

# HARVARD PUBLIC LIBRARY ~ SUMMER READING 2026

## Ice Cream Social ~ Summer Reading Kickoff ~ Tuesday, June 23 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 24 & Thurs. June 25 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.*

## Outdoor Games Spectacular and Ribbon Dancer Craft ~ Thursday, July 2 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM ~ All Ages

Trevor "The Games Man" delights young and old from the moment he arrives, stiltwalking in at over 9' tall! Then comes the Aerial Delights Show, an up-in-the-air participatory extravaganza of tricks and skills. Next are active games for everyone, either parachute games or running games. And, for the last half hour, Trevor leads participants in making Ribbon Dancers, that classic loooong ribbon-on-a-stick toy; every child gets to make a Ribbon Dancer to take home! This program will take place outdoors to a crowd of unlimited size. In case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled. Please register so that we can notify you in case of rain & rescheduling!



## Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals ~ Tuesday, July 7 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!).

## Animal World Experience ~ Thursday, July 16 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! **Bonus:** After the show ends, attendees can stay for an additional hour, which will be informal, supervised animal interaction and petting time.



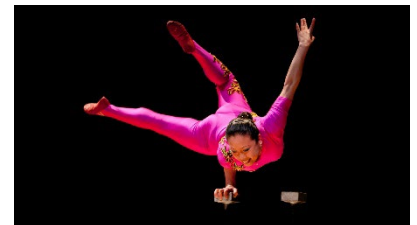
## Toe Jam Puppet Band ~ Thursday, July 23 at 4:00 PM ~ All Ages

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!

## Acrobat Li Liu ~ Saturday, July 25 at 6:30 PM ~ All Ages

We are thrilled to bring this mesmerizing and unique program to the library for a return visit! Li Liu is a Chinese acrobat originally from the city of Shenyang in The Northeast of China who performs a 45 minute solo show. The performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography, and culture, providing cultural context for her performance.

**Seats are limited. Registration is recommended.**



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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## AbraKidabra! Magic Show ~ Tuesday, July 29 at 3:00 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.

## Bingo with Ooch! ~ Tuesday, August 4 at 4:00 PM ~ All Ages

Don't miss the Bingo event of the year! Brett Outchunis, aka Ooch, will run a fun and fabulous Bingo event for all ages featuring music, challenges, prizes, and BINGO! Stay tuned for more details...and make sure to register to reserve your spot!



## Arthropod Petting Zoo with Professor Bugman ~ Wednesday, August 12 at 3:00 PM ~ Ages 3 to 11

Kids learn all about Arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet, during this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program! Learn, see, hear, touch, and even smell the incredible adaptations these creatures have that help them survive in the wild world.

**Registration is required!** Enrollment is limited to 30 children ages 3 to 11.

## Family Movie Nights

*Hoppers* (PG) ~ Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 PM

*GOAT* (PG) ~ Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM

**Paws and Read for Grades K through 6 ~ Wednesdays, July 1 & 15 and August 5**  
**Appointments at 3:45, 4:05, & 4:25 PM**

**LEGO Club ~ Mondays, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 10 at 4:00 PM ~ Grades K – 6**

**Children's Literature Book Group for Grownups ~ Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 PM**

**Tiny Art Show ~ Saturday, August 1 from 10:00 to 2:00 ~ All Ages**

**Sunprints ~ Thursday, August 6 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM ~ Ages 8 and up**



## Storytimes

Registration is required for Storytime for 2's & 3's. Mother Goose and Saturday Storytimes are drop-in.

*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 16, 23, 30 and August 13*

**Storytime for 2's & 3's** – Ages 2 & 3: *Wednesdays at 10:30, July 15 – August 12*

**Saturday Toddler Storytime** – Ages 1 – 3: *Saturday, August 8 at 10:30 AM*

## Baby & Toddler Disco Party! ~ Thursdays, July 9 & August 6 at 10:30 AM ~ Ages 0 – 3+ and their grownups






Babies and toddlers are ready to groove with this kid-friendly disco party! Bring your tiny dancer and we'll supply the music, lights, and a photo booth. Drop in anytime during the 45 minute party to dance and have fun with your child. Bonus points for dressing disco style! *Please note that there will be flashing lights and noise.*

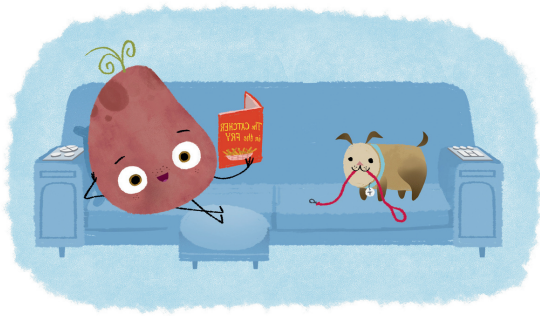
Registration is not required, but if you register you will be added to the email list for last minute schedule changes.



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			June 18 <b>Summer Reading Begins!</b>	19 Library Closed	20
22	23 <b>4:00 Ice Cream Social</b>	24 <i>Rain Date for Ice Cream Social</i>	25 <i>Rain Date for Ice Cream Social</i>	26 	27
29 	30	July 1 <b>3:45 Paws and Read</b>	2 <b>4:00 Outdoor Games Spectacular</b>	3 Library Closed	4 Independence Day Holiday Library Closed
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13 <b>4:00 LEGO Club</b>	14	15 <b>3:45 Paws and Read</b>	16 <b>3:00 Animal World Experience</b> <b>6:30 Movie Night! Hoppers (PG)</b>	17 Library Closed	18



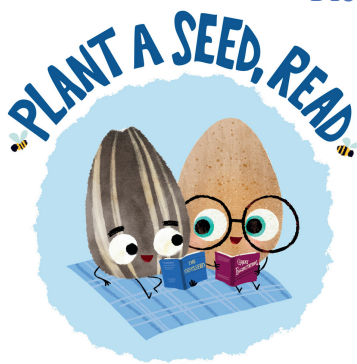
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<p>10</p> <p>4:00 LEGO Club</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:00 Arthropod Petting Zoo</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Last Day of Summer Reading!</p>		

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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