

Harvard Public Library Children's Programs July & August 2019

Children's Room direct line: (978) 456 - 2381

Summer Reading at the Harvard Public Library

It's summer reading at the library, and we have lots of great events for kids all summer as well as the online summer reading program, Beanstack, in which children can track their reading time and earn prizes!

Register for Beanstack here:

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org>

All Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library

Support the Friends, and support children's programming at the library! Did you know that almost all children's programs at the HPL ~ from storytimes to hired performers to book groups to movie nights to the Summer Reading Program ~ are supported by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library?

Join the Friends with a tax deductible membership!

Membership information is on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>

The Caterpillar Lab

Wednesday, July 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

All Ages



Come meet some little-known native critters!

The Caterpillar Lab will feature a huge variety of New England caterpillar species munching on their food plants right in front of you. There will be plenty to see and touch. Educators from The Caterpillar Lab will teach you all about metamorphosis and tell incredible but true stories about the creatures' strange and surprising adaptations. Some caterpillars may be camouflaged to look like twigs or snakes. Some may have stinging spines or brightly colored baubles. Some may be as big as hot dogs! You're sure to see something new!

This drop-in program is well suited for the curious family and seasoned naturalist alike. Learn more about The Caterpillar Lab at www.thecaterpillarlab.org.

Drop-in, but get on the list to receive an email reminder!

All *Infant Storytimes* and *Sensory Playtimes* are drop-in.

Please pre-register for *all other* children's programs (including the *Storytime for 2's & 3's* and *Art & Stories for 4's & 5's*).

To pre-register for Summer Programs, Harvard residents may call the **Children's Room at (978) 456 - 2381**, not more than four weeks ahead.

Nonresidents may register for programs one week in advance of the event, provided that there is space available.

Please call ahead to confirm whether programs have available space.

A Universe of Songs and Stories with Davis Bates and Roger Tincknell

Thursday, July 11 at 3:00 PM
All Ages



Parents' Choice Award winning performers Davis Bates & Roger Tincknell will present this participatory program of stories and songs for all ages. A Universe of

Songs and Stories is an exciting family oriented program that explores a variety of cultural traditions.

Hear how the stars came to be in the sky, how foam came to be in the ocean and be prepared to sing, move and dance. There will be plenty of sing-alongs, a short lesson on how to play the musical spoons and an appearance by a dancing wooden dog named Bingo.

Seats are limited – please pre-register.

Edible Books Contest

Saturday, July 27
from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

All Ages (3 Age Categories)



Get creative with food and literature!

Create something with food to represent a book: you could create a broccoli forest for *Where the Wild Things*

Are, or bake an Elephant and Piggie cake for the *Elephant and Piggie* books. Or perhaps you're a fan of

Moby Dick – you could decorate a whale-shaped cookie. The only two guidelines are that your entry be made of food and related somehow to books. There will be three age categories: *Kids*, *Teen*, and *Adult*.

StoryWalk®

July 15
through July 20

Enjoy a StoryWalk® on the library grounds during the week of July 15.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Night Sky

Grades K through 6

Tuesday, July 23
4 half-hour sessions, starting at:
2:00, 2:45, 3:30, and 4:15 PM



Starlab, an inflatable indoor planetarium from the Museum of Science, will be coming to the library!

Come find out "what's up" in the night sky.

This presentation helps audiences discover which stars, planets, and other astronomical wonders are visible this evening. Using the Museum's portable planetarium, they will take us on a tour of the solar system and beyond, and provide useful tips on how you can navigate the night sky from your own backyard.

Only 25 people may attend each presentation.

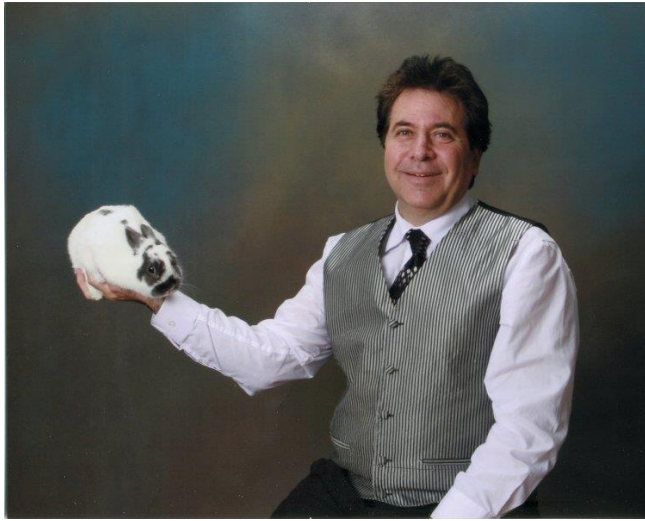
Please pre-register for only *one* presentation.

