

Blackstone Public Library's 2017

Young Adult and Adult Summer Reading Program Event List

Earn a prize for reading, join an arts & crafts class, and participate in the fun summer reading finale. All for free! All you need to do is read! You must be 18 and older to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. You must be between the ages of 11 to 17 to participate in the Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

The Kindness Rock Project

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults and Young Adults

Artist Dandi Bouvier, owner of SkippNStones will present a spin-off of the Kindness Rock Project. Kindness rocks are inspirational painted stones/rocks that can be left at a local/national park for trading or inspiration for the next person who comes across them. Your painted rock could also be kept for your own use such as a garden marker, decoration outside or indoors. Registration is required for this event. Registration begins on June 5 for Summer Reading participants and registration for all others begins on June 12. Space is limited.

Drumming with David Drumhead Curry

Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 PM

Age category: Adults and Young Adults

This introductory workshop is geared toward anyone who wants to learn the basics of hand drumming and how to play together with others in a drum circle setting. You'll get lots of hands-on interaction with the various drums and percussion instruments that would typically be played in a drum circle. You'll practice the fundamentals of hand technique for getting a good sound from a hand drum. You'll also learn some common rhythms that draw from several different cultural sources. And finally, you'll learn helpful tips and tricks on the etiquette that makes a drum circle successful. No prior experience is expected. You are welcome to bring your own drums if you own them.

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Since 2001, Dave has been leading hundreds of drumming events. He is the creator of Drums For One & All, which includes all of his hand drumming activities, such as drum circle facilitation, workshop instruction, private lessons, live drumming performance and drum repairs.

Basic Wilderness Survival

Monday, June 26 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults, teens, and children ages 10 & older (no exceptions)

Matt Gabriel from Animal World Experience has been obsessed with survival skills since the age of twelve. He has been through week-long professional survival training twice and has thousands of hours of personal experience. This is a one hour lecture program. Registration is required. Registration begins on June 5 for Summer Reading participants and registration for all others begins on June 12. Space is limited.

Digital Photography Workshop

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 6 to 8 PM

Age category: Adults and Young Adults

A Digital Photography workshop, Build a Better World through Photography will be taught by professional photographer Steve Bouvier. Mr. Bouvier will begin by discussing the technical fundamentals of digital photography including types of camera equipment, using the different camera modes, and getting proper exposure. The remainder of the workshop will cover the more subtle, artistic facets of photo composition, lighting, and finding subject matter. In the weeks after the workshop, participants will be encouraged to venture into the community to photograph subjects and settings that express the library's summer reading theme, Build a Better World. An art show will be held at the library in August to showcase students' photographs.

Registration is required for this event. Registration begins on June 5 for Summer Reading participants and registration for all others begins on June 12. Space is limited. Participants must own a digital camera or a cell phone with a camera, and should have a basic working knowledge of this equipment. To register, please call the Blackstone Public Library at 508-883-1931.

Fabulous Fluorites

Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: All ages

Fluorite is a mineral that naturally occurs in all colors of the spectrum. Colors may be very intense and almost electric. Listen to Tony Cesana as he talks about the science, history, and uses of these fascinating materials. Tony Cesana is an amateur geologist and rock hound, and has been a member of the Rhode Island Mineral Hunters since 2000. Registration is required. This program is part of our Summer Reading program and is open to all audiences.

Tea Cup Bird Feeder Craft

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults

Join Miss Amy and Miss Dianne in making birdfeeders. You will make one to keep and one to give away to a special person as part "Build a Better World."

Registration is required. Space is limited and is for Summer Reading participants only.

Coaster Craft

Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Young Adults

Join Miss Amy and Miss Dianne in making decoupage coasters. You will make a set to keep and one to give to the residents of the Blackstone Nursing Home as part "Build a Better World."

Registration is required. Space is limited and is for Summer Reading participants only.

