



THE SUMMER TIMES

Summer 2023

Events & Programs for Kids, Teens & Families



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Summer Learning Program
June 17 - August 12
- Libraries closed Sundays
June 18 - September 3
- Libraries closed
June 19—Juneteenth
- Libraries closed
July 4—Independence Day
- Libraries closed
September 3-5—Labor Day

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SUMMER @ LOWER MERION LIBRARIES

Summer brings thoughts of relaxation. Hopefully a good book and some fun activities are part of the mix! This year’s summer programs at the libraries will run from **June 17 through August 12**. The theme is *All Together Now*!



There are programs for every age: Preschool Club (ages 0-5), Children (those entering grades K-5th), Young Adults (tweens and teens entering grades 6-12), and Adults. All programs encourage reading, activities, and attending programs. Prizes

will be awarded. Register online at lmls.beanstack.org, then get back to daydreaming about the beach!

For more information, call your library or check our website at www.lmls.org.

1000 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

Giving your child a head start in education can make all the difference. The Lower Merion Library System wants to help foster kids' vocabulary, comprehension, imagination, and love for

reading with a 1000 Books Reading Challenge.

Parents of patrons ages 0-5 can sign up at any Lower Merion library and receive a 1000 Books Reading Chal-

lenge workbook, while supplies last.

This program was made possible with support from the Lower Merion Library Foundation.



ARDMORE LIBRARY

108 Ardmore Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003 | (610) 642-5187



Music Playgroup
Wednesdays @ 11:30 AM, Outside
Preschool & younger. Music with songs & simple instruments! Half-hour program followed by waterplay Jun 21 – Aug 23 (small tubs of water & fun toys).

Teen Dungeons & Dragons
Wednesdays, 5-6:30 PM, In-person with DnDBeyond & Discord
Ages 13+. Continuing attendance encouraged. Registration required.

Ms. Dawnita's Story Time
Thursdays @ 1 PM, Outside
Preschool & younger. Registration required.

Sensory Fun
Select Fridays @ 11 AM
Ages 18 mos. - Preschool. Registration required for each program.
• **June 16 - Potato Block Prints:**
Decorate a tea towel with potato prints and permanent paint. Be sure to wear old clothing.

- **July 7 - Bugs in Mud:**
Make “mud” using cornstarch and cocoa powder, then let the toy bugs go for a crawl and swim!
- **August 4 - Playdough Monsters:**
Make playdough monsters using a variety of materials—googly eyes, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks & more!

Summer Reading Opening Party with Magic by Reba
Sat, June 17 @ 11 AM, Outside
All ages. Register for summer learning & enjoy activities in the parking lot. Enjoy a **magic & balloon animal program** in the **Processing Center Meeting Room @ 12:30 PM**. Registration required.

Tie Dye with Ms. Hilary
Sat, June 24 @ 1 PM, Outside
Ages 3+. A great family/multi-age activity. Bring a few white cotton or silk items. We'll supply the dye and simple tutorials. Registration required.

Rube Goldberg Program
Sat, July 1 @ 2 PM
Ages 8+. Build Rube Goldberg machines - complicated devices that do simple tasks. We'll have various items, including dominos, marbles, etc., to create your machine. Registration required.

Bee Whisperings Puppet & Magic Show
Sat, July 8 @ 2 PM
The bees returned from their winter rest & can't wait to share their adventures. Their stories seem a bit unbelievable. Storytellers Ki, Q, & the kids will sort out the truth. Registration required.

Making Friends the Nordic Way
Tue, July 11 @ 2 PM
K-6th grade. Presented by the American Swedish Historical Museum. Play Viking games, make a craft, repair a fishing net & build models of Sweden's Sara Cultural Center. Registration required.

Gingerbread in July!
Sat, July 15 @ 2 PM
Ages 6+. Build a gingerbread house. Registration required. Limited to 18 participants.

Roly-Poly Science
Sat, July 22 @ 2 PM
Ages 4-7. Learn about the interesting bug nicknamed the roly-poly. We'll create a habitat, then hunt outside for real roly-polys after reading about them. Then we'll do an art project. Registration required.

Harry Potter Escape Room
Sat, July 29 @ 1 PM
Ardmore Library Program Room
Ages 8+. Solve a series of Harry Potter puzzles with approximately 4-8 people at a time. We'll have up to three groups going through the Escape Room, one after the other. Sign up early. Contact the library if you want to sign up in a group of friends. Registration required.

