

# 2026 Summer Reading Program

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## TRACK YOUR SUMMER READING!

This Summer we are partnering with Assemblymember Romero for the State Assembly's **2026 Summer Reading Challenge!** Preschoolers, children, and teens can participate by picking up the Challenge brochure at the library starting June 26, or downloading a copy from our website link. Complete 40 days of reading on the Challenge calendar by August 23 to earn prizes. Assemblymember Romero is throwing an End of Summer Bash at the library for all readers too! Visit our website for all the details.

We're offering a variety of summer activities for all ages. Check our online calendar for complete detailed event descriptions and registration. In most cases, event registration will open exactly three weeks prior to the program date.



## FUN FOR ALL



### Summer Reading Kick-Off: Jeff Boyer's Big Bubble Bonanza

Tues., June 30 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

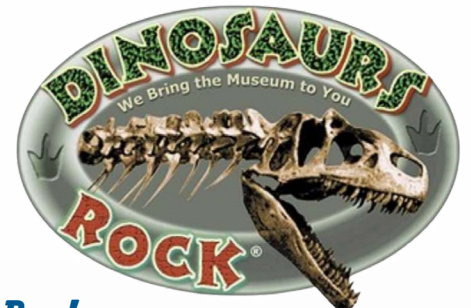
@ First United Methodist Church

See the spectacular performance from world-famous, Guinness Book of World Records-holding, master bubble wrangler Jeff Boyer, as he takes bubbles to the max with big bubble flair! An extravaganza for the whole family. All ages, no registration needed.

### Dinosaurs Rock!

Tues., Aug. 4 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Discover an exhilarating world of prehistoric wonder with a hands-on dinosaur fossil adventure show. Ages 4-14 w/caregivers. **R**



### It's a W-Rap! End of Summer Bash

Mon., Aug. 24 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join the end of summer bash as we learn about raptors from Whispering Willow Wild Care. Also, join Assemblymember Gabriella A. Romero for a Dinosaur Egg Hunt to celebrate the youth who participated in the Summer Reading Program. All ages. **R**



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# PRESCHOOL



## Matt's Music Together

Sat., June 27 • 2:30 - 3:15 pm

A joyful afternoon of music, song and movement! For ages 1 - Kindergarten w/caregivers. **R**

## Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00 - 11:00 am

Enjoy an interactive, theme-based storytime with an emphasis on early literacy that will include an art activity. Ages 2-5 w/caregivers. No registration needed.



## Summertots

Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6

• 10:00-11:00 am

Babies, 0-24 months, w/caregivers, get together for a fun indoor program of songs, movement, felt board stories, books, and toys! Outdoor water play follows. No registration needed.



## Saturday Sensory Storytime

Sat., July 11 • 11:00 am - Noon

Sat., Aug. 15 • 11:00 am - Noon

Join us for a sensory-friendly storytime, designed to be enjoyed by all families who visit. Lights will be dimmed and fidgets provided. Noise-reducing headphones and flexible seating options available during this and each of our library's storytimes. Ages 3+ w/caregivers. Registration recommended but not required.



## Stone Stories: A Tinkergarten Program

Wed., July 22 • 6:15 - 7:15 pm

@ Wallace Park

Join Mary Duryea for hands-on learning as we discover stories stones can tell us about the Earth and connect us to the natural world! Ages 2-8 w/caregivers. **R**

## Dinosaur Tea Party

Sat., July 25

• 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

You're invited for a fun-filled time of dinosaurs and discovery. Wear a fancy or fierce costume if you'd like. Ages 3-7 w/caregivers. **R**



## Ballet Storytime

Tues., Aug. 4 • 10:00 am

Join Ms. Katie from Kind Performing Arts for a special Ballet Storytime! Ages 2-5 w/caregivers. **R**

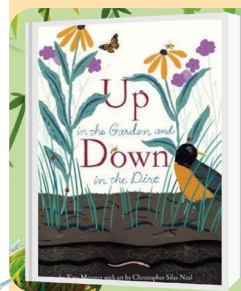


# BOOK CLUBS

## Reading Together

*Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*

Wed., July 15 • 6:15 - 7:15 pm



Together we will read Kate Messner's book, make a craft, have a snack and hear the author's thoughts on nature!

Gr. 1-4 w/caregivers. **R**

## Family Book Discussion & Hike

*The Trouble With Heroes*

by Kate Messner

Wed., July 22 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm

@Thacher Park



Parents, tweens and teens are invited to hike through the woods just like Finn. Claire Guyer of Grizzly Adventures will be our guide as we trek,

eat trail cookies, and discuss this action-packed book.

Pick up a free copy.

