



Summer 2021 Children's Programs

In Person and Digital Programs

Registration starts 6/21

Our library offers free, educational, and engaging programs for all ages. This guide outlines our July-August programming for children birth through elementary school.

Summer runs 7/12 - 8/21 *

(*Starred programs are held outside of this date range)

Rolling Registration as space is available starts 6/21

Registration can be completed in person at the library or online from this document. Click the name of a program to be taken to the registration for that event.

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COVID-19 Policies Continue

Though much has changed lately, our library does still have COVID-19 response policies in place.

Unvaccinated patrons over the age of two MUST wear a mask while attending in-person library events.

This means children ages 3- 12 must be masked at events, even outdoors. For the most up to date information about our policies, visit our website ([click here](#)).

In-person programs may be outdoor, indoor, or a mix, depending on weather. Please refer to each event for full details.

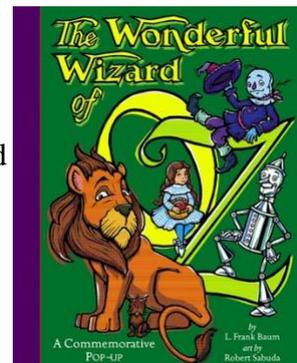
WE'RE EXCITED FOR...

Wizard of Oz Block Party*

(All ages and a caregiver)

Saturday, 8/28 1:00 – 3:00 PM – Lakeside Park

The library is celebrating 100 years! Our end of summer party aims to connect back to the time of the library's founding in 1921 through L. Frank Baum's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. The world of Dorothy, Toto, and Oz will be at the heart of this year's event, which will feature inflatables, music, and a Wizard of Oz themed costume contest. Additionally, families will be invited to "Dunk the Wicked Witch" and members of the library's staff at a dunk tank and challenged to follow the yellow brick road. No registration is required for this Centennial Committee sponsored event.



Early Learning In-Person Events

Programs for children birth to age five and their caregivers

Baby Bounce and Groove

(Birth – 18 months and a caregiver)

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 am – MIXED LOCATION

Join us for stories, rhymes, and baby movement. We'll focus on the keys for early literacy—singing, reading, talking, playing, and pre-writing. This six-week program will be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows but move indoors if conditions are poor. [Register here.](#)

Toddlers in Training

(18 – 30 months and a caregiver)

Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:45 am – MIXED LOCATION

Interactive storytime featuring puppets, instruments, and elements of music & movement. Program ends with play. This six-week program will be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows but move indoors if conditions are poor. [Register here.](#)

Summer Sensory: Cloud Dough

(2-5 years and a caregiver)

Tuesday, 8/3, 4:00 - 4:45 PM – INDOORS

Also available as a take home kit.

Taste safe sensory play helps children connect what they see, hear, touch and smell to learning concepts. Work together to make cloud dough, a super soft play material. Smocks available for children, but we suggest all wear clothes that can get messy. [Register here.](#)



Twodaloo Twos (2.5 – 3.5 years and a caregiver)

Fridays, 10:00-10:45 AM – MIXED LOCATION

On Friday mornings, toddlers rule the library! This program includes songs, stories, and games plus a play-based learning activity, like art or parachute play. This six-week program will be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows but move indoors if needed. [Register here.](#)

Read and Play (3-5 years)

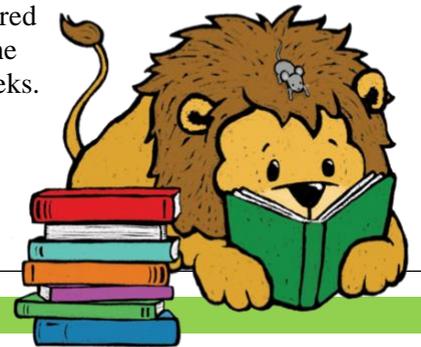
Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 PM – MIXED LOCATION

Our Kindergarten readiness class uses a play-based curriculum to encourage learning connections. Our small group will focus on early literacy and math skills through a combination of hands-on activities and group storytime. Caregivers required to remain on site for the program. Runs six weeks. [Register here.](#)

Pre-K Science Club (3.5-5 years)

Thursdays, 11:00-11:45 AM – INDOORS

Little explorers will investigate early science concepts as a small group. Each week's program includes a story plus games or science experiments. Smocks will be provided, but we suggest kids wear clothes that can get messy. This six-week program will be held outside in our courtyard as weather allows, but move indoors if conditions are poor. Caregivers required to remain on site for the program. Runs six weeks. [Register here.](#)



Early Learning Digital

Learning at home for those under 5 years old

Zoom Time! Digital Storyhour

(Ages 2-5 and a caregiver)

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 AM - Zoom

Not ready to step back into in-person programs? We get it. This program will feature interactive games, music, and stories. Families welcome to tune in just to watch or to participate over camera/mic. Runs six weeks, starting 7/14. [Register here.](#)

Mid-Hudson Storytime Series (All ages)

Watch live to interact with our guests or on-demand.

