



July 2025
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Summer Reading Challenge for Ages 0 to 11
The challenge starts June 1 and ends August 15.

Join the challenge and read to earn cool incentives!

- Log the books and/or time you read:
 - 1 book = 1 point
 - 30 minutes = 2 points
- Earn up to 6 drawing entries (one for every 5 points earned) for a chance to win something awesome in the weekly drawing!
- Earn 30 points total to complete the challenge and earn a certificate, a FREE book, a cool bag, a chance to win a gift card, and more!

August 15 is the last day to collect incentives.

Join the challenge in the Beanstack app or at ebrpl.beanstack.org!
Paper logs are available upon request at any library location.

- Log in with your existing account or create an account.
 - A phone number or personal email address is required to be eligible to win any drawing incentives.
- Use one account for the whole family!

**If you previously participated in a library reading program
and do not know your Beanstack account information
or if you have questions, see staff for assistance.**

***We are happy to welcome all patrons of appropriate cognitive ages
to our Children's Services programs with a helper as needed.***



All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.



Storytime

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23

Family Storytime @ 5:00 PM: suitable for children ages 2-5 and their families. Join us for a fun-filled time of stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs! Sessions last approximately 30 minutes. **Sorry, no groups.**

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Programs

Tuesday, July 1 to Thursday, July 31, All day, Ages 3 to 11
INTERACTIVE ART

Interact with art from famed artists at the River Center Branch Library at designated stations. Interactive exhibits will include art based on the following: *Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear* by Vincent Van Gogh, *Portrait of Dora Maar* by Pablo Picasso, *Mickey* by Andy Warhol, *No Ball Games* by Banksy, *The Scream* by Edvard Munch, *American Gothic* by Grant Wood, and *The Son of Man* by René Magritte.



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Tuesday, July 1 to Thursday, July 31, All day, Ages 5 to 11
HURRICANE PREP BAGS

It's hurricane season and we want to make sure you're prepared! Kids are welcome to stop by the River Center Branch to pick up their very own hurricane prep bag to help them get ready in case of a storm! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

Tuesday, July 1, 12:00 PM, Ages 5 to 11
MUSIC ART BIRD HOUSE

Did you know that Mozart had a pet bird? Did you also know that music is a great inspiration for art? Come learn about Mozart's bird, Starling, at the River Center Branch by listening to an excerpt from *Pets and Their Famous Humans* by Ana Gallo and Katherine Quinn! Afterward, we will play some classical music while you paint your own pre-assembled bird house! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

Thursday, July 3, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Ages 6 to 11
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Beat the heat and join us for Christmas in July! First, we'll read *Santa Shark: A Great White Christmas* by Mike Lowery. Then, we'll make our own sparkly kinetic sand that you can use to build your own "summer snowman"! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



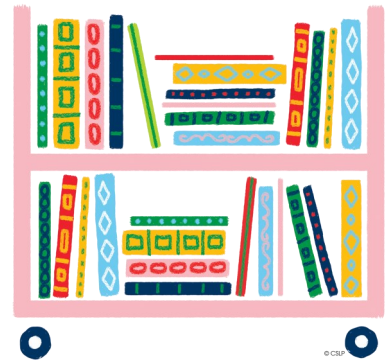
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Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11, All day, Ages 2 to 5

VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR STORY & GEAUX

Follow the progress of a very hungry caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food in one week until he is full. Stop by the River Center Branch Library to hear *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. After the story, pick up a large caterpillar canvas and cutouts of the delicious foods that were consumed. Take a "food" bag home and paste them onto the caterpillar shape to recreate the story. **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**



Monday, July 7, 12:00 PM, Ages 6 to 11

RUBBER BAND SPLAT PAINT

Ready to get a little messy? After reading about artist Jackson Pollock in *Splat!: the Most Exciting Artists of All Time* by Mary Agnes Richards, you'll make your own splatted paint art using rubber bands and tempera paint! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

Wednesday, July 9, 10:00 AM, All ages

CHARLIE THE NOISE GUY PRESENTS SOUND SAFARI THEATER

Charlie the Noiseguy is a vocal sound effectonist who teaches kids how to create funny sounds with their mouths and how to use them in stories, cartoons, and reading out LOUD. Join Charlie to hear noisy tales about dinosaurs, airplanes, sneezes, and toilets and learn how to make your own sound effects! **Groups are required to register.**

Monday, July 14, 10:00 AM, All ages

BRIGHT STAR THEATRE PRESENTS "ONCE UPON A TIME"

Join Lenny and Mabel for a fun and interactive show. Dance at the ball with Cinderella and challenge the giant with Jack and the Beanstalk as these stories come to life in front of your very eyes! **Groups are required to register.**

Tuesday, July 15, 12:00 PM, Ages 2 to 11

PIN THE PICASSO ON THE FACE

Forget squares, let's be cubist! The River Center Branch Library is celebrating famous artist, Pablo Picasso by reading *Little People, Big Dreams: Pablo Picasso* by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara and afterward, playing a game of place the Picasso on the face! Kids will take turns creating their very own "blind folded" Picasso self-portraits that they can color. **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

Thursday, July 17, 12:00 PM, Ages 4 to 11

RAINBOW FISH

Shine bright and learn to share with Rainbow Fish! We will read *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and afterward, we will make our own rainbow fish! **Sorry, no groups.**



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Monday, July 21, 12:00 PM, Ages 4 to 11

SURF'S UP SURFBOARD DÉCOR

Surf's up dudes and dudettes! Come make your own surfboard decor at the River Center Branch! We'll listen to an excerpt about surfer turned musician Jack Johnson from *Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different: True Tales of Amazing People Who Stood Up and Stood Out* by Ben Brooks and afterward, paint a cardboard surfboard while listening to island tunes! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 PM, Ages 5 and up

PROFESSOR UNIVERSE PRESENTS "FOUND IN THE STARS"

Join us for an interactive science-filled show! After Professor Universe gets abducted by an alien who steals his painting, he needs help from the audience and his star friend (who wishes to never become a black hole) to get back his stolen artwork!

Groups are required to register.

Thursday, July 24, 4:00 PM, Ages 3 to 11

POP ART CUPCAKES

"Pop art is about liking things" and who doesn't love cupcakes? At the River Center Branch, we will be celebrating pop art's leading artist Andy Warhol with a reading of *Art is Everywhere: A Book about Andy Warhol* by Jeff Mack. Afterward, we will make pop art cupcakes! **Sorry, no groups.**

Thursday, July 31, 10:30 AM, Ages 3 to 11

ALOHA TO SUMMER TEA PARTY

It's time to say "aloha to summer"! After reading *Punky Aloha* by Shar Tuiasoa, make your own pineapple sunglasses to wear to our Hawaiian themed tea party, where we'll practice our limbo and hula hooping skills while snacking with friends! **While supplies last. Sorry, no groups.**

End of Summer Reading Parties!

Join us for bouncy houses, games, prizes, face painting, balloon animals, magic, refreshments, and more! Each party is two hours. **Ages 2 to 11.**



Monday, July 28

South Branch at 10:00 AM

Jones Creek Regional at 5:00 PM

Tuesday, July 29

Greenwell Springs Regional at 10:00 AM

Wednesday, July 30

Main Library at 10:00 AM

Groups are required to register. Call the hosting library location to register.



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