades 6-12 with a caregiver.

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SUMMER CONTESTS & COLLECTION DRIVES

Cardboard Pet Castle Contest

Construction Site Contest Kick-off on Friday, July 2, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Photo submissions due by Saturday, July 24, 4:00 pm

Pick up some cardboard and get started building your cat castle, mouse maze, hamster hut, ferret fort or rabbit run at home. Submit a photo of your construction to our Cardboard Pet Castle Contest by emailing reference@voorpl.org, including names of creators, title for your project, and type of pet it was built for. Open to families, teens, and adults.



Reading Tales with Tails Pet Photo Contest

Thu., July 1 - Sat., July 31

For the entire month of July, we'd like to see photos of you reading a book to your furry, feathery, scaly, spiky, or hard-shelled pet (or someone else's pet). All who submit a photo to pr@voorpl.org will receive a pet-related prize. The two best entries will receive an additional extra special prize!



Pet Supply Collection

Mon., Aug. 2 - Sat., Aug. 14

Show your love for shelter animals by contributing to our pet supply collection! The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society has a continuous need for food, bedding, cleaning supplies, and other animal care items. Please check their wish list and guidelines online, and drop off your donation during regular library hours.



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