

JESSE M. SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

**OPEN TO THOSE
ENTERING GRADE 5 AND UNDER**

**Sign-ups begin Mon. June 16.
The program runs from
Mon. June 16 to Sat. Aug. 2.**

Goal:

Read or be read to for 12 hours

YOU get to choose what to read. Picture books, non-fiction books, chapter books, graphic novels, e-books, being read to, and listening to audiobooks all count as reading.

Your reading log is the sheet containing 12 circles. Each circle represents 1 hour of reading time divided into 3 parts - 20 minutes each. Every time you read or are read to for 20 minutes, use your stamp to mark it on your reading log.

Starting on Mon. June 16, kids are invited to sign up for the Summer Library Program. After signing up, they can "check-in" to the Children's Dept. each week with the reading log. Show us how much of your reading log you have filled in so far and earn a small prize. Each week, a new prize will be offered.

**To complete 12 hours of reading,
fill in 12 circles on your reading log.**

**Finish and check-in at the
Children's Dept.
by Sat. Aug. 2 at 12:00 pm to earn:**

- raffle ticket for 1 of multiple gift baskets
 1. Sonic the Hedgehog Basket
 2. Mario Brothers Basket
 3. Minecraft Basket
 4. Pokemon Basket
 5. Sports Basket
 6. Fun & Games Basket
- certificate
- 1 turn at our Disc Drop prize game to win 1-3 FREE books

* Readers are welcome to log more reading time on an extra reading log sheet (available in the Children's Dept.) and earn an additional turn at our Disc Drop prize game to win 1-3 more FREE books.

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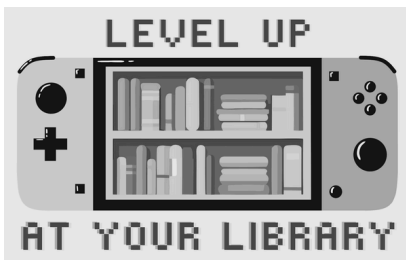


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For kids entering grade 5 and under

MON. JUNE 16 - SAT. AUG 2, 2025

NAME: _____

GOAL: READ OR BE READ TO FOR 12 HOURS

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- Each circle represents 1 hour of reading.
- Use your stamp to mark each 20 minutes of reading.
- (optional) Visit the Children's Dept. once a week with this reading log. Check-in to show us how much you have read so far and earn a small prize.
(prizes change weekly starting each Monday)

**BRING IN YOUR COMPLETED
READING LOG BY**

**SAT. AUG. 2 AT 12:00 PM TO
BE AWARDED YOUR PRIZES.**

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MONEY MONDAYS FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS

For kids going into grades 1-5



June 23 – July 28 (Mon.)

2:00 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Participants will learn about financial topics — like saving, spending, sharing, and budgeting — in a way that is both meaningful and fun.

Registration is required for each individual program. Sign up for one or multiple programs. Visit the Children's Dept. or call 401-710-7800 to register. **Registration Required.**

- Mon. June 23 - Currency Conga
- Mon. June 30 - Piggy Bank Theater
- Mon. July 7 - Making Mooo-lah
- Mon. July 14 - Penny Pinchers' Party
- Mon. July 21 - Pet Cents
- Mon. July 28 - Best of Money Mondays & Cardboard Piggy Banks*

* Kids must have attended at least one prior Money Monday program to attend this final one.



Thinking Money for Kids is an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

DREAM UP A CHARACTER: TRADING CARD DESIGN PROGRAM

For kids going into grades 1-5



June 21 (Sat.)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

*limited to the
first 50
mission sheet
submissions*

Sponsored by the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.

We are partnering with The GIANT Room to give kids the opportunity to create, design, and keep their own character trading card. Attend the event to complete a Mission Sheet with your original character drawing, name, and powers. The library staff will submit the sheets to The GIANT Room. Using AI, the drawings will be transformed into a professional trading card. In early August, kids can come to the library to pick up their trading card.

DIY FOR KIDS:

POKÉMON COLLAGES

Drop-in.



June 25 (Wed.)

5:00–7:00 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)



Best for kids ages 4 - entering grade 5 with an adult caregiver. Given recycled pages from Pokémon books that have been removed from our circulating collection due to normal wear & tear, kids can cut and paste to create their own poster to keep and take home.

Drop-in.

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BABY & TODDLER PLAYTIME



June 26 – July 24 (Thurs.)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For ages 3 years and under with a caregiver. Stop in to meet other caregivers and make new friends. The room will be set up with age appropriate toys and board books for little hands. Siblings welcome!
Drop-in.

LEGO CLUB FOR KIDS



June 27 (Fri.) 1:15–3:15 pm

July 18 (Fri.) 1:15–3:15 pm

Aug. 1 (Fri.) 1:15–3:15 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Kids age 3 - grade 5 with an adult caregiver are invited to participate in our drop-in style program. Bins of Lego bricks will be set up at tables for kids to build with. We will provide the Legos, you provide the imagination! Kids may display their creations in the Children's Dept. for 1 month for all to admire.
Drop-in.



CRAFT CORNER FOR KIDS

New crafts will be available every two weeks. Make the craft at our tables or ask for a bag to take it to go.

- Mon. Jun. 16
- Mon. Jun. 30
- Mon. July 14
- Mon. July 28

during regular Children's Dept. hours.

WATER PARK WEDNESDAYS ON THE RIVERWALK



July 2, 16, 30 (Wed.)

10:00 – 11:30 am

Riverwalk



Best for kids in grade 5 and under with their families. Cool off and have fun with a variety of water play stations set up on the Riverwalk such as water park sprinkler, water tables with toys, water walls, water chutes, squirt toys and more.
Drop-in.

