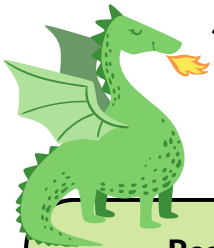


Programs for Children & Families

JULY 2024

Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds

Summer Reading Program June 17 - August 17



Register to participate on June 17:

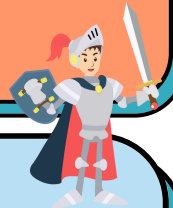
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- **Preschoolers** - Come to the library to pick up your summer reading gameboard.
- **Kids entering grades K-6** - Register for our online program through our web site or call us for help. (www.farmingtonlibraries.org/events/summer-reading/kids). Once you register stop by the library to add your name to a dragon scale!

Register for special programs:

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Visit our program brochure on our web site: farmingtonlibraries.org/kids. Some programs will be drop-in and others will require registration. There will be separate flyers and registration dates for June, July, and August.



Keep track throughout the summer:

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- **Preschool log:** Color each box as you make your way through your game board.
- **School-age logging:** Type in how many days you did any reading on our Read Squared online program. You can make your entries daily, weekly, etc. - whatever works best for your family. (Don't want to go online this summer? Feel free to keep track on paper and just email or call us with your information and we can enter it for you!)



Prizes:

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- **Preschool log** - Drop off your log by **August 17th**. Every preschool log returned by this date earns you a free book! There are also special "treasures" you can earn on your gameboard.
- **School-age** - Enter all of your days read by **August 17th**. Earn a free book for reading at least 28 days. Spin the prize wheel at 14, 28, and 42 days. Also, every 7 days you read earns you a ticket for your chance to win one of several special prizes at the end of the summer!! (Prizes will be drawn August 18 and must be claimed by Sept. 7)



S.T.E.M.



INVENT THE SUMMER

Ages 5 to 12. Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

Invent the Summer features weekly STEM challenges created by kids, for kids! Complete each challenge for a chance to win fabulous prizes!

MON, Jun 24 - Aug 12, 2:00 PM | Jay Johnston Community Room

EMPOWERSTEM

Ages 7 to 12. Registration required. Each class has its own individual registration; registering for one class does not register you for all of them.

EmpowerSTEM is a program for kids aged 7-12 that fosters hands-on exploration and problem-solving through interactive activities and experiments, igniting curiosity and creativity. Through engineering projects and thrilling science experiments, children get hands-on experience and delve into the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in a fun and engaging environment.

Each class has individual registration, the program held on Wednesday at the Barney Library repeats on Saturday at the Main Library. Please register for only one class a week.

WED, Jul 10 - Aug 7, 2:30 PM | Hoppin Gallery - Barney Library

SAT, Jul 13 - Aug 10, 10:00 AM | J Program Room - Main Library

VISIT TUMBLEBOOK LIBRARY



FROM OUR WEBSITE AND FIND FREE STEM BOOKS AND GAMES TO EXPLORE!



LEGO LAB @ THE BARNEY

Ages 6 to 12. Registration required.

Students ages 6 to 12 can sign up to join us at the Barney Library to learn basic engineering and coding with Lego SPIKE Prime! Space is limited, registration is required.

SAT, Jun 15, Jul 27 & Aug 17, 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM | Barney Library

Don't forget to sign up for our email newsletter on our web site! Get the latest program news, books recommendations and so much more right in your inbox.



INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please call the library at 860-673-6791 or check www.farmingtonlibraries.org for up-to-date information.



OH BABY! BABY STORYTIME

*Ages 0 to 12 months, with caregiver. **Registration required.***

Perfect for our littlest patrons, this storytime enriches the language learning abilities of babies through the use of stories, finger plays, and songs. The second half of the class includes music and playtime. Feel free to bring a blanket for your baby to sit/lie down on.

WED, Jul 3, 9:15 AM | J Program Room

READ TO A DOG!

*For children of all ages (children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.) **Registration required.***

Please call the Library at 860-673-6791 to schedule your very own one-on-one reading time with a certified therapy dog. Bring your own book or choose one of ours to snuggle and read.

WED, Jul 3, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | J Program Room

TOTS & TUNES & TALES

*All ages, with caregiver. **No registration required.***

This high-energy music and movement class will have us dancing and laughing! We'll start with a story and then move to the music.

