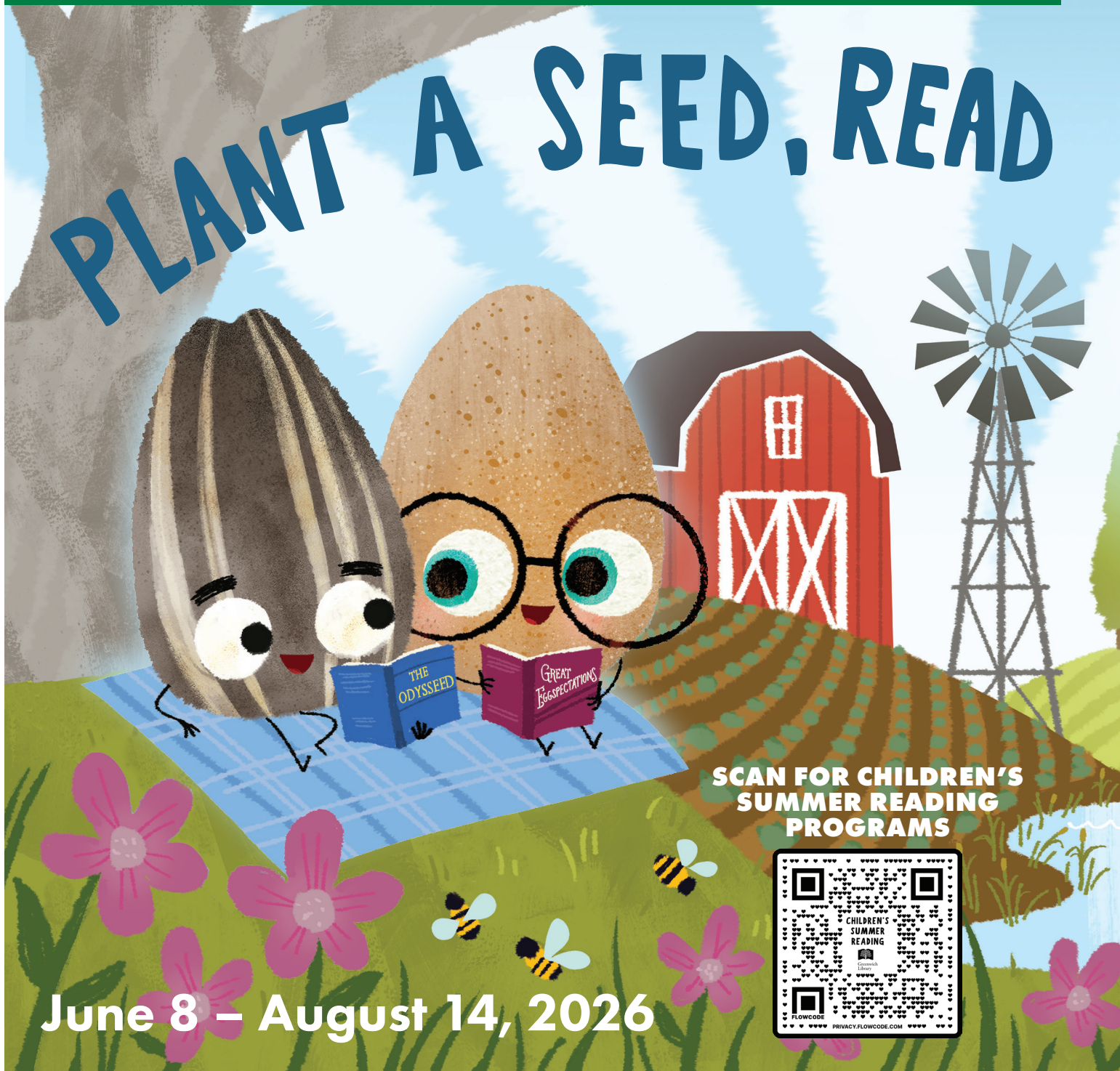


2026 Children's Library

Summer Reading Programs

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SCAN FOR CHILDREN'S
SUMMER READING
PROGRAMS

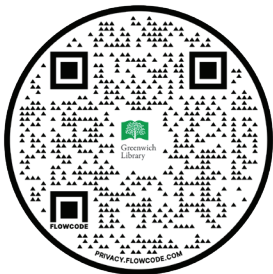


June 8 – August 14, 2026

How to Participate

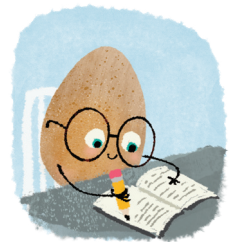
Starting June 8, children in grades K-6 can sign up online via Beanstack, then stop by the Library to select a free book and a copy of the Master Gardeners gameboard. Have an account from last year? When you log in, select this year's challenge.