Meet a Pirate! *

Thursday, 7/8, 4:00-4:45 PM - Facebook Live

Meet Captain Marvel (Superhero)

Thursday, 8/12, 4:00-4:45 PM - Facebook Live

This program is a partnership between Parties with Character and libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Join as our special guest chats with kids and reads a story. Watch live for a chance to win a 1:1 video call with our heroes or watch on your own schedule. [Register here.](#) Not on Facebook? Request a copy of the program be sent to your inbox [here.](#)

Early Learning Kits

Pre-prepped learning activities to do at home

Safari Adventure Kit (1.5 - 5 years and caregiver)

Available for pickup mid-July

Ready for a safari? Register to pick up a kit including all the supplies you'll need to create your own safari hat. Then, explore the library courtyard (or set up your own animal scavenger hunt at home) to see if you can find all our jungle animals. [Register here.](#)

Summer Sensory: Rubber Duck Literacy

(1.5 - 5 years and caregiver)

Available for pickup mid-July

This kit will combine shaving cream with rubber ducks for messy fun. Plus, letters and words will be hidden in for a play-based literacy game, differentiated based on age.

[Register here.](#)



Summer Sensory: Cloud Dough

(2 - 5 years and caregiver)

Available for pickup early August

Also available as an in-person program. This kit will include all the materials needed to make taste-safe cloud dough. Taste safe sensory play helps children connect what they see, smell, touch, etc. to learning concepts. This is a messy activity. [Register here.](#)

Olympic Medal Kit

(1.5 - 5 years and caregiver)

Available for pickup early/mid-August

Kids and caregivers can work together to create a wearable Olympic medal to celebrate the Olympics! This kit relies on skills like coloring, tracing, and threading that help prepare kids to write. Differentiated based on age.

[Register here.](#)

Farm Sticker Play Kit

(1.5 - 5 years and caregiver)

Available for pickup mid-August

We love stickers! They help kids master their fine motor skills and expand their vocabulary without any fuss. Create a farm scene and do some math learning with this kit.

Differentiated based on age. [Register here.](#)

Reading Challenge for our Community

Help us earn a new early learning toy, earn awards, and encourage a lifelong love of reading

Have you heard that your family's reading and learning time can help support our library? Our summer reading community prize is back, along with individual prizes, and we can't reach our goal without the kid's team!

Here's how it works: Minutes read between June 21 and August 21 will be logged for three teams, the kids, teens, and adults! Families who read together are welcome to join their preferred team. The team that reads the most minutes will be crowned Summer Reading Champions! Plus, participants can earn cool prizes like brag tags, forever books, and family tickets to Danbury Westerners games.

Community Mindfulness is also part of our program with our community prize. The minutes logged by all three teams will be totaled together as we all work towards our community goal of 20,000 minutes read. If our community can track 20,000 minutes, we can acquire our community prize, a new marketplace play shop for our children's area. If we earn it, the shop will be a permanent fixture, where families can learn and play. Any reader who tracks minutes and helps us reach our goal will get their name featured on our recognition sign on the marketplace. Every family who uses it will know that your hard work reading helped make the play area possible!



To get involved, you can [print](#) or pick up a paper tracker from the library circulation desk. You can also track online at <http://pawlinglibraryny10.readsquared.com/>

Elementary In-Person Events

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES KINDERGARTEN – FIFTH GRADE IN FALL 2021

Sport S.T.E.A.M. (Grades K-5)

Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – INDOOR

This class is also available as a take home kit. Please choose one option when registering. Explore the science, math, engineering, and art elements of popular sports through hands-on activities. Plus, we'll talk Olympics!

This is a six-week program. [Register here.](#)

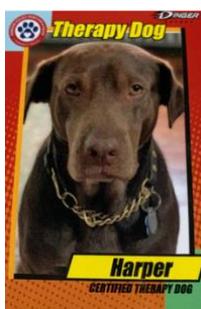
Dog Tales * (Grades 1+)

**Biweekly Wednesdays (7/7, 7/21, 8/4, & 8/18)
by 15 minute appointment – OUTDOOR**

We've got a new furry friend at the library!

