

Summer Reading 2020 at the Harvard Public Library

June 16 through August 13

Welcome to Summer Reading at the HPL!

We are so excited about this summer's reading program!

The library's summer reading program is designed to encourage kids to read, write, think, and create all summer long.

Using Beanstack, a terrific online program, kids can track their reading time, write book reviews, do fun activities, earn badges and prizes, and enter raffle ticket drawings for cool prizes.

In addition, thanks to the Friends of the Harvard Public Library, the library is offering four virtual performances this summer, as well as "in-house" virtual programs including Craft Week, book groups, and storytimes.

Learn all about the HPL Summer Reading program in this newsletter!

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What is Beanstack?

Log your summer reading and activities with Beanstack, our online summer reading program!

<https://harvardpubliclibrary.beanstack.org/>

Using Beanstack, You Can:

Log your reading time

Write book reviews

Do fun activities

Create picture reviews

Earn badges and prizes

Enter raffle drawings

Earn a bookplate!

Beanstack How-To Videos

Are you new to the Beanstack program?

Or perhaps you just need a refresher course in how to log your reading time?

We have created a series of Beanstack How-To Videos that are available on our YouTube channel.

The videos are sorted into the playlist “Summer Reading How-to Videos.”

Access the playlist here!



Badges

As you enter your reading time and complete activities in Beanstack, you will earn **virtual badges!** Look on the “Earned Badges” tab of your account to see how many you have earned!

Prizes

We have streamlined prizes for this summer! At **10 hours of reading**, you will earn a **Prize Bag** that can be picked up curbside.

At **20 hours of reading**, you will earn an awesome giant lawn **Pinwheel** that can be picked up curbside! Plant your Pinwheel in your front yard so that everyone in town will know that you are a fabulous reader!

At **30 hours of reading**, you will earn a **Bookplate** that will be placed in a library book, with your name and the total number of hours that you spent reading over the summer! Make a reading goal for yourself! Aim high! (*Bookplate redemption takes place in September.*)

Certificates

At certain hour markers in your reading log, you will earn **Certificates!** Beanstack will give you the links for these printable certificates.

Raffle Drawings

As you read and do activities in Beanstack, you will earn **Tickets**. There are 12 very cool figures that are going to be raffled off at the end of the summer (lots of dragons, a couple of unicorns, and some other fantastical beasts). Assign your tickets to the ones you most want to try to win!

(Pictured below is the Earth Dragon figure)



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?**

Sadly, the Friends were not able to hold their Annual Book Sale this May, which is their primary fundraising event.

Consider joining the Friends with a tax deductible membership! Membership information is on the library's website:
<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/friends-library>

Wild About Balloons Magic Show



Video will be available from Wednesday, July 8 through Tuesday, July 14

All ages friendly show. Join Jungle Jim on a comical reading adventure! This engaging performer takes you on an incredible video journey with balloons and magic. Enjoy giant animals, silly magic, zany humor and of course, the 6-foot balloon! This 30 minute recorded performance focuses on engagement and interaction with the viewing audience.

This program will be a pre-recorded video available on YouTube for a one week period.

Please pre-register – all registrants will be sent the YouTube link when it becomes available.

Virtual Performances

Dinosaur Fossil Workshop with the Dinoman!



**Wednesday, June 24
at 4:00 PM**

Join Bob Lisaius, the Dinoman, for a cool virtual workshop about fossils. With magic, merry mayhem, and fossils, 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.

Expect lots of science, dinosaur parts, magic, and fun!

This live program will be presented via Zoom – enrollment is limited to 100 participants, and registration is required (the Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants the day prior to the program).

More Virtual Performances

Rainforest Reptiles



**Thursday, July 30
at 3:00 PM**

In this dynamic and interactive 20 minute program attendees will meet and learn about an alligator and a lizard. Herpetologists from Rainforest Reptiles will give you every fact and dispel your misconceptions about these fascinating animals. Co-founders Joaney M. Gallagher and Michael K. Ralbovsky of Rainforest Reptile Shows have over 200 exotic reptiles. Their animals are the stars in an interactive show for all ages.

This live program will be presented via Zoom – enrollment is limited to 100 participants, and registration is required (the Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants the day prior to the program).



Sir George and the Dragon



**Video will be available on
Tuesday, August 11
from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

For nearly forty years the Pumpernickel Puppets have captivated audiences of all ages with humorous and colorful adaptations of classic folk and fairy tales. The Pumpernickel Puppets have had the honor of appearing at The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, The Center for Puppetry Arts, Atlanta, GA and the prestigious International Festival of Puppetry sponsored by the Jim Henson Foundation in New York. Pumpernickel Puppet shows are presented with a cast of colorful puppet characters, live voices and sound effects and fast paced scripts that not only entertain, but stimulate children's imagination and creativity. A demonstration period follows the performance giving the audience some insight into what happens behind the scenes.