Teen Creative Writing Workshop (& Publishing Challenge)
Sat, August 5 @ 1 PM
Ages 12+. Begin crafting a short story. We'll chat about compelling books, & with a few great stories as our anchor, we'll explore writing prompts & play with narrative arcs. Participants may use an eBook-builder platform to write, design, and publish short books to submit to the Storyshares + We Need Diverse Books scholarship competitions. Potential for additional meetings. Registration required.

Summer Reading Closing Event: Weekend at the Shore in Paintings
Sat, August 12 @ 2 PM
Ardmore Library Program Room
Ages 4-7. Join Miss Svetlana for a story and introduction to some famous artwork. Story, games & discussions will draw attention to the mood of the art and evoke memories and imagination, then we'll create a craft. Registration required; limited to 15 participants.

BALA CYNWYD LIBRARY

131 Old Lancaster Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 | (610) 664-1196



Story Time
Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM
Meeting Room
Ages 0-5. Please register; space limited.

STEM Fun Zone
Stop in the Junior Room to explore, learn, and play with STEM activities.

Let's Stick Together
Paint by numbers, but with stickers! Stop in the Junior Room to participate in this community art project. Grab some stickers & check the color Key. Pictures will be displayed.

Masterpieces for Dad
Thu, June 8 @ 4 PM, Meeting Room
Ages 6-12. Join Miss Hannah & make a masterpiece for someone special! Supplies provided. It could be messy, so be prepared. Registration required.

Family Game Nights
Thu, June 8, July 13 & August 24 6 - 8:30 PM
All ages. Board & card games available.

Magical Events Story Times
Meeting Room
Ages 4+. Fun with special guests! Registration required for each event.
• **Sun, June 11 @ 1:30 PM:**
Yodeling Cowgirl
• **Sat, July 15 @ 10:30 AM:**
Pirate Fairy
• **Sat, August 12 @ 10:30 AM:**
Captain Marvel

Stars on the Move—Two shows!
Thu, June 15 @ 6:30 or 7:30 PM
Junior Room
Ages 7+. A wonderful family event! Tour the galaxy with Miss Denise and her indoor planetarium. Space limited. Online registration required for each

person attending. Select the time that works best for your family.

Ananse and Me Family Event
Thu, June 22 @ 7 PM, Junior Room
Ages 5+. Mlanjeni's Magical Theater will present a fabulous introduction to African Storytelling and culture. Ananse, the spider, is looking to trick everyone, including the audience! Registration required.

Kidzart with Holly Meade
Tue, June 27 & July 18 @ 1:30 PM
Meeting Room
A fun art class for ages 7-10. Online registration required.

Action Karate
Sat, July 8 @ 10:30 AM
Ages 6-11. A fun introductory karate class with interactive martial arts that includes life skills, karate, and fitness.

Registration required.

Mandala Workshop
Tue, July 11 @ 7 PM, Meeting Room
Ages 7-10. Presented by Victoria O'Neill. Participants will play with the concept of symmetry while making art! Registration required.

Dazzling Decoupage
Thu, July 27 @ 2:30 PM
Meeting Room
Ages 6-11. A fun craft event with Miss Hannah! Registration required.

Bala Bingo
Wed, August 2 @ 7 PM
Meeting Room
Ages 7-12. Prizes for winners! Registration required.

Future For Her Girls' Entrepreneur Camp
Mon-Fri, August 7-11, 1-4 PM
Girls, 10-14. Take the lead in creating ideas & building your own business, led by students from the Baldwin School non-profit group Future for Her. BYO laptop or call the library to borrow one. Must attend all sessions.

Crochet Camp
Wed – Fri, August 16, 17 & 18 @ 2 PM, Meeting Room
Ages 10-13. Join Miss Ashley for a 3-day beginners' course in learning to crochet. Must be able to attend all 3 sessions. Kids may bring an adult who also wants to learn! Registration required.

Teen Crafternoon
Wed, August 16 @ 4 PM
Ages 12-16. A fun craft activity! Registration required.

BELMONT HILLS LIBRARY

120 Mary Watersford Road, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 | (610) 664-8427



Ms. Gwen's Story Time
Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM, Outside
Geared to toddlers; all ages welcome.

Pride for Kids Story Time
Sat, June 3 @ 11 AM
Ages 3-8. A story time celebrating people & families for their beautiful differences, presented by Victim Services Center of Montgomery County. Online registration requested.

Messy Me with Mr. E
Sat, June 10 @ 11 AM
Ages 5+. Join Mr. Evan for messy fun. Wear old clothes. Registration requested.

Tales to Tails with Elaine (& Sam)
Tue, June 13 & July 18, 4:30-5:30 PM
Register online for a 10-minute spot to read to a registered therapy dog.

Music with Miss Erin
Wed, June 14, July 12 & August 9 @ 10:30 AM, Outside
Geared to toddlers, but all ages welcome. Stomp, clap, sing & make joyful noise!