Harper is a certified therapy dog that loves to hear stories and is trained to work with children. Developing readers are invited to sign up for 15 minute sessions to practice their reading aloud, all while making a new animal friend.

[Register here.](#)



Huge Hungry Hippos! S.T.E.A.M. (Grades K-5)

Monday, 7/12, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – OUTDOOR

Have you played the popular board game "Hungry Hungry Hippos?" This program challenges kids to work together to design and build a hippo for our own life-size version of the game! This activity will be held outside as weather allows but move indoors if needed. [Register here.](#)

DIY Flapper Headband and Necklace (Grades K-5)

Monday, 7/19, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – INDOOR

We're celebrating 100 years at the library! Join us to go back in time to when the library was first founded in Pawling in 1921. Learn about how America changed for women and girls in the 1920s. We'll try out popular dance moves of the era and make accessories. [Register here.](#)

Wild Lights Paint (Grades K-5)

Monday, 7/26, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – OUTDOOR



Choose between an adorable fox or a sweet sloth nightlight and paint it your own way! Each participant will also receive a Lola the Library Owl pendant to paint. This activity will be held outside as weather allows, but move indoors if needed.

[Register here.](#)

Babe Ruth and the 1920's Yankees (Grades K-5)

Monday, 8/2, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – INDOOR

We're celebrating 100 years at the library! Join us to go back in time to when the library was first founded in Pawling in the 1920s and when Babe Ruth and the Yankees ruled baseball! We'll also make origami baseball jerseys and play active games. [Register here.](#)

Great Swamp Safari (Grades K-5)

Monday, 8/9, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – OUTDOOR

Animals are loose at the library! Learn about animals local to the Great Swamp through play, as we go on a search-and-find safari. Participants can also design their own safari hat. This activity will be held outside as weather allows but move indoors if needed. [Register here.](#)

Jazz Greats (Grades K-5)

Monday, 8/16, 4:00 – 5:00 PM – INDOOR

2021 is the library's 100th birthday! When our library was first built in 1921, Jazz music was sweeping the nation. We'll create makerspace instruments and learn about 1920s jazz greats like Louis Armstrong in this celebratory event.

[Register here.](#)



Virtual Storytime SERIES

LIVE - 2ND THURSDAYS @ 4:30PM

Live! THURSDAY
JULY 8

4:30-5:00 PM

Arrr! Meet A Pirate on Facebook Live!



Pawling Free Library · Desmond Fish Public Library · Stone Ridge Library
Morton Memorial Library and Community House · Hurley Library
Patterson Library · Pleasant Valley Library · North-East Millerton Library

Meet superhero
Captain Marvel

Live! THURSDAY
AUGUST 12

4:30-5:00 PM



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Elementary Digital and Kit Programs

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES KINDERGARTEN – FIFTH GRADE IN FALL 2021

Book Buddies (Grades 1+)

Mondays, 2:30 – 3:00 PM – Zoom

Kids work one-on-one with a teen mentor on developing reading skills. Teens will provide support when kids struggle and read or chat with them when they need a break. This is a six-week program. You must commit to 4 out of 6 weeks to join. [Register here.](#)

Got a tween/teen at home who is a strong reader? Youth 11 and older can volunteer as mentors in our Book Buddy program and earn community service hours! For more information, [click here.](#)

Roblox Club (Grades 2-5)

Biweekly on Wednesdays (7/14, 7/28, & 8/11)

1:00-2:00 PM – Zoom

Explore and share your favorite Roblox games with other Roblox fans! This social club invites kids to collaborate in the virtual world. A Roblox account (set up with a caregiver) is required to participate. [Register here.](#)

Zoom Squad (Grades K-5)

Thursdays, 2:30 - 3:30 PM – Zoom

During this program, kids play casual social games over Zoom and are given time to share/chat together. This is a six-week program. [Register here.](#)

Sport S.T.E.A.M (Grades K-5)

Supply kits provided. This is a six-kit program.

This class is also available as an in-person program. Please choose one option when registering. Explore the science, math, engineering, and art elements of popular sports through hands-on activities. New and developing readers may need adult support. [Register here.](#)

Community Service Kits (Grades K-5)

Supply kits provided. This is a three-kit program, available the weeks of 7/19, 8/2, & 8/16

Work on projects that bring cheer to or help our community. New and developing readers may need adult support. [Register here.](#)

Mindfulness Arts and Crafts (Grades K-5)

Supply kits provided. This is a six-week program.

These activities center on sensory experience and directing focus through mindful creation and play. Some activities may be messy. [Register here.](#)



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