

# General Program Guide

## Children's Summer 2017

Pawling Free Library

### Early Literacy Programs (For birth to preschool)

**Baby Builders:** Core early literacy program for children from 0-18 months old and a caregiver.

Tuesdays, starting 7/11, 10:00-10:40am – Main Library

Infants and caregivers will participate in lively 30-40 minute sessions that include music, movement, rhymes, listening to and reading books, and a variety of toys.

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**Toddlers in Training:** Core early literacy for ages 18-30 months and a caregiver. Tuesdays, starting 7/11, 11:00-11:45am – Main Library

Toddlers and caregivers will participate in fun filled 45 minute sessions that include listening to books, music, movement, dancing, nursery rhymes, and other related activities designed especially for toddlers. Each session includes a development activity to build growing minds & bodies.

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**Mini Masons:** Core early literacy for toddlers, ages 2.5 to 3.5 and a caregiver.

Session I: Fridays, starting 7/7, 10:00-10:45am – Main Library

Session II: Mondays, 7/10, 1:15-2pm – Main Library

A weekly parent and child program that introduces children to group story programs with 45 minute sessions that include listening to books, music, movement, dance, nursery rhymes, introduction to numbers, and more. Each session built on developmentally appropriate practice and leaves room for different levels of development.

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**Rookie Readers (Preschool):** Build early literacy and school readiness skills in this engaged reading program. Tuesdays, starting 7/11

Session I: 5:00-5:30pm – Main Library

Session II: 5:30-6:00pm – Main Library

Rookie Readers is a one-to-one literacy builder for 4 - 6 year olds. It pairs children ages 4 - 6 years with a proficient reader. The 4-6 year olds listen to and talk about great stories. This is an opportunity for your child to have a great reading role model, increasing his or her interest in the reading process and encouraging great communication and comprehension skills. Slots will be limited to the number of readers and listeners interested in participating in the program.

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## School-Age Core Literacy Programs (Preschool and Grades K-5)

**Foundation Builders:** Core literacy for 3-5 year olds. Wednesdays, starting 7/5, 10:00-11:30 - Community Room (Annex), Main Library, and Courtyard

This program is a weekly themed session that encourages independence through terrific books, music, imagination, movement, developmentally relevant outdoor activities, and a weekly art activity. Sessions are designed to encourage language and thinking skills in a fun, natural setting. Each session will include time for a short snack break, so please send a small snack & drink each week with your child. Parents should use their own discretion and knowledge of their child's comfort and development in deciding whether to also attend the program.

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**Head Contractors:** Core Literacy for students entering grades K-2. Thursdays, starting 7/6, 10:00-12:00 - Community Room (Annex), Main Library, and Courtyard

This program consists of weekly sessions centered on our summer theme of "Build a Better World." Weekly activities include readings, writing activities, developmentally relevant games, and art projects. These programs will focus on various topics like community, the globe, and architectural structures. Programs are designed to promote continued literacy development and create life-long learners. Each session includes time for a quick snack break, so families should send a small snack and drink each week.

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**Skyscraper Superstars:** Core Literacy for students entering grades 3-5. Mondays, starting 7/10, 10:00-12:00 - Community Room (Annex), Main Library, and Courtyard

This program, for our oldest elementary cohort, consists of weekly sessions centered on our summer theme of "Build a Better World." Weekly activities include readings, writing activities, developmentally relevant games, and art projects. Each week highlights a mini-theme, such as community, the globe, and architectural structures. Programs are designed to encourage holistic development and encourage children's learning autonomy. Each session includes time for a quick snack break, so families should send a small snack and drink each week.

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## School-Age Workshops (Grades K-5)

**Kids' Movie Nights:** Join in on our featured flick. Fridays, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11 from 6-8 pm –Main Library  
Movie nights are like a giant sleepover in the library. With the library patrons and employees gone, the kids rule the library after hours! Cuddle up with our collection of stuffed animals and the big, cushy, grown up chairs in Pajamas or costumes while we eat fun treats and watch a movie. **On 7/14**, we will watch *Moana*. **On 7/28**, dress up in your favorite superhero's garb (or super sleeper pjs) and join us for *The Lego Batman Movie*. **On 8/11**, we will keep with the summer theme, "Build a Better World" with a showing of *Wreck-It Ralph*. Build your goofiest, wackiest outfit and be crowned a groovy movie vieweee-r.

