

# Harvard Public Library ~ Summer Reading 2025

## Ice Cream Social ~ Summer Reading Kickoff ~ Tuesday, June 24 at 4:00 PM ~ All Ages



Come make your own yummy sundaes on the library lawn with ice cream from West Side Creamery, socialize with friends, play lawn games, and enjoy classic rock songs performed by The Speed Bumps! (Rain dates are Wed. June 25 & Thurs. June 26 at 4:00 PM.)

**Let's go Low Waste!!!** Ice Cream Social attendees are encouraged to bring their own non-disposable bowls, cups, & spoons.

*This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library with support from West Side Creamery and Roche Bros.*

## Dinosaurs with the Dinoman! ~ Tuesday, July 1 at 3:00 PM ~ Grades K through 6

Dinosaur tracks lead right to our library! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, you will be taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative for all ages: we will learn about the age of the earth, how it is divided into eras, how fossils are formed, dinosaur behavior, and the newest finds. And did we mention that there will be life-size inflatable dinosaurs on stage?



## Rolie Polie Guacamole Band ~ Monday, July 7 at 3:00 PM ~ All Ages

Winner of the prestigious Parents' Choice® and NAPPA Awards, Rolie Polie Guacamole has developed a smart, parent-friendly musical style that dresses up original tunes and classic covers with vibrant harmonies and deft instrumental layers, plugging in a sizzling electric current of rhythm that lights up lyrics humming with relevance and humor. They have recorded 11 studio albums, with their 12th album released in early 2025; the new album features the viral hit "Yum Yum I Love A Tasty Dinner," co-written by Ike.

## Animal World Experience ~ Tuesday, July 15 at 3:00 PM ~ All Ages

Meet a variety of animals from around the world, presented by Matt from Animal World Experience! In this engaging educational program, audience participation is encouraged and there are lots of opportunities for volunteers to pet and interact with the animals. Children get to truly "experience" some familiar and unusual animals like never before. Best of all, it will be a surprise which animals come to visit us!



## Philip Alexander and The WiLD THiNGS ~ Saturday, July 19 at 11:00 AM ~ All Ages



Philip Alexander and The WiLD THiNGS put on an all-ages, kid-centric, rootsy rock 'n' roll show, guaranteed to get families singing and dancing together!

Playing humorous originals and beloved classics, The WiLD THiNGS is led by Berklee alum and experienced children's music performer Philip Alexander on vocals, guitar, and harmonica, features Sophia Bereaud on vocals, Larry Terry on saxophone & djembe drum, and Jerry Gill on lead guitar, backed by a rocking rhythm section.

Fun for kids from 1 to 100! ***This program is sponsored by a grant.***



## AbraKidabra! Magic Show ~ Tuesday, July 22 at 4:00 PM ~ All Ages

Get ready for AbraKidabra!, an exciting and fun magic show developed especially for kids and families by Mike Bent. In the 20 years that Mike has been entertaining audiences, he has gained a reputation as one of the best comedy-magicians in the country. Mike has even performed multiple times at the Annual White House Easter Egg Roll. AbraKidabra! is a state-of-the-art magic show written especially for children that combines amazing magic, big laughs, and hilarious surprises for a completely interactive experience.

Detailed descriptions of all programs are on the library's website: [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org)

Please register for all programs on the library's website or scan the QR code.

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## **Circus Minimus: The One-Man Circus-in-a-Suitcase ~ Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 PM ~ All Ages**

The One-Man Circus in-a-Suitcase gives everyone an opportunity to participate in an enthralling, whimsical celebration of the imagination. From Kevin O'Keefe's suitcase an entire circus emerges: tent, band, lights, the boisterous ringmaster Steve Fitzpatrick, the officious Mervin Merkle, the incredible Bumbilini Family, the Magician to the Stars Clyde Zerbini, and Keefer – an innocent trying to run away and join the circus. Each performance becomes a dialogue between the characters and the audience – a light-hearted collaboration.

*This program is sponsored by The Harvard Public Library Trust*



## **Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals ~ Wednesday, August 6 at 3:00 PM ~ All Ages**

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. 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!).

## **Toe Jam Puppet Band ~ Tuesday, August 12 at 4:00 PM ~ All Ages**

Audience members of all ages are encouraged to sing and dance along with Toe Jam as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs and interactive storytelling. Get ready for a Car Wash, watch out for the Flying Laundry and be prepared to laugh with glee, Toe Jam style!