Father's Day Craft
Wed, June 14, 3-5 PM
Geared to ages 5+, but all ages welcome. Make a craft or card!

Juneteenth Story Time & Craft
Fri, June 16 @ 4 PM
Geared to ages 5+, but all ages welcome. Online registration requested.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!
Sat, June 17, Noon - 2 PM
Fun snacks, games, crafts & raffle prizes!

Teen Author Talk: Misako Rocks!
Wed, June 21 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
A fun talk with Misako Rocks, a Japanese comic strip artist and writer/illustrator and author of *No Such Thing as Perfect*. Registration required.

Drag Queen Story Time with Balena Canto
Fri, June 23 @ 3:30 PM
A special all-ages story time. Registration required (one adult per child).

All Together in the Sea with Miss Svetlana
Sat, June 24 @ 11 AM
Ages 4-8. Listen to classical music, help a mermaid calm King Poseidon through movement and riddles, and make a craft. Register online.

Independence Day Story Time/Craft
Sat, July 1 @ 11 AM
Geared to ages 5+, but all welcome. Registration required.

All Together in the Magic Toy Store with Miss Svetlana
Sat, July 8 @ 11 AM
Ages 4-8. Listen to classical music, help friends through movement and riddles, and make a craft. Register online.

Radio Broadcasting Workshop
Sat, July 8, 2-4 PM
Ages 8-12. Join radio broadcast journalist Jennifer Lynn, host & producer of *WHYY's Morning Edition*, for a workshop on the basics of producing a 1-3 minute radio segment. Registration required.

Woven Friendship with Amy Grebe
Wed, July 12 @ 1 PM
Ages 5-7. Use jellyfish weaving to create a friendship bracelet. Registration required.

All Together Now Bingo
Sat, July 15, 2-4 PM
All Ages (adults & kids!). Bingo, snacks, & prizes. Online registration requested.

Stencil Gelli Printing for Teens with Amy Grebe
Tue, July 18 @ 6 PM
Ages 12-18. Explore using stencils with gelli plate printing. Registration required.

Circle Weaving with Amy Grebe
Wed, July 19 @ 3:30 PM
Ages 8-12. Boldly painted looms and colored yarns create beautiful mixed media projects. Registration required.

Financial Literacy Program for Middle School Kids
Sat, July 22 @ 11 AM
Ages 9-12. Presented by TD Bank. Learn

about banking, starting a savings account, the importance of saving, and earning interest. Registration required.

Junk Journal Binding for Teens with Amy Grebe
Wed, July 26 @ 6 PM
Ages 12-18. Learn how to bind upcycled materials & prints into an art journal. Registration required.

Gemenskap Games: Making Friends the Nordic Way
Sat, July 29 @ 2 PM
Ages 5-11. Presented by the American Swedish Historical Museum. Learn about Nordic communities through STEAM activities.

Vivaldi's Summer (from the Four Seasons) with Miss Svetlana
Sat, August 5 @ 11 AM
Ages 4-8. Listening to classical music, we'll imagine what might be happening, and pretend to be characters in a story through movement and riddles, then make a craft. Registration required.



GLADWYNE LIBRARY

362 Righters Mill Road, Gladwyne, PA 19035 | (610) 642-3957

Toddler Musical Story Time
• **Mondays @ 10:30 AM: June 5, July 24, August 21**
• **Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM: June 13 & 20, July 18, August 15 & 29**
Space limited to 20 children. One caregiver per family. Only register child/ren.

Toddler Story Time
Mon, June 12 & 26 @ 10:30 AM
No story time June 19
Space limited to 20 kids. Please register.

Father's Day Crafternoon
Wed, June 14, from 4-6 PM
Create a Popsicle card with colorful paper, stickers, and markers.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party!
Sat, June 17, from 11 AM - 1 PM Gladwyne Park
Celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading with games, crafts, and more!

Steamers Activity
Tue, June 20 @ 4:30 PM
Ages 6+. Solve STEAM puzzles. Registration required.

Family Yoga
Thu, June 22, July 13 & August 10 @ 11 AM
Ages 1-5. Bond with your toddler through poses, mindfulness activities & games, then unwind side-by-side. Space limited to 15 kids. Registration required.

Pizza Pie Family Night
Wed, June 28 @ 4:30 PM
Make a mini pizza with your favorite toppings. We'll play a fun game while they cook! Space limited. Registration required. Only register your child.

Outdoor Toddler Story Time
Mon, July 3—August 28 @ 10:30 AM
No story time August 14
Gladwyne Park, weather permitting
Please register.

