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# 2025 Children's Library Summer Reading



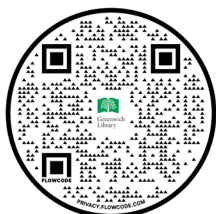
Greenwich  
Library

**June 9 – August 15, 2025**

# How to Participate

Starting June 9, children in grades K-6 can sign up online via Beanstack, then stop by the Library to select a free book and a copy of the Hero Challenge gameboard. Have an account from last year? When you log in, select this year's challenge.

The Summer Reading challenge is a mixture of reading and activity challenges. For every challenge that you complete you will receive 1 virtual raffle ticket to add to the virtual prize basket of your choice. You must complete 15 challenges to receive your Hero's Bag.



**SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO SIGN  
UP FOR SUMMER  
READING.**

## June 9 – August 15, 2025

### READ TO ME CHALLENGE FOR PRE-READERS

We will explore the five early literacy practices: reading, writing, singing, talking, and playing. Use the Read to Me game sheet to record the challenges you complete together.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FOR KIDS READING ON THEIR OWN

This summer you will:

- Read Books
- Complete Creative Challenges
- Have Fun

**EARN PRIZES ALL SUMMER LONG** by participating in **Plinko Picture Book Bingo** in the Children's Library.

# Greenwich Library Summer Reading Programs

## Storytimes

**Monday, June 9, 2025 – Friday, August 22, 2025**

### SUMMER STORYTIME

**All Ages**

**Marx Family Black Box Theater**

**Mondays and Wednesdays,**

**10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

This program is designed for young children with a parent/caregiver. Enjoy simple stories, songs, movement, and fingerplays, a great way to introduce children to the wonderful world of books. Please check in at the Marx Family Black Box Theater on the lower level for your storytime ticket. Tickets will be distributed starting at 9:30 a.m. The Black Box Theater will open at 9:55 a.m. Space is limited in order to present an early literacy event that is participatory and interactive for caregiver and child.

Please arrive on time at the start of the program. To minimize disruption to the

presenter and audience, there will be no admittance allowed 10 minutes after the program has begun.

### SATUR-YAY! STORYTIME

**All Ages**

**Saturdays, June 7; July 5; August 2**

**10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Constellation Room**

Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before storytime on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

### BEDTIME STORIES

**Ages 3-6**

**Wednesdays, June 11; July 30**

**5:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Constellation Room**

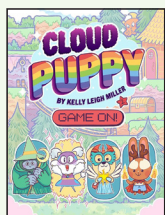
Come in your favorite pajamas, bring your stuffy, and settle in for a cozy good read! Registration is required. Space is limited.

## Book Groups

### BOOKWORMS

**Grades 2-3 | Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Constellation Room**

Early elementary readers are invited to share their thoughts on graphic novels and non-fiction titles this summer. The discussion will be followed by an activity, game, or craft inspired by the story. Registration is required. Space is limited.

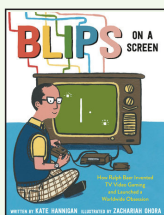


**JUNE 25**

**Cloud Puppy:**

**Game On!**

by Kelly Leigh Miller



**JULY 16**

**Blips on a Screen:**

**How Ralph Baer**

**Invented TV Video**

**Gaming and Launched**

**a Worldwide Obsession**

by Kate Hannigan

## JR. BOOK CLUB

**Grades 4-6 | Thursdays, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. | Constellation Room**

Join us for graphic novel and non-fiction book discussions this summer.

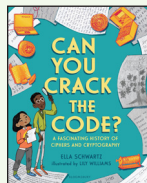
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**JUNE 26**

**Just Roll With It**

by Lee Durfey-Lavoie



**JULY 17**

**Can You Crack the Code**

by Ella Schwartz

## Special Programs

Registration opens two weeks before each program.

### MINUTE TO WIN IT

**Grades 2-5**

**Tuesday, June 17**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Constellation Room**

Can you complete each challenge in under a minute? Test your skills with friends in a course of fast-paced challenges!

Please note: this program uses products that contain gluten and latex. Please email [children@greenwichlibrary.org](mailto:children@greenwichlibrary.org) for accommodations. Registration required. Space is limited.

### THE QUEEN'S CARTOONISTS: KICKOFF EVENT

**All Ages**

**Tuesday, June 24**

**7:00 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Berkley Theater**

Join us at the Library for a special performance by The Queen's Cartoonists. Enjoy live music from over 100 years of animated classics, perfectly synced to the films on screen. Experience virtuosic musicianship, multi-instrumental fun, and plenty of comedy as the band brings the cartoons to life in a high-energy, unforgettable show!