## **Family Movie Nights**

*Dog Man* (PG) ~ Friday, June 20 at 6:30 PM

*Mufasa: The Lion King* (PG) ~ Thursday, July 10 at 6:30 PM

*Paddington in Peru* (PG) ~ Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 PM

## **Paws and Read for Grades K through 5 ~ Wednesdays, July 16 & 30 and August 13 Appointments at 3:45, 4:05, & 4:25 PM**

## **Stuffed Animal Sleepover ~ Thursday, July 10 through Saturday, July 12 (drop off & pick up times listed online)**

## **LEGO Club ~ Mondays, July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, and August 11 at 4:00 PM ~ Grades K – 6**

## **Marshmallow Building Workshop ~ Thursday, July 17 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM ~ All Ages**

## **Sunprints ~ Thursday, July 31 from 4:00 to 5:00 ~ Ages 5 and up**

## **Children's Literature Book Group for Grownups ~ Thursday, July 31 at 7:00 PM**

## **Edible Books Contest ~ Tuesday, August 5 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM ~ All Ages**

## **Tiny Art Show ~ Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 to 2:00 ~ All Ages**

## **Outdoor "Campfire" Storytime ~ Summer Reading Finale ~ Thursday, August 14 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM**

## **Storytimes**

**Registration is required for Storytime for 2's & 3's and Art & Stories for 4's & 5's.**

*For full descriptions of each storytime, see the library's website: [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/storytimes](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/storytimes)*

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime – Ages 0 – 2+: *Thursdays at 10:30, July 10 – August 14*

Storytime for 2's & 3's – Ages 2 & 3: *Wednesdays at 10:30, July 16 – August 13*



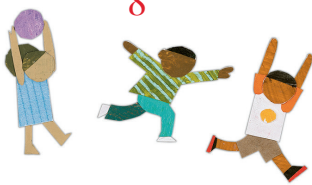
Stories for 4's & 5's – Ages 4 & 5 and up: *Tuesdays, July 15, 22, 29 and August 12 at 10:30 AM*

Saturday Storytime for Stuffed Animal Sleepover Pickup – All Ages: *Saturday, July 12 at 10:30*

Saturday Toddler Storytime – Ages 1 – 3: *Saturday, August 2 at 10:30 AM*

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	June 17 <b>Summer Reading Begins!</b>	18	19 Library Closed	20 <b>6:30 Movie Night</b> <i>Dog Man</i>	21
23	24 <b>4:00 Ice Cream Social</b>	25 <i>Rain Date for Ice Cream Social</i>	26 <i>Rain Date for Ice Cream Social</i>	27 	28
30	July 1 <b>3:00 Dinosaurs with the DinoMan</b>	2 <b>3:45 Paws and Read</b>	3	4 Independence Day Holiday Library Closed	5 Library Closed
7 <b>3:00 Rolie Polie Guacamole Band</b>	8 	9	10 <b>6:30 Movie Night</b> <i>Mufasa</i>	11 Library Closed	12 <b>10:30 Saturday Storytime</b> <i>for stuffed animal sleepover pickup</i>
14 <b>4:00 LEGO Club</b>	15 <b>3:00 Animal World Experience</b>	16 <b>3:45 Paws and Read</b>	17 <b>4:00 Marshmallow Building</b>	18 Library Closed	19 <b>11:00 WILD THINGS concert</b>

*Stuffed Animal Sleepover*





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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<b>July 21</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>LEGO Club</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>AbraKidabra</b> <b>Magic Show</b>	<b>23</b>  	<b>24</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>26</b>  
<b>28</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>LEGO Club</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>6:30</b> <b>Circus</b> <b>Minimus</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>3:45</b> <b>Paws and</b> <b>Read</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>Sunprints</b>  <b>7:00</b> <b>Children's Lit</b> <b>Book Group</b>	<b>August 1</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>10:30</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Toddler</b> <b>Storytime</b> <i>ages 1 - 3</i>
<b>4</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>LEGO Club</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>10:00 to</b> <b>6:00</b> <b>Edible</b> <b>Books</b> <b>Contest</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>3:00</b> <b>Lindsay &amp;</b> <b>Her Puppet</b> <b>Pals</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>6:30</b> <b>Movie Night</b> <i>Paddington in</i> <i>Peru</i>	<b>8</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>10:00 to</b> <b>2:00</b> <b>Tiny Art</b> <b>Show</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>LEGO Club</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>4:00</b> <b>Toe Jam</b> <b>Puppet Band</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>3:45</b> <b>Paws and</b> <b>Read</b>	<b>Last Day of 14</b> <b>Summer Reading!</b>  <b>6:30</b> <b>Outdoor</b> <b>"Campfire"</b> <b>Storytime</b>		

For information about summer storytimes and for program descriptions, please see reverse side.

Please register for all events. Register online at [www.harvardpubliclibrary.org](http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org)

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