FRI, Jun 7 - Aug 30, 9:30 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room
(no class 6/21, 7/5 and 8/23)



Planning for your next family movie night?

Kanopy is a video-streaming platform dedicated to thoughtful and thought-provoking films. Kanopy delivers a diverse collection of 30,000+ enriching films, available to stream anytime and anywhere — from desktop to TV to tablet.

Visit www.farmingtonlibraries.org to explore!



FAIRY HOUSES AND GNOME HOMES

*Ages 7 to 12. **Registration required.***

Come join us to make a Fairy House or Gnome Home to bring home and add to your yard or leave here and add to our beautiful patio.

THU, Jul 11, 6:00 PM | J Program Room

TWEEN/TEEN PAINT NIGHT

*Grades 5 to 8. **Registration required.***

Join us for a gnome themed step-by-step paint night with Miss Melissa! You'll follow along and learn how to paint a magical scene you can take home.

TUE, Jul 16, 6:00 PM | J Program Room

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

*For children of all ages. **No registration required.***

Come join us on the patio for ICE CREAM! I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! While supplies last.

THU, Jul 18, 6:30 PM | Library Garden Patio

STORY TIME AT HEIN FARM, FARMINGTON

*For children of all ages. **No registration required.***

Meet us at Hein Farm, 303 Meadow Road, Farmington for a farm story time, music, and a tour. We will meet to the left of the farm store in the picnic area. Parking will be in the large grassy area, on the left side of the property, close to the road. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic lunch and stay as long as you'd like after story time is over. For a fee, you can cut your own fresh flowers.

If raining, program will be moved to the Main Library, in the Jay Johnston Community Room. Call the library with questions: 860-673-6791

FRI, Jul 19, 11:00 AM | Hein Farm, 303 Meadow Road, Farmington

AUTHOR VISIT & CRAFT

*Ages 4 to 9. **Registration required.***

Elaine Alexander, author of the book Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep (a NEW CT Nutmeg Award nominee!!!) will be visiting our library for a very special visit. She will share a story, ocean flannel board activity, and an anglerfish craft!

TUE, Jul 23, 11:00 AM | J Program Room

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 22

CHESS FOR KIDS

Grades K to 6. *Registration required.*

Local resident and retired educator, John Sherman, is bringing his love for one of our oldest board games – “The Game of Kings!” - to the Farmington Library. Beginners through advanced are welcome. This is a four-week series with two dates in July and two in August - sign up once and you are signed up for all classes in the session.

WED, Jul 24 & 31, Aug 7 & 21, 11:00 AM | Jay Johnston Community Room

BUSY WITH BUGS! BUGS GALORE!

Ages 4 to 12. *Registration required.*

Busy with Bugs! Bugs Galore! Enjoy the Thursday night fun with puppets, bug stories and a movie. We will be making a glowing firefly craft.

THU, Jul 25, 6:00 PM | J Program Room

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS STORY TIME

Ages 4 and up. *Registration required.*

Do Dragons Love Tacos? Come and find out as we enjoy a story, activities, craft and a movie.

TUE, Jul 30, 10:30 AM | J Program Room



WACKY WEDNESDAYS

July 10, 6:30 PM

Living Dragons

All Ages.

Dragons?! No, not real dragons - lizards! Meet many different species of lizards from Riverside Reptiles: geckos that can climb glass, skinks with bright blue tongues, a legless lizard, a cousin of the Komodo Dragon, and a snake - with claws?! Meet these and many more as we venture into the realm of living dragons.

Registration Required.

July 17, 6:30 PM

Mike Bent's ABRAKIDABRA Show!

All Ages.

In addition to being a Boston-area favorite, magician Mike Bent has done shows all over the world (including at the White House!) This summer he is bringing his magic show to the Farmington Library - aren't we lucky?!

Registration Required.

July 24, 6:30 PM

Adventure Quest

Ages 5 to 12.

Cross the moat to begin your quest, where you will create a custom shield, build a catapult to attack the dragon, concoct a wizard charm, and more!

Registration Required.

July 31, 6:30 PM

Jester Jim

All Ages.

This is not your ordinary juggling show! With a trunk full of props and a looping machine, Jester Jim makes kids and adults alike laugh out loud as he performs his amazing beatbox intro and wild juggling and balance antics.

Registration Required.