Summertime Crafternoon
Wed, July 12 & August 2, 2-4 PM
Create a fun summer craft with colorful paper, stickers, and markers.

Stencil Painting
Wed, July 12, from 4-6 PM
Ages 6+. Join this fun lesson on acrylic painting techniques & create your own masterpiece. Registration required.

Super STEAMERS
Wed, July 18 & 25, from 3-5 PM
Ages 6+. We'll solve STEAM puzzles and learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a double-sized session. Registration required.

Kool-Aid Lip Gloss DIY
Wed, July 19 @ 4:30 PM
Ages 10–Adult. Make colorful & tasty lip gloss using Kool-Aid mix & coconut oil.

Squishmallow Animal Drawing
Thu, July 20, 4:30 - 5:45 PM
Ages 3+. Artventure's Anita Thompson will guide us in creating Squishmallow-inspired animals using colored pencils. Registration required.

The Great Gladwyne Bake-off
Wed, July 26 @ 4:30 PM
All ages. Register a 3-5 member team of friends & family to decorate a cake! You won't know what you're making until the day-of. You'll have 45 minutes to decorate. The best will be awarded! Registration required.

Summer Craft Nights
• **Thu, July 27 @ 4:30 PM: Beaded Windchime**
Ages 5+. Make a colorful addition to your garden! Registration required.
• **Thu, August 3 @ 4:30 PM: Cryptid Creatures**
Create monsters & creatures of myth with fun and easy family activities.

All Together in the Magic Forest Music Appreciation Class
Sat, July 29 @ 1 PM
Ages 4+. We'll break a spell & transform an enchanted swan into a princess, listen to classical music, solve riddles & make a craft! Registration required.

Create Pull-Apart Cupcakes
Wed, August 9 @ 4:30 PM
Ages 9+. Bring family & friends and work as a team to decorate pull-apart cupcakes to look like something else, like an ice cream cone, funny animal, or rain-bow! Supplies provided. Space limited to 15 kids. Registration required.

Future For Her Girls' Entrepreneur Camp
Mon-Fri, August 14-18, 10 AM -2 PM
Girls ages 10-14. Take the lead in creating ideas & building your own business, led by students from the Baldwin School non-profit group Future for Her. BYO laptop or call to borrow one.

LUDINGTON LIBRARY

5 S. Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 | (610) 525-1776



In-Person Story Times
11 AM, Large Meeting Room
No story time August 8-10 or 15-17
• Tuesdays: Miss Jackie
• Wednesdays: Miss Ashley
• Thursdays: Miss Melody
Ages 0-5. Sing & dance. Space is limited.

First Friday Story with Mr. Laurent
Fri, June 2 & August 4 @ 11 AM
Sing fun songs and hear a great story!

LEGO® Night
Wed, June 14, 6-8 PM
All ages.

Kickoff to Summer Reading
Sat, June 17, 10 AM–2 PM Junior Room
Come sign up for Summer Reading. We'll have crafts, goodies & soft pretzels for those who register, while supplies last.

Family Game Nights
Tuesdays, June 27 - August 29 6-8 PM, Junior Room
All ages. We'll have family games, or BYO. An adult must be present.

Summer Bingo for Kids
Sat, July 1 @ 2 PM Large Meeting Room
Ages 5+, only. Miss Jackie will lead family bingo for fun kid's prizes.

TaleWise: Saving Earth Together
Fri, July 7 @ 11 AM
Grades K-5. A 45-minute, high-energy performance using a story to teach science in a hands-on STEM show! Registration required for each child.

STEM Night with Miss Jackie
Wed, July 12, 6-8 PM, Junior Room
Ages 5+, only. Stations will be set up for kids to learn Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math. Adults can assist.

Music Play Patrol
Fri, July 14 @ 11 AM Large Meeting Room
All ages. Learn about great instruments and sing songs. Registration required.

Casey Cooks with Kids
Sat, July 15 @ 2 PM Large Meeting Room
Ages 5+, only. Make a masterpiece. An adult must assist. Registration required.

Family Trivia: Friendship Edition
Sat, July 22 @ 8 PM, Facebook LIVE
All ages. Join Miss Jackie & Miss Casey. Challenge friends at home or online.

Classroom Adventure Stories
Sat, August 5 @ 11 AM Large Meeting Room
All ages. Storyteller Don Dougherty will read a highly interactive story teaching important life lessons. Registration required for each child.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten
Ages 5-6, entering Kindergarten. Participate in stations to prep for school. Registration required for each session. A parent must be present. Space limited.
• **Tue, August 8 @ 11 AM:** Math
• **Wed, August 9 @ 11 AM:** Language Arts
• **Thu, August 10 @ 11 AM:** Fine Motor & Physical Therapy Skills

Music Play Patrol
Fri, August 11 @ 11 AM Large Meeting Room
All ages. Mr. Boom Boom will introduce instruments like the Bucket Drums and sing songs. Registration required.