Gr. 5-9 w/caregivers. **R**



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# ELEMENTARY & TWEENS



## Unearth Magical Creatures

This summer we'll be unearthing the wonder of magical, mythical creatures through stories and activities. Gr. K-2, register for the sessions you will attend.

### Fairies

Mon., July 6 • 10:30 - 11:45 am

### Yetis

Mon., July 13 • 10:30 - 11:45 am

### Dragons

Mon., July 20 • 10:30 - 11:45 am

### Unicorns

Mon., July 27 • 10:30 - 11:45 am



## What's the Buzz on Honeybees?

Fri., July 10 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Honeybees are an important part of our ecosystem. Join real beekeepers as they teach us all about honeybees with hands-on activities and live bees. Gr. K-6. **R**



## MAKER MONDAYS

### La Brea Tar Pits

Mon., July 13 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn about the site where millions of fossils have been found. Make some "tar" and "bones" to take home. Gr. 3-6. **R**

### Coding Robots

Mon., July 20 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn to control a robot using coding. Gr. 3-6. **R**

### Mario Party

Fri., July 17  
• 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Celebrate Mario and friends with games and activities. Gr. 4-6. **R**



### Whoo's in the Woods?

Fri., July 31 • 2:00 - 3:00 pm



Learn about the most common owls of NY and how to do your own owl prowl. Investigate the owl predator/prey food chain by dissecting owl pellets. Gr. 1-6. **R**

### Butterfly Wing Jewelry

Wed., Aug. 5 • 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Learn how to create beautiful jewelry from the wings of a butterfly! Gr. 2-6. **R**



### Cranky Dinos

Mon., July 27 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn about simple machines, cams, and cranks as you build a dinosaur automaton that moves! Gr. 3-6. **R**

### Electric Motor Boats

Mon., Aug. 3 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn to wire an electric motor to run a propeller, then build a boat from recycled materials. Gr. 3-6. **R**



### Gross-Out! Unearth Grossness

Mon., Aug. 17 • 9:30 - 11:30 am

Dive into a world of all things icky and disgusting as we explore a variety of hands-on "gross" activities! Gr. K-6. **R**

### Earth Movers: Diggers and Trucks

Wed., Aug. 19  
• 9:30 - 11:30 am

Calling all truck and construction site enthusiasts! We will dig into truck stories, crafts and activities. Gr. K-5. **R**



### Dino Olympics

Fri., Aug. 21 • 9:30 - 11:30 am

Unearth your dinosaur arms, legs, and mind for minute-to-win-it games, inside and outside races, dino snacks, and more! Gr. K-5. **R**



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# TEENS



## Teen Summer Kick-off Party

**Thurs., June 25**  
**• 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Kick off the summer fun with an after-hours

videogame party at the library! There will be contests, activities, and food too. Entering gr. 7-12. **R**

## Geocaching: Modern Treasure Hunting

**Tues., July 7 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Get started with geocaching! Presenter Jonathan Lane will teach us to follow GPS coordinates to hidden caches, and how to hide one. Gr. 7-12 and adults. **R**



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## Creativity Lab

**Fri., July 24**

**• 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Dig deep into your imagination to craft a three-dimensional tunnel book and create a mini garden scene for a fairy, animal, or tiny dino. Gr. 7-12. **R**



### Teen Tech: -Code-Design -Build!

**Mon., July 27 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Prototype a simple cardboard robot with a microcontroller and servo motors. Code it with Microsoft MakeCode to make it move. Gr. 6-9. **R**

## Mid-Summer Mad Dash



**Wed., July 29**

**• 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Gather a team of friends to solve clues and tackle challenges while dashing around

town, vying for the top prize. Gr. 8-12, register in teams of 3. **R**

## Teen Cooking Class

**Wed., Aug. 5 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

Create vegetarian summer rolls inspired by Vietnamese flavors with Honest Weight Food Coop. Check full description for ingredients/allergens. Gr. 7-12. **R**



## Magic & More: Collectible Card Games

**Sat., Aug. 8**

**• 1:30 - 3:30 pm**

Pack up your Magic the Gathering and Pokemon cards to challenge other players and make trades. Intro to MTG deckbuilding and gameplay from 1:30-2:00. Gr. 5+ and adults. **R**



## Teens Care

**Mon., Aug. 10**  
**• 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Machine-sew items and earn Community Service time. Gr. 8-12. **R**

## Hamilteen Party

**Thurs., Aug. 13**

**• 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Calling all teen Hamilton hams for trivia, a lyric duel, and dinner. Gr. 7-12. **R**



## Babysitting Training

**Thurs., July 23 • 4:00 - 8:00 pm**

Students will learn childhood stages, accident prevention, basic first aid, emergency recognition, and entrepreneurial skills through lecture, video, and interactive activities led by instructors from Epic Trainings. Ages 11-15. **R**

