

Children's Summer Reading Program at the Windham Public Library



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays Nurturing Playtime June 23- August 18 10:15-11:15 am

Join library staff for a play group aimed at ages 0-36 months and their favorite adults, as well as expectant parents. Each week will start with a short rhyme and song session followed by open play and parent chat. Sometimes special guests such as lactation consultants will attend.



Wednesdays & Thursdays Preschool Storytime June 17-August 20 10:30-11:00 am

Children up to age 5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to join us. This interactive program includes stories, songs, fingerplays, dancing and more. We will be outside, weather permitting. Feel free to bring your own seating.



Wednesdays Wonder Wednesdays June 17- August 19 3:30-4:30 PM

Join Miss Megan for a series of programs designed to stretch the imagination and develop critical thinking skills. These programs are geared for ages 5-10, but parents/caregivers and siblings are encouraged to stay too. You never know what might happen any given week! (But feel free to ask)



OTHER PROGRAMS



Monday June 29 Plant Pots 4-5 pm

Decorate a terracotta plant pot of your very own! We'll be painting, so wear appropriate clothing. For ages 5 and up.

Tuesday June 30 Mr. Drew and His Animals Too 2-3 pm OFFSITE

Are you interested in animals? Love reptiles? Then we have a show for you! Join Mr. Drew in seeing some awesome creatures and learn all about their lives. This program will be at Windham Middle School. Aimed at ages 3 and up. This is the first of two Mr. Drew shows this summer.



Monday July 6 American Girl Tea Party 4-5 pm

Celebrate history and America's 250th Birthday with an American Girl Tea Party! There will be tea, crafts, small treats, and more. Feel free to bring a doll with you. For ages 5 and up.

Thursday July 9 Story Time at Black Brook Preserve 10:30 AM OFFSITE

Join the Windham Public Library and the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a story time and nature walk at Black Brook Preserve. We'll read a story at the beginning of the trailhead and then take a guided walk through the preserves with a scavenger hunt! This program is for families with kids ages 2-5, siblings welcome.



Tuesday, July 14 -Wednesday, July 15 Stuffed Animal Sleepover

What kind of mischief can your stuffed friend get up to at the library? Drop them off for our sleepover to find out. Participants will get a slideshow of their friends' activities, and a small surprise. Friends should be dropped off during the library's open hours on July 14th and picked up on the 15th. Registration required.

Wednesday July 15 Mr. Drew and His Animals Too 1-2 pm OFFSITE

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Monday July 20th Nature Journaling with Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation 4-5 PM

Join Kristie Munson from the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation and Windham Public Library staff as we explore the green areas around the library! We'll learn to identify trees and plants through journaling and scavenger hunts. For ages 5 and up.

Tuesday July 28 The Creation of Monster Locker with Andrés Vera Martínez 4-5 PM

Join the Windham Public Library staff in welcoming Andrés Vera Martínez, co-creator and illustrator of the series *Monster Locker*. He'll discuss the process of making a graphic novel and give students some tips on creating their own comic art. There will be time for book purchasing and signing at the end. For grades 4-8.



Wednesday July 29 Fear No Fruit! 3:30-4:30 pm

Come join Miss Diana (author of *Simply Produce*) to explore the amazing world of fresh fruits and vegetables. Young patrons will get to smell ripe strawberries, squeeze peaches, peel bananas like monkeys do, feel cool cucumbers, and taste the sweet end of orange slices. This hands-on program exposes young patrons to timeless information about produce and encourages them to try new ones.

Grown-up monkeys are welcome to join in the fun.



Monday August 3 Escape Room: Case of the Stolen Plant 10:30 AM- 5:30 PM

You know this is going to be the year that you win Best Plant at the Windham Public Library's Plant Contest. Disaster strikes and your plant goes missing! It's up to you and your friends to find the plant and bring it back before judging begins. Sign up for a time for up to 6 people to solve the crime.



Thursday August 6th Story Time with Horses 10:30-11:30 AM OFFSITE

Join us at the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals to have a story time with horses! We'll read books and do our normal story time routine, and then after that we'll have time for questions and visiting horses. Aimed at kids ages 2-7.

Monday August 10 Nature Walk at Donnabeth Lippmann Park 10-11 AM OFFSITE

Join the Windham Public Library for a nature walk at Donnabeth Lippman Park. We'll read a story at the beginning of the trailhead and then take a walk with a scavenger hunt! This program is for families.



During the Summer Reading program, kids will track reading using a bookmark. Completed bookmarks earn kids raffle tickets and prizes. For every 15 minutes of reading (or being read to, or listening to audiobooks), children will color in a leaf on the bookmark. When you've colored in every leaf, return your bookmark to the Children's Room for a small prize or a free book. Children will also earn a raffle ticket with every completed bookmark. Raffle prizes include gift cards to local businesses. Additional raffle tickets can be earned by attending library programs. Please pick up a bookmark in the Children's Room or at a library outreach event.

Children may complete as many reading bookmarks as they wish throughout the summer reading program. Bookmarks are available starting on Wednesday June 17th and run thru August 31.

Prizes must be picked up in person at the library.