Back to School
Students entering 1st & 2nd Grade. Prepare for school with centers on math, language arts, & fine motor skills. Registration required. A parent must remain.

• **Tue, August 15 @ 11 AM:** Getting Ready for 1st Grade (ages 6-7)
• **Wed, August 16 @ 11 AM:** Getting Ready for 2nd Grade (ages 7-8)
• **Thu, August 17 @ 11 AM:** Back to School Fun! (1st & 2nd Grade)

Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler
Fri, August 18 @ 1 PM Large Meeting Room
All ages. Sam puts on a fabulous show. Experience the magic, comedy, and inspiration of America's Only Full-Time Deaf Illusionist!

Sensory Play with Miss Jackie
Wed, August 23, 6-8 PM, Junior Rm
Ages 5+. Sensory play engages senses – touch, smell, sight & sound. Stations will be set up for children to participate in. An adult must stay and work with children through the stations.



PENN WYNNE LIBRARY

130 Overbrook Parkway, Wynnewood, PA 19096 | (610) 642-7844

Books & Blankets Story Time
Tuesdays & Fridays @ 10:30 AM Penn Wynne Park
Silly stories & songs with Ms. Danielle!

Itty Bitty Book Club
Mon, June 5, July 3 & Aug 7 @ 5 PM
Grades K-2. Join Ms. Danielle for a story & craft! Registration required.

Teen Time: Murder Mystery
Mon, June 12 @ 6 PM
Grades 6-12. Nancy Drew investigates a poisoning case, but falls victim to the same poisoner. Registration required.

All Together Now in the Land of Sweets with Tchaikovsky's Music
Wed, June 14, 4:30-6 PM
Ages 4-7. Join Miss Svetlana & help the Sugar Plum Fairy in a musical craft program. Registration required.

Open Play Days on Tuesdays
We'll have extra toys out to play with!

Family Yoga with Yoga@Play
Thu, June 15 & July 20 @ 10:30 AM Penn Wynne Park
Ages 1+ and a caregiver. Outdoor family yoga! Registration requested.

Pokemon Battle Academy
• **Tue, June 20 @ 5 PM**
• **Mon, July 17 & August 21 @ 5 PM**
Ages 7+. Play the Battle Academy board game or bring your cards and battle! No trading. Registration required.

Tie Dye Tote Bags
Wed, June 21 & July 19 @ 4 PM
Grades 3+. Tie dye a tote bag to carry your books! Registration required.

Teen Author Tour: Misako Rocks!
Wed, June 21 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
Grades 6-12. Misako will discuss her graphic novel, *Bounce Back*, and teach Manga drawing. Registration required.

LEGO® Club
Thursdays, June 22–August 31 4:30 PM (No club July 6 or 20)
All ages. Registration required.

Bingo with Balena
Mon, June 26 @ 6 PM
All ages. Join performer Balena Canto for bingo & songs! Registration required.

Consent Story Time
Tue, June 27 @ 10:30 AM Penn Wynne Playground
Ages 3-8. A story time with positive, health-based tools and messages about bodies and boundaries.

Drive-in Movie
Thu, June 27 @ 4 PM
Pre-K+. Create a box "car" & watch the movie *Maya the Bee*. Supplies & refreshments provided. Registration required.

Kindness Rocks!
Wed, June 28 @ 4 PM
Grades 6-12. Paint rocks with uplifting messages & hide them around town to spread kindness! Registration required.

Tie Dye Teddy Bear
Thu, July 6 @ 4 PM
Grades 6-12. Stuff a teddy bear & paint it with tie dye! Registration required.

Teen Time: Retro Technology
Mon, July 10 @ 6 PM
Grades 6-12. Can you dial a rotary phone? Rewind a VHS tape? Ever seen a laserdisc player? Registration required.

Flower Crowns
Wed, July 12 @ 4 PM
Grades K-3. Make a flower crown! Registration required.

Indian Story Time
Thu, July 13 @ 10:30 AM
Join Ms. Tithi for a special story time.

Graphic Novel Club
Mon, July 24 & August 28 @ 6 PM
Grades 3-5. Discuss graphic novels. Books will be available for check out 1-2 weeks prior. Registration required.

Teen Time: Escape the Library!
Mon, August 14 @ 6 PM
Grades 6-12. Follow a series of clues in the ultimate library scavenger hunt! Registration required.