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## School-Age Workshops (Continued)

**Community Art Construction:** Fun, creative sessions focusing on different weekly projects.

Grades K-2: Thursdays, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 5:00-6:00pm – Community Room and Courtyard

Grades 3-5: Thursdays, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 5:00-6:00pm – Community Room and Courtyard

Our community art programs are single sign-up sessions for art projects that feature both individual and group participation. There are three different sessions, featuring three different projects, for each grade grouping, either K-2 or 3-5.

**Week one** is 3D paper art. These construction paper art projects are made to hang on walls or sit on tables--they have multiple dimensions. **Week two** features our "walking" mural, a large, long paper mural that the children work on together. There will also be the option to work on an individual picture to take home. They will be given the opportunity to paint their feet/hands with non-toxic paint and create footprints and hand prints on the paper. After, they can use their creativity to turn their prints into animals, people, rockets--whatever strikes them. Does your child prefer not to get messy? They can still participate! They can add details in to the prints of teachers or other children. **Week three** will involve marble designed paper. This paint project will use marbles and other balls to create uniquely swirled images. Again, individual projects will be created, in addition to team images with our jumbo version.

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**Body "Building" Fun Fitness:** Because libraries promote healthy minds *and* bodies. Open to students entering grades 2-5. Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00pm – Courtyard/ Community Room (Annex) (Rain location)  
Play and fitness serve as important tools in a child's learning. Our fitness program encourages children to stay active and thinking this summer with challenges and activities that promote sensory and motor skills, critical thinking, teamwork, and healthy living. Each week features different activities and challenges. Enrollment is by week. **Week one** focuses on the hilarious and simple ball game "Spud"...with a few math inspired tweaks. During **week two**, the crew will play a variety of tag and lawn games, like "Roads and Bridges." In **week three**, participants will work together to build an obstacle course, race each other, and challenge Ms. Neena and Ms. Martina to finish it before time runs out. **Week four** is a return to lawn games, like "octopus tag" and "Simon Says." Our concluding week, **Week five**, will be the wettest and wackiest of all! Join in for outdoor water based fun, like the frozen t-shirt challenge and "pass the glass."

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**Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse!:** The Great American Eclipse is happening at the end of August. Join in on learning more about this rare phenomenon and other fantastic space objects and events. Grades K-5,

Session I: Thursdays, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 1:30-2:30pm - Community Room (Annex) and Courtyard

Session II: Thursdays, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, 1:30-2:30pm - Community Room (Annex) and Courtyard

In preparation for our Solar Eclipse viewing picnic on August 21<sup>st</sup>, these sessions will give meaning and structure to the Great American Eclipse. Big solar eclipses are rare, especially for our Northern latitude. This will surely be a spectacular sight! In preparation, this program will help children build their own pinhole projection boxes, with which to safely see the eclipse and learn more about what makes such an event possible.

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## Reading Practice Programs

**Book Buddies:** One-on-one reading practice for new, reluctant, or struggling readers. Grades 1-3.

Wednesdays, beginning 7/5

Session I: 4:30-5:15pm– Main Library

Session II: 5:15-6:00pm– Main Library

Do you have a child who could use extra support while reading? Maybe they are still learning or uninterested in books? Book Buddies is designed to help! This program gives one-on-one reading support to young readers in the form of teen volunteers. These buddies provide children with a relatable reading mentor. It inspires children not just to learn to read, but to use reading to connect and communicate with others. Teen volunteers needed. Please email [children@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:children@pawlinglibrary.org) if interested.

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**Rookie Readers (Grades 3-5):** Read-aloud practice for proficient readers, paired with preschool listeners.