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• BARNEY LIBRARY •

MOVERS AND GROOVERS

Ages birth to 4. No registration required.

Let's move and groove together in the Library! We will read a fun book and do some dancing. This is a drop-in program.

TUE, Jul 2 - Aug 27, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

**** No class on Jul 9 or Aug 13****

PUZZLE TIME AT THE BARNEY

All Ages. No registration required.

Jigsaw Puzzle enthusiasts are invited to the Barney Library! Want to try your hand at speed puzzling? Or do you just want a casual puzzling experience? Do you want to complete a puzzle as a family? We'll have a variety of puzzles available, there's something for everyone! No registration required.

TUE, Jul 9, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Hoppin Gallery

BUBBLE DAY!

All Ages. Registration required.

Join us for a special bubble story time at the Barney Library. Hear some bubble stories, make your own bubble wand, and create lots of bubbles big and small!

MON, Jul 15, 10:00 AM | Barney Library Lawn

CELEBRATE!

Ages 2 to 5. Registration required.

Celebrate the season! Come for a special story time and craft. Sing and dance, be prepared to get messy!

THU, Jul 18, 10:00 AM | Hoppin Gallery

In case of inclement weather or library closure, programs are subject to change.



CUPCAKE WARS

Ages 6 to 12. Registration required.

Bring your team of 2 or 3 or come on your own to participate in a cupcake decorating challenge at the Barney library! Decorate your cupcakes based on 3 separate challenges! Will your cupcake win the round? Win or lose, everyone goes home with cupcakes!

TUE, Jul 23, 2:00 PM | Hoppin Gallery

COLLABORATIVE ART PROGRAM: TINY ART

All Ages. No registration required.

Stop by the Barney Library to claim a blank miniature canvas to decorate. It's one per person, first-come, first-served. Return your completed canvas by August 10 so it can be displayed.

MON, Jul 29 | Barney Library

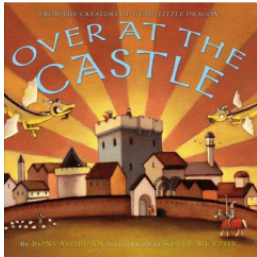


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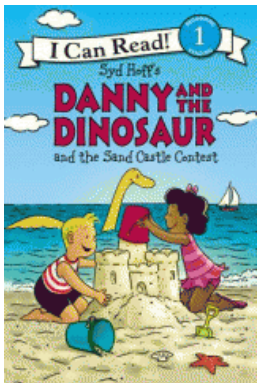
Daring Summer Reads!

Enjoy some castle-themed books available at The Farmington Libraries



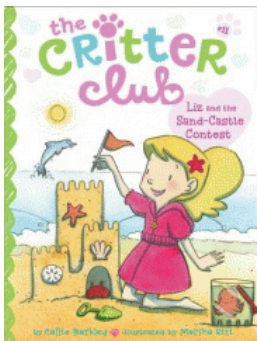
Picture Books

- Over at the castle by Boni Ashburn
- Mr. King's castle by Geneviève Côté
- Pete at the beach by James Dean
- Sand castle by R.A. Montgomery
- Sandcastle by Einat Tsarfati



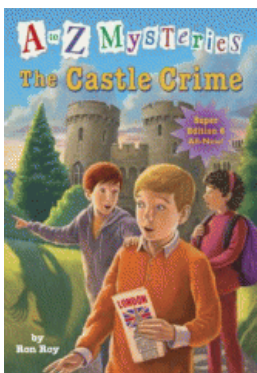
Beginner Readers

- Danny and the dinosaur and the sand castle contest by Syd Hoff
- Pete at the Beach by James Dean



Bridge Books

- Liz and the sand castle contest by Callie Barkley (The Critter Club series)
- The Castle Crime by Ron Roy (A to Z Mysteries series)
- The Secret of Cacklefur Castle by Geronimo Stilton (Geronimo Stilton series)
- To the forgotten castle by Kiki Thorpe (Finding Tinker Bell series)



Chapter Books

- Knight's castle by Edward Eager
- Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George
- The hero's guide to storming the castle by Christopher Healy
- Emily Windsnap and the castle in the mist by Liz Kessler

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Main Library • 6 Monteith Dr.
Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm
Fri 9am - 5pm
Summer Saturdays 9am-1pm

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Summer Saturdays 9am-1pm

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