The Summer Reading challenge is a mixture of reading and activity challenges. For every challenge that you complete, you will receive one virtual raffle ticket to add to the virtual prize basket of your choice. You must complete 12 challenges to receive your reusable aluminum water bottle.



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

SIGN-UP BEGINS June 8, 2026



READ-TO-ME CLUB 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 CLUB 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 (MAIN and BYRAM SHUBERT).

Greenwich Library Summer Reading Programs

Storytimes

Monday, June 8, 2026 – Friday, August 12, 2026

SUMMER STORYTIME

All Ages

Marx Family Black Box Theater

Mondays and Wednesdays

(No storytime Monday, July 27)

10:00 to 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 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. 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 6; July 18;

August 1

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Constellation Room

Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before storytime on the 3rd floor.



SUMMER CRAFTY BILINGUAL STORYTIME

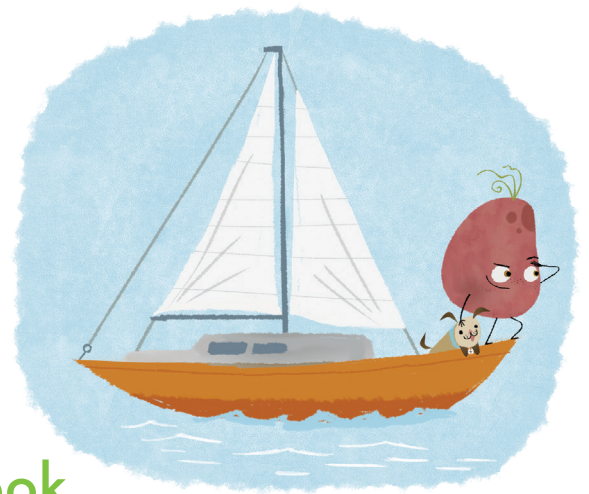
All Ages with a parent/ caregiver

Saturdays, June 13; July 11

10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Constellation Room

Join us for this all-ages Bilingual, English, and Spanish storytime and a craft. Tickets will be handed out 30 minutes before the program on the 3rd floor. To limit disruption to the program there will be no admittance 15 minutes after the start of the program.



Book Groups

BOOKWORMS

Grades 2-3

Wednesdays, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Constellation Room

Early elementary readers are invited to share their thoughts on graphic novels and 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 17

Green Jolene and the Backyard Bees

by Wendy Mass

Third grader Jolene Greenfield—better known as *Green Jolene*—always has a big idea. This summer, she's determined to help her beekeeping neighbor's struggling bees by creating the ultimate pollinator garden.



JULY 29

The Case of the Missing Flower (Ivy and Bearlock Holmes)

by Kristyna Litten

When a prize-winning flower mysteriously disappears from Bearona's famous botanical gardens, Ivy and Bearlock are called in to investigate.

Special Programs

Registration opens two weeks before each program, unless otherwise indicated.



SUMMER SING ALONG

All Ages

Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Marx Family Black Box Theater

Little flowers, join the Children's Librarians for a special sing along! We will sing storytime favorites and songs in the round to wiggle, giggle, bloom and grow!

All ages with a parent/caregiver. Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before the program, on the lower level.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

All Ages

Tuesday, June 23, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Marx Family Black Box Theater

Join us as we celebrate the start of a summer full of stories, imagination, and growth! Stop by, sign-up for the Summer Reading Program, pick up your game boards or bingo cards, learn how to track your reading and collect your registration prize.

At the event, you'll also have the chance to decorate your very own planter—a fun, hands-on activity that ties into our theme of growth and discovery. Just like plants need care to flourish, your mind grows stronger with every book you read.

Grow your mind through reading—and help grow the world with your unique, one-of-a-kind planter!

CRAFTY KIDS

Ages 3 and up

Thursdays, June 25; July 30

2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Drop-in for nature inspired crafts while supplies last.