This program will be a pre-recorded video available on the performer's website for a 12 hour period on August 11. The video link for this performance is:

<http://www.pumpernickelpuppets.com/harvard>

Other Virtual Programs

Camp Out Week



Week of June 28

You can camp out in a tent in your yard or you can camp out inside your house (a sheet draped over a couple of chairs makes an excellent indoor tent!).

Make some of your favorite camping snacks (S'Mores, anyone?), and have a fun time with your family telling stories and singing songs.

You can earn a badge in Beanstack for participating in Camp Out Week! Camp Out Week is officially the week of June 28, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!



Virtual Ice Cream Social Summer Reading Kickoff!



Thursday, June 18

Though we can't hold our usual in-person Ice Cream Social this summer, we are encouraging all Harvard families to enjoy ice cream and treats *at home* on Thursday, June 18.

Take lots of photos of your yummy treats and home-based fun, and send your best pics to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

We'll upload photos to a photo album on the Children's Room Facebook page so that we can create a virtual town-wide Ice Cream Social!

Tag us on Instagram: #hplsummer20

Take a Hike Week!

Week of July 12

Go for a walk or a hike somewhere with your family – you could walk around your own yard, or you could go for a hike somewhere else.

Take a look around you as you walk – what do you see?

You can earn a badge in Beanstack for participating in Take a Hike Week! Take a Hike Week is officially the week of July 12, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!

Craft Week!



Week of July 19

Be creative this week, and make a craft or be artistic.

Use whatever arts and crafts supplies that you have in your house: you could draw something, or paint a picture, or fold some origami, or mold some clay.

You can earn a badge in Beanstack for participating in Craft Week!

Craft Week is officially the week of July 19, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!

Writing Week!



Week of August 2

Find a piece of paper and a pen or pencil, and write something.

You could write a story, or you could write about what you did today, or you could write a letter.

Your writing can be as long or as short as you want it to be.

You can earn a badge in Beanstack for participating in Writing Week!

Writing Week is officially the week of August 2, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!

Imagine Your Story is sponsored by: **The Friends of the Harvard Public Library**, the **Massachusetts Library System**, the **Boston Bruins**, and **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners**.

All Programs Sponsored by the Friends of the Harvard Public Library

All summer programs are **VIRTUAL** this year.

Though programs will be virtual this summer, preregistration is still required for virtual performances and for book groups and storytimes; registrants will be sent emails with links to the programs.

Some programs will be hosted live through Zoom: registration for those programs is limited, and first priority is given to Harvard residents/HES students. Some performers will be sharing links to prerecorded videos for their performances; there are no registration restrictions for those programs.

To register: call the Children's Room at (978) 456 – 2381, OR send an email to: childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

VIRTUAL BOOK GROUPS



Bagels n' Books Group for 4th Graders
Tuesday, July 7 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Bagels n' Books Group for 5th Graders
Tuesday, July 14 from 4 to 4:45 PM

Bagels n' Books Group for 6th Graders
Tuesday, July 21 and
Tuesday, August 4 from 4 to 4:45 PM

For these summer virtual book group meetings, each book group member will choose a book to read on their own, and then share their thoughts about their book with the group when we meet.

Meetings take place via Zoom; Zoom links will be sent to book group members the day prior to their group meeting.

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome! Please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to be added to a book group email list (be sure to tell us what grade you are going into in the fall so that we can include you in the correct group!).



VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

All Virtual Storytimes take place via Zoom. Please let us know if you would like to be added to a storytime email list by sending an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org. Make sure to indicate which age group your child is in (aged 0 – 2+, aged 2 & 3, or aged 4 & 5) so that we can send you the proper Zoom link!

Virtual Version:
Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime
Ages 0 – 2 and up

Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM
through August 13

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).

There is a unique Zoom link for each meeting of the Mother Goose on the Loose storytime – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the business day prior to each storytime meeting.

Virtual Version:
Storytime for 2's & 3's
Ages 2 & 3

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
through August 12

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.

There is a unique Zoom link for each meeting of the Storytime for 2's & 3's – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the day prior to each storytime meeting.

Virtual Version:
Stories for 4's & 5's
Ages 4 & 5 and up

Mondays at 1:30 PM
through August 10

This 30 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7, features a few longer, more complex picturebook stories and some fun fingerplays and songs.

There is a unique Zoom link for each meeting of the Stories for 4's & 5's – these links are emailed to our storytime email list members the Friday prior to each storytime meeting.