

Kids' Summer Reading Program 2026

at the Blackstone Public Library

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Important Info below!

When do I register: Registration for Blackstone residents begins on Monday, June 8 *in person only*. Registration for all library patrons begins on Monday, June 15. Email registrations will **not** be accepted. A registration sheet must be completed in person and filled out by the child's parent or caregiver, including the parent's contact information (email and cell number).

When is the last day of registration: Saturday, June 27 (no exceptions!).

How does it work? So glad you asked! Everyone receives a reading log, based on their age/reading level. The child must read five days each week. Reading progress is tracked on that log and brought to the library once a week to get stamped. Readers will then receive a weekly prize. In order to receive that prize, participants must visit the library **in-person** with their reading logs.

When do we start our logs? Monday, June 22. If you're reading five days a week, your first check-in can start on Friday, June 26.

We're going on vacation for a week and can't get to the library, can we get two stamps on our logs next week: Yes - but only two stamps. You can't go away for a month and ask for four stamps at once.

What if we signed up for an event that we can't attend? Please email or call. Most, if not all summer events have waiting lists. If you no-call, no-show twice, you will be removed from other events that you're signed up for.

This program says it's for ages 7 and up, can I bring my 3-year old? Sorry, no. Often age restrictions are put in place by the presenters themselves for safety purposes.

I registered for Summer Reading but all the programs were full! Sorry, all the programs that require registration are on a first-come, first-serve basis and space is limited. However, there are plenty of drop-in events that don't require registration.

You have a lot going on this summer – do we have to come to everything?

Nope! You can pick and choose which events you'd like to attend. You can even skip the programs and just fill out the reading logs and pick up prizes every week.

How does the finale work? The finale is a celebration for everyone who completed the summer reading program. We have ice cream sandwiches, Hoodsie cups, prizes and a special performer, which this year is Science Heroes. Registration for the finale takes place later in the summer. Participants must have at least four stamps on their reading log in order to register.



Schedule of Events

Summer Reading Kickoff Event

Friday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.: Ready, Set, GROW! Magic Show (registration required)

Week 1

Monday, June 29 @ 11 a.m.: Grass Heads garden craft (registration required)

Tuesday, June 30 @ 6:30 p.m.: Drop-In Pajama Story Time

Thursday, July 2 @ 6:30 p.m.: Outdoor Food Scavenger Hunt (drop-in)

Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4: CLOSED

Week 2

Monday, July 6 @ 11 a.m.: Teddy Bear Picnic (registration required)

Tuesday, July 7 @ 4 p.m.: 250th Anniversary Patriotic Trivia (drop-in)

Tuesday, July 7 @ 6:30 p.m.: Drop-In Pajama Story Time

Thursday, July 9 @ 3 p.m.: Story Time at the Fire Station (drop-in)



Friday, July 10 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Drop-In Craft

Week 3

Monday, July 13 @ 11 a.m.: Caravan Puppets (registration required)

Tuesday, July 14 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.: Sensory Night (drop-in)

Thursday, July 16 @ 2 p.m.: Marigold Seed Planting (registration required)

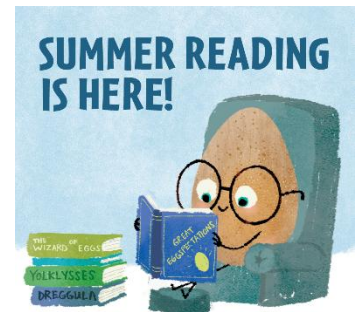
Week 4

Monday, July 20 @ 10:30 a.m.: Books for Brunch (registration required)

Tuesday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m.: Drop-In Pajama Story Time

Thursday, July 23 @ 6 p.m.: Pokémon Trivia (drop-in)

Friday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Drop-In Craft



Week 5

Monday, July 27 from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Drop-In Legos

Tuesday, July 28 from 2 – 6 p.m.: Craft Extravaganza (drop-in)

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.: Drop-In Pajama Story Time

Thursday, July 30 @ 3 p.m.: World of Owls (registration required)

Friday, July 31 at 11 a.m.: Story Time at the Animal Shelter (drop-in)

Week 6

Monday, August 3 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.: Outdoor Lawn Games (drop-in)

Tuesday, August 4 @ 6:30 p.m.: Drop-In Pajama Story Time

Thursday, August 6 at 3 p.m.: Painting with Lisa (registration required)

Friday, August 7 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Touch the Trucks (drop-in)

Summer Reading Finale

Wednesday, August 12 @ 6 p.m.: Creepy Crawlies (indoors at library, followed by ice cream sandwiches or Hoodsie cups and prizes) **You must have had your log stamped a minimum of four times to register for this event. Registration will be held in August.**

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