All children under the age of 7 *must* be accompanied by an adult.

Seats are limited – please pre-register.

Stephen the Magician

Wednesday, July 31 at 3:00 PM
All Ages



Stephen the Magician is a master of magic, illusion, hypnosis, and balloon sculpture. His unique show features lots of audience participation.

The show includes live animals.

Seating is limited – please pre-register.

Registration begins July 3.

Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals

Tuesday, August 13 at 3:00 PM
Ages 3 to 8



Lindsay's highly interactive, comedic performances delight the young and the young at heart! These larger than life, hand crafted puppets charm even the most timid audience members and provide memorable characters for positive short stories and skits. Kids chatter about their favorite puppets and funny moments long after a show! Kids will meet several puppets throughout the performance. Perhaps a goofy penguin or moose, a heroic tiger, or a lovable bear. Oh my! Maybe a dancing robot or flamingo, an adorable mouse, a stubborn goat, a shy dragon, or a singing dinosaur! Come find out who's making an appearance this time! Lindsay's comedic animation and timing, high energy, and uncanny knack for silly voices electrifies young crowds (and mastery of gentle crowd control will bring them back!). *Seating is limited – please pre-register.*
Registration begins July 16.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, August 2
(see below for drop off and pick up times)
All Ages



Would your stuffed animal like to have an adventure at the library with stuffed animals that belong to other Harvard kids? Choose one of your stuffed animals (preferably one you can spare for two nights!) to drop off at the library, and while the library is closed on Friday, the stuffed animals will get to party together and explore the library. Photos of the stuffed animals having fun at the library will be posted on the Children's Room social media pages!

Drop off your stuffed animals on Thursday, August 1;
pick up your stuffed friends on Saturday, August 3.

Please pre-register so that we can keep track of everyone's cuddly friends!

Tape Games

Thursday, August 8 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
All Ages



An open-house of tape games! We will have four cool tape games set up for you to enjoy: Laser Maze – get from one end of the maze to the other while picking up paper balls...but don't get "hit" by a laser! Skee-Ball – test your throwing skills and score as many points as you can by throwing paper balls at the target! Spider Web – can you make the paper balls stick in the sticky spider web? And the Dump Truck Race – race a dump truck along the zig-zag race track while picking up paper balls and putting them in the dump truck! Adults get to join in the fun & assist kids with game play. *Please pre-register. Registration begins July 11.*

Family Movie Nights!

Popcorn and water are served at movie nights.

Please pre-register, so we know how much popcorn to buy! ☺

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Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
(PG)

Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 PM



How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

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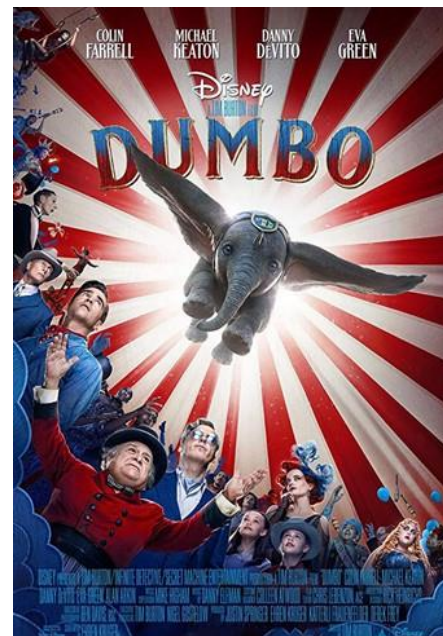
Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 PM



Dumbo

2019 live action version (PG)

Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 PM



Sensory Playtime

Saturdays, July 13 & August 10
All Ages



We will have several sensory stations with things to smell, touch, see, and hear in this interactive program that is designed to encourage sensory exploration for young children and their caregivers. Caregivers visit each sensory station with their children; we will have caregiver prompts at each station to help guide exploration and conversation between child and adult. Sensory play sometimes gets a bit messy – it's a good idea to wear old clothes to this playtime!