TINY FOOD EXPLORERS: NO BAKE PIZZA TACOS

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, June 30,

2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Bring your Tiny Food Explorers to a delicious

cooking program! Even your pickiest eaters will enjoy getting their hands dirty and assembling their own No Bake Taco Pizzas. Work together to chop, spread, and eat! Recipe is nut free but may contain dairy and gluten.



BUILD YOUR OWN TERRARIUM

Ages 8-12

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Let your child's creativity grow! In this hands-on workshop, using soil, stones, moss, and small plants, kids will design and build their very own miniature garden inside a small container.

SHARK WEEK CRAFTS

Ages 3 and up

Thursday, July 9, 2:00 to 2:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

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

SCAVENGER HUNT SATURDAY

All Ages

Saturday, July 11, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Main 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.

CHILDREN'S CHESS CLINIC WITH MAX ACADEMY

Ages 7-12

Monday, July 13, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Main Children's Room

Sharpen your strategy and challenge your mind with the educators from Chess Max Academy! Players of all skill levels are welcome. This 90-minute session includes a short lesson and strategy discussion followed by supervised play time, giving participants the chance to practice new skills, play friendly matches, and learn from one another.

Whether you're just learning the basics or looking to improve your game, this program offers a fun and supportive environment for everyone.

DAZZLING DRAGONFLY SCULPTURES

Ages 3-6

Tuesday, July 14

Session I: 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Session II: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Learn about dragonflies and craft your own dragonfly sculpture out of recycled egg cartons. We will be reading a short story about dragonflies before flying into our craft, so be sure to arrive on time!



FAMILY CIRCUS

Ages 5 and up with a caregiver

Wednesday, July 15, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Kids and their grown-ups are invited to learn together in



this taste-test of circus skills! We have hula hoops, juggling balls, spinning plates, and stilts real tall. Acrobatics you can do, and a circus tight wire too! Circus is for everybody! (Activities are appropriate and adaptable for any skill level.) Open to ages 5 & up with a designated adult companion. Please register everyone in attendance, including adults. **ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THE PARTICIPANT RELEASE**

OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Ages 5 and up

Thursday, July 16, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Ever wonder what owls eat for dinner? Discover the ecology of owls as we dissect an owl pellet, and the leftovers from their dinner that they cough up. We'll learn what types of owls live in the area and meet some live animals that owls might want to eat for dinner!

FOOD EXPLORERS: HOMEMADE PASTA

Ages 6-12

Tuesday, July 21, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Constellation Room

Join Food Explorers for a hands-on pasta class! You'll learn how to make your own pasta dough completely from scratch! You'll mix, knead, roll, and slice your pasta dough to create homemade noodles. Recipe is nut free but will contain eggs and gluten.

SCIENCE HEROES: DIGGIN IT

Grades K -6

Wednesday, July 22, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Berkley Theater

Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that's all around us! Harness the power of pressure and energy with our *Toilet Tornado™*! Experiment with physical vs. chemical changes with our *Disappearing Polymer™*! Observe the effects of physical explosions, angles, and trajectory with our *Hydro-Cannon™*! And more! If you didn't already love science, you'll really 'dig it' after experiencing Science Heroes!

Please register everyone who will be in attendance.

THE WHALEMOBILE

Ages 5-12 with a caregiver

Monday, July 27

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Reading Room

Children and families step inside Nile, the life-sized inflatable whale, explore real whale artifacts, and learn how these amazing animals live and are studied in the wild. Please register everyone in your party, including adults who will enter the whale. This program is only for kids ages 5 and up. We cannot accommodate younger children. Each Session is 30 minutes. Please only register for one session.

ADOPT AN AIR PLANT CRAFT

Ages 8-12

Tuesday, July 28

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Adopt your own tiny air plant and create a home for it to live in! Kids can pick an air plant, decorate a mini planter, and take home their new low-maintenance buddy.



WHAT'S UP WITH PLANTS? WITH THE STAMFORD NATURE CENTER

Ages 5 and up with a caregiver

Thursday, July 30

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Discover plant life cycles, how seeds disperse, and plant parts. We'll meet a live plant-eater as well! Each participant will plant their own starter herb garden to take home! For Children ages 5 and up with their caregiver.

GRASS SEED DOLLS

Ages 5-8

Tuesday, August 4

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Constellation Room

Plant a seed and create your own silly, sprouting friend! Participants will shape a small doll using stockings, soil, and grass seeds, then decorate it. Once watered and given some sunshine, the doll's "hair" will grow into a grassy green hairstyle that kids can trim, style, and watch change over time.