### INTERACTIVE THEATER: THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT

**Ages 5-10**

**Tuesday, July 8, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Constellation Room**

Budding thespians: join us for this interactive theater event. Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Children will play the crayons acting out this very funny, but very true tale. Registration required. Space is limited.

### BUILDING STATIONS LAB

**Ages 3+ with a caregiver**

**Wednesday, July 9, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Marx Family Black Box Theater**

Calling all budding engineers to join us as Stamford Nature Center brings a variety of building sets, such as LEGO, Jawbones, Straws & Connectors, and more! We will rotate through different stations, each with its own building challenge. Registration is required. Space is limited.

### SHARK WEEK CRAFTS

**Ages 3-8**

**Thursday, July 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Constellation Room**

Come to this shark week crafternoon! Some of our younger friends may need assistance with their craft. Drop-in. Crafts available as supplies last.

## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

**Ages 4-11 with a caregiver**

**Thursdays, July 10, 24; August 7, 21**

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Drop-in any time with family and friends to explore tabletop games at the Library! We will have a variety of multi-player games for different ages with classic board games and newer ones that will be fun for all.

## **CRAFTY KIDS**

**Ages 3-5**

**Fridays, July 11; August 22**

**4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Preschoolers: join us for a Summer Storytime & Craft Fun, featuring a delightful story followed by a fun, hands-on craft project. Registration required. Space is limited.

## **A-MAZING ARCHITECTURE**

**Ages 8-11**

**Tuesday, July 15, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Help the Children's Librarians find their way to their favorite books as you design your own giant maze. Will they be reunited with their favorite books or will they end up in a never-ending story?

## **KIDS WRITER'S WORKSHOP**

**Grades 4-6**

**Friday, July 18, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Writers are welcome to engage their imaginations by learning the basics of what makes a story and practice crafting their own original stories through prompts, story cubes, and group participation. Registration is required. Space is limited.

## **"WHO WOULD WIN?" TRIVIA**

**Grades 1-4**

**Tuesday, July 22, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Want to test your wild animal knowledge? Come compete in groups in animal

trivia. Prizes will be awarded to the top slimy, scaly, and furry creature experts. Registration required. Space is limited.

## **SUMMER SING ALONG**

**All Ages**

**Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.**

### **Marx Family Black Box Theater**

Join us this summer for a joyful sing-along adventure! We'll revisit timeless storytime classics plus belt out unforgettable favorites from beloved Disney movies. Perfect for little ones and their grown-ups. Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before the program on the lower level.

## **CRAFTY KIDS**

**Ages 6-9**

**Fridays, July 25; August 8**

**4:00 - 4:45 p.m.**

### **Constellation Room**

Dive into creativity this summer! Join us for a fun summer themed craft. Registration required. Space is limited.

## **SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY**

**All Ages**

**Saturday, August 2, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

### **Children's Room**

Kids of all ages stop by the Library for a fun scavenger hunt! Can you solve the fun riddle? If you can, you might get a prize (available while supplies last)! Some of our younger friends may need the help of an older sibling or adult.

## **THE DOG MAN MOVIE**

**Ages 6+**

**Wednesday, August 6, 4:00 - 5:35 p.m.**

### **Berkley Theater**

Get ready! Your favorite part-dog, part-man police hero is leaping off the page and onto the big screen at the Library! Join us for a special movie matinee and expect guaranteed giggles. Bring the family! Registration is required. Space is limited.

# Byram Shubert Library Summer Reading Programs

## **STORYTIME WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VALERIE BOLLING & CRAFT WITH NICOLE\***

**Saturday, June 14**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Ms. Bolling will be receiving the Esther Banker Award from the Friends of the Byram Shubert Library for Outstanding Children's Literature. Books will be available for sales and signing. Program will include a craft with Nicole.

## **SUMMER READING KICKOFF: WILD WORLD OF ANIMALS\***

**All Ages**

**Thursday, June 19**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Begin your Summer Reading adventure with a visit from the Two-by-Two Animal Zoo! This educational program offers the chance to view various animals and learn about their habitats and care needs. (For the animals' safety, this is a no-touch program.)

## **WATER SAFETY WITH STEWIE THE DUCK SWIM SCHOOL**

**All Ages**

**Wednesday, June 25**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Join Stewie the Duck from Stew Leonard's to learn essential water safety tips and techniques and how to stay safe in pools, lakes, and oceans. Prepare for a fun and safe summer by the water!