Tuesdays, starting 7/11

Session I: 5:00-5:30pm– Main Library

Session II: 5:30-6:00pm– Main Library

Rookie Readers is a one-to-one literacy builder designed for students who are proficient, independent readers entering grades 3 - 5. It pairs each reader with a child listener, ages 4-6. Readers are responsible for reading to their partner and talking about great stories! The program is meant to increase student fluency, reading with expression, and reading confidence. It will also provide great role models for our young listeners, inspiring interest in the reading process as well as encouraging positive communication skills and story comprehension in our preschooler students. Slots may be limited by the number of preschool students interested in participating in the program.

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## Family Events

**Summer Reading Rally:** Summer is the perfect time to kick back with a book. Or 100 books! Keep a reading log to earn points to spend at our September Store! Program runs from 6/26-9/1. Join anytime. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate in our summer reading challenge. It's the Red Hot Readers versus the Teen Green Dragons versus the "Title" Wave Adult Readers again this year, and the Red Hot Reader Kids need to defend their status as Summer Reading Champions! Participants can pick up a paper log at the circulation desk any time throughout the summer or register for an online reading log. Links for online reading logs are as follows:

Red Hot Reader Kids: <https://wandooreader.com/pawlingfreelibrary/red-hot-readers-2017>

Teen Green Dragons: <https://wandooreader.com/pawlingfreelibrary/green-dragon-teens-2017>

Title Wave Adults: <https://wandooreader.com/pawlingfreelibrary/title-wave-adult-readers-2017>

Track each team's progress with the skyscraper trackers and get to know your "crew" by reading the hard hat participant charts located in the Main Library. All participants are invited to the end of year ice cream sundae celebration for their hard work on 9/9. September store, to redeem Red Hot Reader Points, will run 9/7-9/9.

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## Family Events (Continued)

**Family Fun Team:** Help us prepare for the children and families' contribution to our annual summer carnival! (Weather Permitting) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm –Courtyard

Family Fun Team involves all members of a family, no matter how big or small. Together, with other families and Ms. Martina, brainstorm and build carnival games for our end of year summer carnival. Recycled materials will be available, and should also be gathered by participating families as available. Participation in this program also requires attendance at our end of summer carnival on August 20th, from 1-3 PM.

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**Solar Eclipse Picnic Viewing:** Join us for our Solar Eclipse picnic, family fun, and observation of the Great American Solar Eclipse. Monday, 8/21, 1:00-4:00pm –Courtyard

A partial solar eclipse will be visible from our Courtyard from about 1:15 to about 4:00 PM this day. This is a rare phenomenon you won't want to miss out on! We will provide safe viewing glasses for families to view the event with as well as fun activities to help children document and understand this spectacular sight.

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**Rocket Ship Adventures:** We love space and all things NASA here at the Pawling Free Library. You'll find out just how much at this adventure-filled evening event. Saturday, 7/22, 6:00-7:30pm –Main Library

This one off Saturday workshop focuses on rockets and the science of how they work, astronauts, and what they commonly see in space. We will have a bottle rocket launch competition outside, sing space related songs, and learn about thrust and gravity, among other activities.

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**Construction Junction:** A one-day only workshop, coinciding with the theme of the summer, "Build a Better World." Saturday, 8/12, 6:00-7:30 PM –Main Library

Construction Junction is our second one-off workshop of the summer. We will spend the evening learning about all the different ways people "construct" things, from buildings to poems to a sweet summer treat!

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## How to Enroll

**Registration for our summer session programs runs from Tuesday, June 13th to Monday, June 19th.**

Registration is required for all events. The registration will operate using a lottery system, as in previous years. Come drop off your form at any point during the library's regular hours between June 13th and 19th at the library's circulation desk, pick a lottery number, and get ready for summer learning.

Applications include a registration form, allergy form, and photo release. **Applications can be downloaded from PFL's website** at <https://www.pawlingfreelibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Summer-2017-Registration-form.pdf> or picked up in person from the library's circulation desk. We want all children to be encouraged and able to participate in our programs, so, should any problems or obstacles occur that prevent your family from registering, please contact [children@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:children@pawlinglibrary.org).

**Placements will be available starting June 21<sup>st</sup>** at 12:00 pm. To find out the results of the lottery, stop by the front desk, call the library at 855-3444, or email Ms. Neena at [children@pawlinglibrary.org](mailto:children@pawlinglibrary.org).