Water Park Wednesday is weather dependent and may be canceled if a full water ban is in effect. Call the library or check our Facebook page for updates.



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MESSY MONDAYS: PROCESS ART FOR TODDLERS



July 7, 14, 21 (Mon.) *Things WILL get messy!*
9:30 – 10:30 am

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

For ages 3 years and under with a caregiver. Process art emphasizes creating the art rather than the finished product. Toddlers will explore and experiment with different media in a way that develops fine motor skills and imagination. These activities will include stations like finger painting and messy sensory bins. Please dress appropriately. (It wouldn't hurt to bring an extra change of clothes for your child... just in case.) **Drop-in.**

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS, TWEENS & TEENS



July 10, 17, 24, 31 (Thurs.)
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Community Room (1st floor)

Five chess boards will be set up in the Community Room for drop-in chess matches. Open to kids, tweens, and teens age 17 and under. *Note to parents and caregivers: Kids under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible caregiver over the age of 13.* **Drop-in.**

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PERLER BEADS CLUB: FOR KIDS AND TWEENS



July 8 (Tue.) 5:00–7:00 pm

July 25 (Fri.) 1:00 – 3:15 pm

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.

Best for ages 6-12 with an adult caregiver. Given a variety of pegboards and different color plastic beads, kids will arrange and design their own piece. After using an iron and wax paper to melt the beads together, kids will have art to take home. **Drop-in.**

FINE MOTOR FRIDAYS



July 11 & 18 (Fri.)

9:30 – 11:30 am

Children's Program Room (2nd floor)

Best for kids ages 3 - 5 and their families. Activity stations include stringing beads, cutting scraps of paper, and sorting small objects with the goal of developing fine motor skills. **Drop-in.**



Activities will include small objects that can be choking hazards for kids under 3 years old.

BUBBLE BULOOZA FOR KIDS



July 12 (Sat.)

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Riverwalk

Best for kids in grade 5 and under and their families. Let's fill the Riverwalk with bubbles! Trays of bubble solution, large bubble wands, and a bubble machine will keep the kids engaged. **Drop-in.**

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SUPER SIZED CANDY LAND



July 15 (Tue.)
5:00–7:00 pm
Riverwalk

Best for kids entering grade 5 and under with their families. Play a super sized version of Candy Land where YOU are the game pieces. Pick a card from the deck to see which color shape you have to move to next. A great family event. **Drop-in.**

MINECRAFT CANVAS ART



July 23 (Wed.)
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm
Children's Program Room
(2nd floor)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Jesse Smith Library.

For kids age 4 - entering grade 5. Level up your painting skills! Kids will paint a Creeper from Minecraft on a canvas to take home. Register for one of the two available time slots, space is limited. Visit the Children's Dept. or call 401-710-7800.

Registration required and opens July 1.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT (ALL AGES)



July 24 (Thurs.)
5:00– 7:00 pm
Library wide

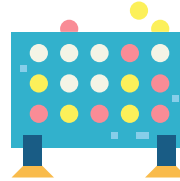
Fun for ALL ages! Games will be located throughout the library for families and friends to enjoy! Check out different departments where there will be board games, puzzles, Dance Dance Revolution, and more! **Drop-in.**

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SUPER SIZED GAMES



July 22 (Tue.)
5:00–7:00 pm
Riverwalk

Kids and their families can enjoy playing super sized games like Jenga, Connect 4, and XL Tetris Tumble behind the library on the Riverwalk. **Drop-in.**

"AT THE CAR WASH"



July 28 (Mon.)
10:00 – 11:00 am
Riverwalk

"At the Car Wash" is weather dependent and may be canceled if a full water ban is in effect. Call the library or check our Facebook page for updates.

Best for kids age 3 - entering grade 5 with their families. Come play with our collection of toy matchbox cars and trucks in the sand and mud. Then walk the vehicles through the "car wash" sprinkler tunnel to clean them off. You'll get wet too! Each child will get to take home a toy vehicle to keep. **Drop-in.**



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ANGRY BIRDS CATAPULT



July 29 (Tue.)

6:00–7:00 pm

**Children's Program Room
(2nd floor)**

Best for kids in grade 5 and under and their families. Using blocks and boxes, kids will set up structures to be destroyed by stuffed animals being catapulted at them like in the popular game Angry Birds. All materials will be provided.

Drop-in.

TRADING CARD EVENT



Aug. 2 (Sat.)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Children's Program Room
(2nd floor)**

For kids entering grade 5 and under. Gather at the library to show off your card collection - Pokémon, Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh, or sports cards and admire other collections. With parent permission, kids can trade their cards with others. Kids who participated in Dream Up A Character: Trading Card Design Program in June will receive their card to keep plus one other to trade! **Drop-in.**

INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNTS FOR KIDS



Shapes with letters on them are hidden throughout the Children's Dept. on the 2nd floor of the library. Earn a small prize after finding all the letters to spell out the special word.

- **sandcastle** - Mon. June 9 - Sat. June 21
- **fireworks** - Mon. June 23 - Sat. July 5
- **baseball** - Mon. July 7 - Sat. July 19
- **strawberry** - Mon. July 21 - Sat. Aug. 2

during regular Children's Dept. hours.

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Summer Reading Finale Event



Interactive Outdoor Bubble Show



Thurs. July 31

10:00 am on the Riverwalk

For kids & families. Bursting with joy and upbeat energy, Sara Joy entertains and dances with a variety of innovative bubble props set to music for non-stop fun. She creates the largest bubbles you've ever seen, zillions of tiny bubbles, and everything in between, with interactive moments of audience participation and play! **Drop-in.**

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In the case of inclement weather, this program may be moved inside and space will be limited. Call the library or check our social media pages for updates.

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