## **TAI CHI GAMES FOR KIDS WITH KEN DOLAN\***

**Ages 5-12**

**Thursdays, June 26; July 24**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Tai Chi requires good balance and coordination, the ability to relax, focus, and concentrate, as both a solo and group exercise. Ken, our Tai Chi instructor, will modify practices according to the needs of participants.

## **ASHFORTH CHILDREN'S CONCERT SERIES: AMERICA!**

**All Ages**

**Thursday, June 26**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Join us for an evening of classical music from the USA with Darwin and Friends.

## **LEVEL UP CHESS FOR ALL WITH IAN\***

**All Ages**

**Saturdays, July 5, 26; August 2, 9**

**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Want to improve your chess game or learn how to play? Learn valuable moves from National Chess Master Ian Harris.

## **LEGOS FOR THE WEE ONES\***

**Ages 1-5**

**Mondays, June 9; July 7; August 11**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Join us for a fun-filled session of stories and building! Beth will lead engaging read-alouds, followed by creative Lego building time where imaginations can soar.

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BOOK CLUB WITH MS. FLYNN**

**Ages 9-12**

**Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room**

Gear up for the exciting Battle of the Books competition! Summer is the perfect time to dive into the reading list and get a head start.

## **STORY TIME WITH PATTY**

**Ages Birth-4**

**Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5,  
12, 19, 26**

**11:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Community Room**

Have a blast as we share wonderful stories and sing our favorite songs together!

## **WILD WACKY WEDNESDAY YOGA\***

**Ages 5-12**

**Wednesdays, July 9; August 13  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Let's do yoga! Join Kristen for some fun moving and stretching.

## **LEVEL UP CRAFTS WITH NICOLE\***

**Ages 5+**

**Saturday, July 12  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Community Room**

Join Nicole for fun, hands-on projects to spark imagination and creativity.

## **R.E.A.D. TO A DOG**

**All Ages**

**Wednesday, July 16  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Read to a furry friend! Practice your reading skills in a fun and relaxed way by reading aloud to a gentle dog.

## **YO-YO PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP WITH ERIC AND FRIENDS**

**Ages 6+**

**Thursday, July 17, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Cool yo-yo tricks are coming! Watch amazing demos, then grab a yo-yo and try some tricks yourself!

## **LOOKING AT ART**

**Ages 6+**

**Saturday, July 19  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Explore the amazing world of art with Dr. Beth! Discover fun ways to look at and enjoy different kinds of art.

## **LEGOS @ THE LIBRARY WITH DEIRDRE**

**Ages 5+**

**Tuesday, July 22, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Get ready to build something amazing! Use your super imagination and our LEGO bricks.

## **CERAMIC WORKSHOP: TIC-TAC-TOE BOARD WITH LUCIA**

**Ages 5+**

**Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Let's get creative with clay! Design and build your very own tic-tac-toe game to take home. Registration is required.

## **POKÉMON CARTOONING WORKSHOP WITH BILL HERNANDEZ**

**Ages 5+**

**Wednesday, July 30, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Gotta draw 'em all! Learn to sketch your favorite Pokémon!

### **MR. RODGERS PUPPET SHOW**

**Ages 4-12**

**Tuesday, August 5**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Prepare to be amazed! Puppets take flight with Little Leonardo and his incredible Flying Machine.

### **STORIES AND MUSIC WITH DARWIN AND FRIENDS**

**Ages 5+**

**Wednesday, August 6**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Get ready for a super fun adventure where songs tell tales and stories sing! Join us as we bring together the joy of music and the wonder of stories in a lively and interactive program perfect for young imaginations.

### **PAJAMA PARTY\***

**All Ages**

**Monday, August 11**

**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Wear your cozy pajamas for a special storytime pajama party! Enjoy exciting stories and then treat yourself to delicious cupcakes and milk.

### **SUMMER READING FINALE: BINGO PARTY\***

**All Ages**

**Thursday, August 14**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Community Room**

Did you read all summer? Celebrate your hard work with our end of summer bash. Library favorites Magic Miguel and Dynamic Deirdre will lead Bingo and other fun activities. Prizes and popsicles are included.

*\*Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Byram Shubert Library.*

## **Cos Cob Library Family Programs**

While our renovation and expansion project reaches its final stages this summer, the branch will be closed. We encourage our Cos Cob patrons to participate in Summer Reading by attending Greenwich Library or Byram Shubert Library programs. Cos Cob patrons can register in Beanstack, choose Cos Cob as their home library, earn raffle tickets, and enter for a chance to win prizes.



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