

SUMMER READING 2018 at the Amherst Town Library

AMHERST – Libraries Rock! is the theme this summer at the Amherst Town Library. Summer Reading materials will be available as soon as school is out, and our activities and events will kick off on Monday, June 18. The program will run for eight weeks, and will culminate on Friday, August 10th with an Ice Cream Social at the Congregational Church.

As in the past, our young participants will keep a reading log and will chart the time they spend reading, with stops along the way to earn stickers, free books, and prizes. Our babies will be earning stickers every time they attend the Baby Listeners program. Parents of registered readers will also have a chance to win gift certificates to local restaurants. There will be many interesting programs offered for kids, teens, and adults, too, so make sure to visit the library often, no matter what your age!

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES for kids

SUMMER STORYTIMES:

Storytime at Joshua's Park with Miss Lisa (all ages welcome, with stories geared to kids ages 3 to 6). Pack a morning snack and head on down to the park for some stories. Mondays at 9:30am. From June 18 to August 6, weather permitting.

Rockin' Afternoon Storytime with Miss Sarah (ages 3-6, younger siblings are welcome to attend with caregiver). 2:00PM June 18 to July 23.

Family Storytime with Miss Sadie (all ages welcome, with stories geared to kids ages 3 to 6) 10:00 AM on Wednesdays, June 20 to August 8.

Storytime at Baboosic Lake with Miss Sarah (all ages welcome, with stories geared to kids ages 3 to 6). Pack a lunch and head on down to the town beach for some stories by the water. Thursdays at 12 noon. From June 21 to August 9, weather permitting.

Baby Listeners with Miss Sarah (newborn—age 2) 10:30 AM on Fridays, June 22 to August 10. Come to the library on Friday mornings for this caregiver/child program for our youngest children. We gather for rhymes, songs, puppets, and a simple book or two.

SPECIAL "LIBRARIES ROCK" SING-ALONG SESSIONS with Miss Sarah

Thursday mornings at 10:00am June 21-July 12. Come on down to help Miss Sarah sing some classic children's songs---we'll have some instruments for you to play along, and we'll get you up and dancin'! For all ages, no registration required.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS Here's the lineup for this year's special family events:

No registration is necessary for most of these events—but please take note of the suggested ages. We do ask that you register for the live animal program, as it must be held in the meeting room.

Wednesday, June 20 at 2:30 pm---Family Music with **Ben Rudnick and Friends** (all ages)

Wednesday, June 27 at 3:00pm---Percussion Program with **Trashcan Lid Productions** (ages 5 and up)

Wednesday, July 11 at 4:00pm---Family Music with **Steve Blunt and Friends** (all ages)

Wednesday, July 18 at 10:30am—**Annual Pet Show** outside on the Library lawn—weather permitting. (Ages 5 and up sign up in the Children's Room to bring a pet--- all ages welcome to come and see)

Wednesday, July 25 at 3:00pm—**Abri-kid-abra Magic Show with Mike Bent**—(ages 4 and up)

Wednesday, August 1 at 3:00pm—Live Animal Show with **Reptiles on the Move** (ages 5 and up, registration required)

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SUMMER CRAFTS:

Make-it/Take-it Craft Materials and instructions will be available all summer long. Each week a different craft will be provided--see if you can make them all!

OTHER PROGRAMS:

Parent/Child Ukelele “Play”-shop with Amy Conley

Tuesday, July 10 from 2:30-4:00pm Ages 7 and up w/adult. Come to learn about the “uke”, and by the time you leave you’ll be singin’ and playin’ all by yourself! Registration required.

Make Your Own Instruments

Wednesday, July 18, at 2:00pm. Come and join us for this hands-on program where we build our own music-making creations. Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

American Girl Summer Tea Party

Tuesday, July 24 at 2:30pm. Bring your favorite American Girl doll to a special tea party at the library. There will be a story or two, some crafts, and, of course, refreshments!
Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Summer Breeze Story and Craft Program

Monday, July 30 at 2:00pm

Come to the library for some windy stories and songs, and go home with a wind-chime that you’ve made for yourself!

Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Yoga for Busy Bodies

Thursdays at 10:00am July 19 to August 23

Miss Becky is back with her gentle introduction to yoga for the younger set.

Ages 3 and up. Registration required.

But wait—there’s more!

Libraries Rock!-music exploration fun:

Tuesdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm---June 19 to August 7. Any time you drop by between 10 and 4 on a Tuesday*, you and your kids can do some creative exploration with the musical activities that are set up in the Johnson Meeting Room. There will be a variety of activities available each week---including a keyboard, percussion experiments, and make-your-own instrument opportunities.

*Tuesday, July 24 and July 31, activities end at 1:30pm to accommodate other programming.

Paws for Reading with Brook and Monica

3:30-4:30 on the following Fridays: June 29th, July 13, July 27, Aug. 17 and Aug. 31

Our favorite Australian Shepherd and her human friend, Monica, will be visiting the library this summer to listen to our kids read! To register for a “reading appointment”, call 673-2288.

Matinee Movies

Drop in to watch a movie on our big screen. It’s a cool place on a sunny day, and a dry place on a rainy day! All movies are rated either G or PG. Thursdays at 2:00pm from June 21 to August 9.

Movies will be shown on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm from August 14 until August 28.

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Ice Cream Social!

On Friday, August 10th, from 3:30-4:30 pm, there will be a celebratory Ice Cream Social at the Congregational Church on the Green. There will also be face painting and other activities. Don't miss this final farewell to summer. It will be an afternoon that you won't soon forget!

Teen Summer Reading---

Teens are invited to join the summer reading fun. We'll offer "book bucks" for every book read and program attended, which may be redeemed for books-to-own or entered into weekly raffles. Miss Lisa and Miss Sarah are challenging our teens to read a total of 350 books. We know you can do it!! Come to the library and register for Summer Reading!!

Summer Programs for Teens

Space is limited, so please register online.

"BUILD FOR THE KIDS"

Thursday, June 21 from 6:30—8:00pm

Help create an outdoor musical station for our younger patrons to explore and enjoy all summer long. Fun for you and fun for them! Register online. Ages 10 and up.

"SHIRTS AND SLICES!"

Monday, June 25 from 4:00—6:00pm

Kick off your summer by joining Miss Lisa and Miss Sarah to create your own beautiful tie-dyed t-shirt. You bring the white t-shirt and we provide everything else. We'll finish up with some fresh pizza!

Register online. Ages 10 and up.

"LIBRARIES ROCK! AFTER-HOURS MUSIC FOR TEENS"

Friday, July 13 from 6:30—7:30pm

Eat your supper and then come on down to the library to listen to some great live music! We're opening the building after-hours especially for the teens! Music provided by our own local high school band, Four And More! While you listen--play a game, do some coloring, and munch on some refreshments. Ages 12 and up.

"Art Rocks! CRAFT PROGRAM FOR TEENS"

Thursday, July 19 from 6:30—7:30pm

Come to the library to create a **T-shirt Tote**. Learn how to re-purpose a favorite old "T"!

Register online. Ages 10 and up.

"Art Rocks! CRAFT PROGRAM FOR TEENS"

Wednesday, July 25 from 6:30—7:30pm

Come to the library to create some music-inspired art. We'll put on some tunes (bring in something you love to listen to!) and we'll do some CD scratch art and create some zen-inspired decorative stones. Register online. Ages 10 and up.

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Summer can be a busy time with vacation and activities but reading can be a great addition to the schedule. Get started on the road to fun by visiting the Amherst Town Library and joining the library-wide Summer Reading Program!
Visit our website www.amherstlibrary.org or call the library (673-2288) to sign up for programs or for more information.