**Adult accompaniment required;
drop-in, no registration.**

Lego Club

Mondays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29
and August 5 & 12

from 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Ages 5 & up

Have fun building Lego creations with other Harvard Lego fans! Parents are encouraged to join in the fun & assist with supervision.

Please pre-register.



Storytimes

Summer Storytimes Run For 6 Weeks:
7/9 Through 8/15

Mother Goose on the Loose ~ Infant Storytime

Summer schedule: Thursdays at 10:30
from July 11 through August 15

Ages 0 – 2 and up

Drop-in Storytime

Mother Goose on the Loose is an early literacy program that uses rhymes and songs to help pre-reading children get ready for reading. It incorporates music, movement, ritual, repetition, positive reinforcement, developmental tips, nursery rhymes, puppets, musical instruments, colored scarves, and book reading into a fun-filled 30 to 45 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and caregivers (older siblings also welcome).

MGOL meets upstairs in Volunteers Hall.

Ask to be put on the email list for last minute schedule changes.

Storytime for 2's & 3's

Summer schedule: Wednesdays at 10:15 & 10:50
from July 10 through August 14

Ages 2 & 3

Registration Required

This 20 to 30 minute interactive theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, creative dramatics, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old.

Registration for the 6 week summer session closes on July 10
(or when the program is full, whichever comes first).

Pre-registration required:

Limit of 12 (minimum of 6) children and their caregivers.

Art & Stories for 4's & 5's

Summer schedule: Tuesdays at 10:30
from July 9 through August 13

Ages 4 & 5+

Registration Required

This 30 to 45 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, begins with a few longer picturebook stories, then ends with a process art project that encourages preschoolers to explore art materials in an open-ended, creative manner.

Registration for the 6 week summer session closes on July 9
(or when the program is full, whichever comes first).

Pre-registration required:

Limit of 12 (minimum of 6) children and their caregivers.

Paws and Read

Wednesdays, July 10 & 24 and August 14
from 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Independent Readers
Grades K & up



Reading to Faye or Rhia, the library's Therapy Dogs, is a fantastic way to bolster a child's reading confidence! Children who are independent readers can make a 15 minute appointment to read to one of these wonderful therapy dogs; on each date, 8 children total will get a chance to have either Faye or Rhia's undivided canine attention.
Pre-registration required ~ call the Children's Room to make your own special appointment to read to Faye or Rhia. Registration for each session begins 4 weeks prior to the session date.

GraviTrax Challenge

Tuesdays, July 9 & 30 and August 6
at 3:00 PM
Ages 8 & up



The challenge is to work as a team to build a marble raceway using the awesome new Ravensburger GraviTrax interactive track building set. Can you design a system that gets the marble from the start all the way to the finish?

Limited to 10 children – please pre-register.

Registration for each session begins 4 weeks prior to the session date.

More Summer Reading Information!

Summer reading ends at 9:00 PM on Thursday, August 15 (the summer reading prizes will be put away after 9:00 PM on the 15th.)

BOOKPLATES!

After 1800 minutes of reading (30 hours of reading), you'll be working towards a bookplate to be put into a library book, with your name and the total number of hours that you spent reading over the summer!

If you're working for a bookplate, remember that you stop tracking your reading on August 15. You do not have to come in to the library that day to confirm your reading time; we can access your online account after summer reading officially ends.
(Bookplate redemption begins after the Labor Day Holiday weekend, on Tuesday, September 3.)

Polymer Clay Workshop

Tuesday, July 16 at 3:00 PM

Ages 8 & up



With the guidance of an awesome teen volunteer, learn how to make a teeny tiny hamburger with all the fixins out of Sculpey clay! (If time permits, attendees might also learn how to make an itty bitty hot dog.)

Attendance is limited to 10 children, and children must be 8 and up due to the complexity of the craft.

Limited to 10 – please pre-register.