

Summer Reading 2021 at the Harvard Public Library

June 16 through August 19

Welcome to Summer Reading at the HPL!

We are so excited about this summer's reading program, **Tails & Tales**!

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 tons of fun activities, earn badges and prizes, and enter raffle ticket drawings for cool prizes.

In addition, the library is hosting outdoor performances, book groups, and storytimes this summer, as well as a few virtual programs.

Events are free of charge, but do require pre-registration. See program descriptions in this newsletter for complete information about summer events.

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!

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children>

New videos will be added in early June to reflect recent updates to the Beanstack program!

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 badges you have earned!

Prizes

At **10 hours of reading**, you will earn a **Prize Bag**

Each prize bag contains a random selection of prizes including small toys, a pencil, stickers, etc.

At **20 hours of reading**, you will earn an awesome **Lawn Sign!**

Plant your lawn sign 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 more than 30 cool figures of animals and dragons that are going to be raffled off at the end of the summer. Assign your tickets to the ones you most want to try to win!

(Pictured below is the Snow Dragon figure)





Tails & Tales is sponsored by:

The Friends of the Harvard Public Library,
The Harvard Public Library Trust,
the Massachusetts Library System,
the Boston Bruins, and
the Massachusetts Board of Library
Commissioners

Registration is required for all events.
Register for Events by sending an email to:
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

Register for Storytimes and Book Groups
by using the appropriate Google Form
(links to Google Forms are in storytime and
book group descriptions).

All events subject to change.

In case of rain, outdoor events will be
held virtually, rescheduled, or cancelled.



Summer Reading Kickoff Concert with Electric Orange



**Wednesday, June 23
at 4:00 PM**

Enjoy classic rock and pop songs performed
by the talented local band Electric Orange!
This concert will be outdoors on the library lawn –
bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.

*Rain date for kickoff concert is
Thursday, June 24 at 4:00 PM.*

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

*This program is sponsored by the
Friends of the Harvard Public Library*



Magic by Scott Jameson



**Wednesday, June 30
at 3:00 PM**

Join magician and juggler Scott Jameson for an extraordinary performance that will have you laughing out loud and perched on the very edge of your seat. Umbrellas will be plucked from thin air, a drawing will come to life, basketballs will be spun and juggled, and the audience will travel through time.

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn – bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.

Register by sending an email to
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*This program is supported in part by a grant from the
Harvard Cultural Council, a local agency
which is supported by
the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.*

Flying High Dogs



**Thursday, July 15
at 4:00 PM**

Mike Piazza is a multiple world finalist and world record holder in K-9 Frisbee and the current #1 Professional K-9 frisbee performer in the world.

Mike has over 20 years of experience and performs at more than 150 shows each year.

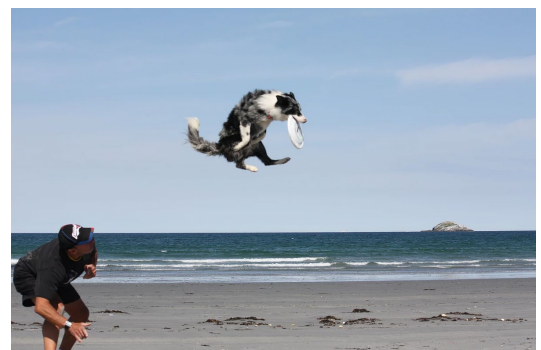
Mike has performed for NFL, NBA, MLS, Minor League Baseball, ESPN, Animal Planet, NESN, college halftime sporting events, fairs, TV commercials, magazine covers, camps, schools, libraries, and many more.

Mike performs with some of the most athletic Border Collies on the planet to entertain audiences of all ages. Their act is very youth and family friendly! The team performs a variety of frisbee & other entertaining tricks during the performance, and there is a lot of audience participation!

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn – bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

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



Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk



**Tuesday, July 27
at 4:00 PM**

Ed Popielarczyk is a professional magician, balloon sculptor, flea circus ringmaster, and storyteller who has been entertaining children and family audiences for over thirty years.

His magic show is a comedy show that uses lots of audience participation. YOU are the stars of the show because you help to make the magic happen.

Ed usually has lots of trouble! He doesn't just "do a trick," he tells a story that revolves around each trick. It may be a short story or a longer one, but each story helps to bring the trick together.

This show will be outdoors on the library lawn – bring a blanket or chairs for your family to sit on.

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Wally's Making Books Come Alive



**Tuesday, August 10
at 2:00 PM**

Wally, the official mascot of the Boston Red Sox, will be at this virtual event held via Zoom!

Come along with Wally on an interactive reading adventure! He will be showing kids how to use sounds, actions, and imagination to make books come alive!

This fun, fast-paced show invites kids to explore the joys of reading while laughing and increasing their confidence in learning.

This show will be virtual via Zoom.

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

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Nest StoryWalk®

presented by
Mass Audubon



**Program activities are geared to ages 5 – 11
but all ages are welcome**

Wednesday, August 11
Staggered arrival times
run from 1:00 to 2:30 PM

Enjoy a self-guided StoryWalk of Jorey Hurley's lovely storybook, *nest*, on the library lawn.

Climb into a human-sized nest!

Examine a variety of bird nests from Wachusett Meadow's permitted collection and then try your hand at creating a nest of your own. Nest-building supplies will be provided in individual sets.

Registration Limit: 16 total families with staggered arrival times of two families every 15 minutes.