MAGICAL BEASTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM

All Ages

Wednesday, August 5

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Marx Family Black Box Theater

Stamford Nature Center will bring animals from common fairy tales, as well as ones whose adaptations seem like they are made up and introduce some of our favorite stories that they come from!

LET'S PRETEND THEATER

Ages 4-5

Thursday, August 6

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Constellation Room

Children will explore imaginative play, singing, acting and movement to experience the magic and make-believe of the theatre as an active player rather than a passive observer. These drama activities, promote cognitive, emotional, physical and social development skills.

**CHILDREN'S THEATER WORKSHOP:
JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

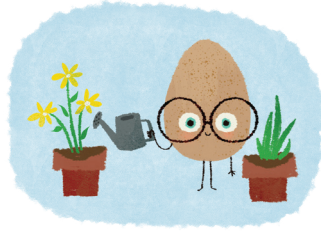
Ages 6-9

Thursday, August 6

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Constellation Room

A story they won't just hear—they'll live. Kids climb into Jack and the beanstalk by acting out the tale with imaginative play, movement, and costume pieces. A playful high energy program that helps young imaginations to "plant a seed" and read!



KINDER...SET...GO!

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver

Wednesday, August 11

3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Constellation Room

Let's get ready for Kindergarten! We will practice cutting, tracing our names, learning our shapes, and much more!

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER MOVIE:
THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE**

Thursday, August 12

4:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Berkley Theater

Mario ventures into space, exploring cosmic worlds and tackling galactic challenges far from the familiar Mushroom Kingdom. (Rated PG, 98 minutes.)

Cos Cob Library Summer Reading Programs



SUMMER GARDEN STORYTIME (OUTSIDE)

All Ages

Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31;

August 7, 14

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, movement, fingerplays, and puppets outside in the garden! Now that the weather is nice we will be under the Maple tree. Please come prepared with sunscreen, hats and blankets to sit on. This Storytime is open to children of all ages and their caregivers. Please arrive on time at the start of the program. To minimize disruption, there will be no admittance after the program has begun.

****The Storytime will be moved inside if there are any weather concerns. A decision will be made at 9am so please call ahead. If moved indoors there will be Storytime tickets. Please check in at the desk upon arrival for your Storytime ticket. Space is limited due to room capacity.**

**ASHFORTH FAMILY CONCERT:
PLANT A SEED AND READ MUSICAL STORYTIME
(SUMMER READING KICKOFF)**

Grades K and up

Monday, June 15

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

A musical garden where stories, sounds, and imaginations grow. Children will wiggle, stretch, and sprout along to music highlighting Eric Carle favorites: *The Tiny Seed*, *The Hungry Caterpillar* and others. Music will highlight the unique colorful sounds of the viola, flute, and harp. This

garden-themed musical performance features Carla Fabiani and Friends. Please check in at the desk upon arrival for your Storytime ticket. Space is limited due to room capacity.

The Ashforth Concert Series is designed to introduce children to classical music performances. The concert is open to the public at no charge through the support of Georgie and Henry A. Ashforth.

**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SEEDS
PRESENTED BY EARTHPLACE**

Grades K-2

Thursday, June 18

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Learn how seeds can travel, what they need for germination and growth, and how to identify their parts. Students will dissect a seed of their own and handle many varieties of seeds, including the largest seed found in the world!

**BOOKS & BEASTS WITH THE STAMFORD MUSEUM
AND NATURE CENTER**

All Ages

Saturday, July 18

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Meet animals from your favorite books! From the *Salamander Room* to *Charlotte's Web*, we will have creatures jumping right from the pages! Participants will have a chance to see and touch some of the animals that live at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

****Space is limited due to room capacity. Please**

arrive on time at the start of the program. To minimize disruption, there will be no admittance after the program begins.

FAMILY CRAFTS: SEED CRAFT

Ages 4+

Saturday, July 25

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

McArdle Community Room

Little makers will use beans, seeds, and grains to create a colorful mosaic picture, with textured patterns, and imaginative combinations that will spark creativity and



build fine motor skills. This hands-on craft will help children connect with nature, practice patience, and discover the beauty of simple seeds turned into art.