Wise Guys Trivia

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adult

Please join us to play in teams or individually. The winning team will receive a \$20 gift card to a local restaurant. Questions will be themed to "Build a Better World."

Registration is required for this event. Registration begins on June 12 for Summer Reading participants and registration for all others begins on June 26.

Based in Uxbridge and originating in the Blackstone Valley, Wise Guys Trivia has been bringing entertaining, FUN trivia to locations in and around RI and MA over the past 8 years.

Throughout that time, Wise Guys developed a huge following as a terrific alternative to boring, stuffy bar trivia. Three years ago the company expanded into Musical Bingo wherein hosts play snippets of songs rather than calling out numbers. For more information, please check out their website at wiseguyst trivia.com or find them on Facebook.

Yoyo Class taught by Yoyo expert Andrew Alexion

Thursday, July 27 and Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Young Adults

This is a two part class-You must attend both sessions. Learn the art of yo-yoing using a simple method. Mr. Alexion believes that although there are a various array of YouTube videos that help teach tricks, he will be going over these techniques step by step, in person. No matter how many online videos there are, nothing is like learning in person. It's a tried and true

method that will help anyone excel. Yo-yoing can be therapeutic, rehabilitating, and help with hand-eye coordination.

Mr. Alexion has been throwing at a competitive and professional level for nine months. He has come in first place in his first two contests and was chosen to throw in a professional yoyo company's name. He is well known by kids and adults in the yoyo community.

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Water Olympics

Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 1 PM

Age category: Young Adults

Join Miss Lisa and Miss Amy and make a splash at the 2nd Annual Water Olympics!

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Pots and Plants

Monday, July 31, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults and Young Adults

Join Miss Amy and Miss Dianne in making decorative pots. Annuals will be available to put in the pots. You will make one to keep and one to give away to a special person as part of "Build a Better World." Registration is required. Space is limited and is for Summer Reading participants only.

Chocolate Party!!!

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults and young Adults

Join Miss Lisa for this tasty and fun event. It is all about chocolate, all evening. You must have a minimum of 3 check-ins to attend the chocolate party. Registration is required. Space is limited and is for Summer Reading participants only.

Wildcats 101

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Strictly for adults, young adults and children ages six and older. Children must be able to sit quietly and observe a slideshow presentation.

Please register at the circulation desk (all ages).

This slideshow and live animal presentation will give you a greater understanding of the wild felines that live among us! Learn about wild cats in general, then focus on the lesser known species - the small wild cats. Discover how they survive in the wild, what they eat, what eats

them, the threats they face and the conservation efforts in place to help ensure their survival. Meet a few of our amazing animal ambassadors during the show and learn how you can help their wild cousins. By the end of the show you will have a greater respect and understanding of how wild cats live and survive in the wild, while also having seen some beautiful wild cats up close and personal! Registration for Summer Reading participants begins on July 10 and registration for all others begins on July 17. Space is limited.

Summer Reading Finale-Performer to be announced
Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM

New England Stone Walls

Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Age category: Adults and Young Adults

Kevin's informal talk covers a few of the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, *The Granite Kiss* (Countryman Press), touching on history, technique, stylistic development, and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls, the ways in which they and other dry stone structures were built, how their styles emerged and changed over time, and their significance to the famous New England landscape. Other topics may include: differences in approach between historical and contemporary wall-builders, a discussion of restoration tips and techniques, and information about design, acquisition of materials, preservation, and analysis. There is always a generous question-and-answer period, during which listeners are encouraged to bring up specific problems or projects on their own properties.

Along the way, Kevin occupies himself building a miniature wall or walls on a tabletop, using tiny stones from a five-gallon bucket. He often brings along his collection of books about stonework, and copies of *The Granite Kiss* will be available for sale.

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Save the date!: Photography Art Show
Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 6-8 PM

Participants of the Photography Workshop will be displaying their work for public viewing. Light refreshments will be provided.

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