This program will be held completely outdoors.

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

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Friends of the Harvard Public Library***

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson
of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration
with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.
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Virtual Craft Programs



Wednesday, July 7 at 4:00 PM
Wednesday, July 14 at 4:00 PM
Tuesday, August 17 at 4:00 PM

All summer craft programs will be held virtually via Zoom. Three awesome teen volunteers (and a library staff member) will teach crafts to attendees.

Craft projects to be announced – sign up for a virtual craft date to get full details!

To keep the group size manageable, registration is limited to twelve children who are Harvard residents/HES students.

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

Virtual Saturday Storytimes

Ages 3 to 7

Saturdays, July 24 and August 14
at 10:30 AM

Join three awesome teen volunteers (and a library staff member) for some fun stories presented via Zoom.

Register by sending an email to
childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org

The Zoom link for these storytimes will be emailed to registrants on the Thursday afternoon prior to the storytime meeting.

Beanstack Badge Programs

Earn Beanstack activity badges and raffle tickets by independently participating in Camp Out Week, Take a Hike Week, Writing Week, and Craft Week!

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 and raffle tickets 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!

Writing Week!



Week of July 26

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 and raffle tickets in Beanstack for participating in Writing Week!

Writing Week is officially the week of July 26, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!

Take a Hike Week!



Week of July 19

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 and raffle tickets in Beanstack for participating in Take a Hike Week!

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

Craft Project Week!



Week of August 9

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 and raffle tickets in Beanstack for participating in Craft Week! Craft Week is officially the week of August 9, but you can earn this badge anytime in the summer!

Write Stuff



4th through 6th Grade

**Tuesday, July 6
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM**

This low-key, supportive writing group is for kids in grades 4 through 6 who love to write. We will talk books and writing, do some fun writing exercises, and share as much (or as little!) of our writing with each other as time allows. Writing group membership is limited to 12 children who are Harvard residents/HES students to keep the group size small.

To register, please send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org
Be sure to tell us what grade you're in!

This group will meet outdoors on the library lawn (in case of rain, we will meet virtually via Zoom).

Children's Literature Book Discussion Group for Grownups

**Thursday, July 8
at 7:00 PM**

It's no secret that many grownups love to read children's books! If you're one of these grownups and you'd like to be able to discuss children's literature in a book group setting, then this group is for you. Discussion is facilitated by Abby, the children's librarian, who has an MA in Children's Literature from Simmons University.

Sign up for the group, and we will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing.
Summer book title is TBA.

Send an email to childrensroom@harvardpubliclibrary.org to be added to the email list for this group. Book group membership is limited to grownups with a Harvard/HES connection, in order to keep the group size small.

This group will meet outdoors on the library lawn (in case of rain, we will meet virtually via Zoom).



Did you know the HPL has added two awesome children's databases?

BookFlix: Learning to Read, then Reading to Learn

Thematically paired fiction and nonfiction titles are designed to bridge learning-to-read and reading-to-learn. Animated classic storybooks introduce early learners to the delights of reading while sparking curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction text for deeper discovery.

Scholastic Teachables: Worksheets, lesson plans, learning games, and more!

Formerly known as Scholastic Printables, this database offers printable activities for any subject: math, science, reading comprehension, STEM, writing, and beyond. Download printable lesson plans, reading passages, games and puzzles, clip art, bulletin board ideas, and skills sheets for kids in any grade.

You can access these great databases from the Databases for Children page on the library's website:

<https://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/children/databases-children>

OUTDOOR BOOK GROUPS



Book Gobblers Book Group for 1st & 2nd Graders

Monday, July 26 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

In this read-aloud book discussion group, Abby will read a story aloud to the group, then we will discuss the book together.

Group members do not read a book ahead of time.

4th Grade Book Group

Monday, July 12 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

5th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, July 13 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

6th Grade Book Group

Tuesday, July 20 from 4:00 to 4:45 PM

Want to join a book group? We'd love to have you – new members are welcome; however, book group membership is limited to children who are Harvard residents/HES students, in order to keep the book group sizes small and manageable.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to a book group email list by filling in the HPL Book Group Registration Form:
<https://forms.gle/gg9xnRKxyFQyTkrh9>

We will request for you a copy of the book we will be discussing; book titles are TBA.

Book group members should read at least half (but preferably all! ☺) of the book prior to the group meeting.

**All book groups will meet outdoors
on the library lawn.**

**In case of rain, book groups will meet
virtually via Zoom.**

OUTDOOR STORYTIMES

All storytimes will be held outdoors on the library lawn, socially distanced under a tent.

In case of rain, storytimes will be held virtually via Zoom.

**Registration is required for all storytimes
due to limited space.**

Use the online Storytime Registration form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ku8orCyKE8NYZXoC6>

Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime

Ages 0 – 2 and up

Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30

July 8 – August 19

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 minute session for infants to 2-year-olds and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

Storytime for 2's & 3's

Ages 2 & 3

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM

July 7 – August 18

This 20 to 30 minute theme-based storytime includes songs, simple stories, feltboard stories, and fingerplays appropriate for children aged 2 & 3 years old and their caregivers (older siblings are also welcome).

Stories for 4's & 5's

Ages 4 & 5 and up

Mondays at 1:30 PM

July 12 – August 16

This 30 minute program, appropriate for children ages 4 to 7 and their caregivers, features a few longer, more complex picturebook stories and some fun fingerplays and songs. (Older siblings are also welcome.)