Please use one form to register all your children (add additional children as guests). **Due to limited space and the nature of the program only children ages 4+ may attend. Please arrive on time at the start of the program. Participants will be let in at 10:00 a.m. If you are not here at that time, you will forfeit your registration to those on standby.**

Byram Shubert Library Summer Reading Programs

Storytimes

STORYTIME

Birth–5 years

Wednesdays, June 10, 17, 24; July 22, 29; August 5

11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories and songs with Patty, an experienced teacher who presents age-appropriate, seasonally themed programming to foster a love of books and reading.



READ TO A DOG

All Ages

Wednesdays, June 17; July 15

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Children are invited to read aloud to a trained therapy dog in a relaxed, supportive environment to help build confidence and improve reading skills.

PAJAMA PARTY*

Preschool–1st Grade

Wednesdays, July 15; August 12

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Come dressed in your pajamas and enjoy cozy stories and snacks before bedtime.

Special Events

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: ANIMAL SHOW WITH TWO BY TWO ANIMAL HAVEN*

All ages

Thursday, June 11

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Two by Two Animal Haven is a traveling animal program whose purpose is to educate the public about animals, their welfare and conservation. Most of their animal ambassadors were adopted and have been placed with them voluntarily. This is a NO TOUCH program!



TAI CHI GAMES FOR KIDS*

Ages 5+

Thursdays, June 18; July 23; August 6

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Kids will build balance and coordination through fun, movement-based Tai Chi games. Instructor Ken adapts activities to meet participant needs.



LEARN HOW TO DRAW MASTERPIECES WITH JOE KANTORSKI

Ages 5+

Tuesday, June 23

4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Explore the work of an iconic artist through drawing. Dive into Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers, focusing on texture, light, and emotional color.

Book Discussion

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BOOK CLUB

Grades 4 & 5

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27;

Finale Monday, August 3

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join us as we read and discuss selections from the Battle of the Books list throughout the summer.

CHESS WITH NATIONAL CHESS MASTER IAN HARRIS*

All Ages

Saturdays, June 27; July 11; August 1
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn chess strategies and skills that develop logic, planning, and executive function in a fun, supportive setting.

STORIES AND LEGOS FOR WEE ONES*

Preschool Ages

Mondays, June 29; July 20; August 10
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a story followed by open LEGO play using easy-to-build pieces for little hands.

WACKY WEDNESDAY YOGA FOR KIDS*

Ages 4+

Wednesdays, July 1; August 5
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Stretch, move, and have fun learning yoga with Kristen in this playful class for kids.

MISTER ROGER'S PUPPET SHOW: DAISY'S DINOSAUR

All Ages

Wednesday, July 8
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Robert Rogers Puppet Company returns with an original puppet tale about discovery, patience, and imagination.

GARDEN CLUB: TAKING CARE OF YOUR GARDEN*

Ages: 5+ (Family Event)

Thursday, July 9
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Learn summer garden maintenance tips with Bill Palmer of Sam Bridge Nurseries.

LEGOS WITH DEIRDRE

Ages: 5+

Monday, July 13
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Come build, imagine, and play with LEGOs in this open-ended creative session.

CRAFT WITH NICOLE*

Ages 5+

Saturdays, July 18
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Create fun crafts to take home with guidance from Nicole. Materials provided.



TREE WALK: FUN AND FACTS WITH DR. GREGORY KRAMER

All Ages

Wednesday, July 22
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Explore the library grounds and surrounding campus while learning about local trees from Greenwich's Tree Warden.

CERAMICS WITH LUCIA

Ages 5+

Wednesday, July 29
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Create a summertime ceramic piece with Lucia. Registration required; limited to 25 participants.

POKÉMON CARTOONING WITH BILL HERNANDEZ*

Ages 5+

Monday, August 3
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to draw your favorite Pokémon characters step-by-step.

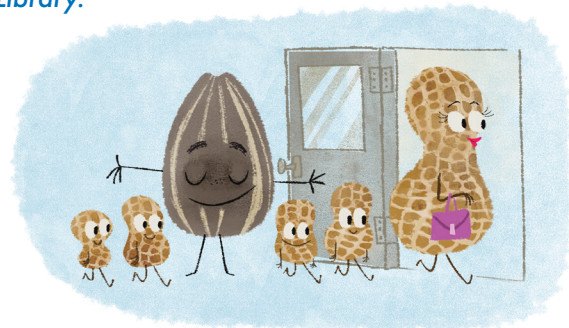
FINALE: BINGO PARTY WITH POPSICLES

All Ages

Thursday, August 13
5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Play Bingo with Miguel and Deirdre and enjoy popsicles and prizes for everyone!

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