

# Summer Library Program 2026

## June 8 - August 1



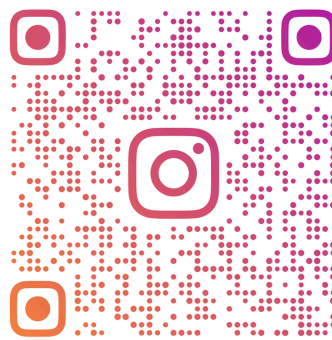
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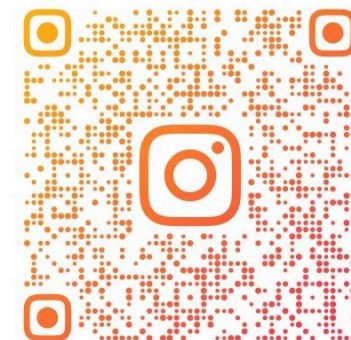
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# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 <b>beanstack</b> Pre-Register for the Summer Reading Challenge!	2 3:30 PM - LEGO Club: Constellation Viewing Box	3	4 4:00 PM - Tween Time	5	6 11:00 AM - Saturday Storytime
7 Summer Reading Challenge starts tomorrow!	8 10:15 AM - Baby Lapsit	9 10:30 AM - Toddler Time 4:00 PM - Teen Tuesday	10 10:30 AM - Storytime 1:00-3:00 PM - Dairy Day	11 10:30 AM - Sprout Squad 4:00 PM - Tween Time	12 10:30 AM - Friday Family Flix: The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants (Rated-PG)	13 Read to Dottie+
14	15 10:30 AM - Parachute Play 1:00 PM - Engineering Camp+	16 10:30 AM - Toddler Time 1:00 PM - Engineering Camp+ 4:00 PM - Teen Tuesday	17 10:30 AM - Storytime 1:00 PM - Engineering Camp+ 5:30 PM - Pike Lake Day	18 10:30 AM - Sprout Squad 1:00 PM - Engineering Camp+ 4:00 PM - Tween Time	19	20 11:00 AM - Saturday Storytime with Casa Guadalupe (English & Spanish)
21 	22 10:15 AM - Baby Lapsit	23 10:30 AM - Toddler Time 4:00 PM - Teen Tuesday	24 10:30 AM - Storytime 6:00 PM - Science Heroes	25 10:30 AM - Sprout Squad 4:00 PM - Tween Time	26 10:30 AM - Friday Family Flix: How to Train Your Dragon 2025 (Rated-PG)	27
28	29 10:30 AM - Parachute Play 2:00 PM - Ahhh, Milk! Storytime	30 10:30 AM - Toddler Time 4:00 PM - Teen Tuesday	1	2	3	4

+ Advance sign-up required. Registration available approximately one month prior to program. Learn more about Youth programs at [hartfordlibrary.org](http://hartfordlibrary.org)

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

MONDAY, JUNE 8 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Register for the Summer Reading Challenge, starting June 8!



Log your reading minutes at [hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org](http://hartfordlibrary.beanstack.org) or use the app to earn badges, prizes, and tickets for grand prize drawings!

## June Storytimes

Baby Lapsit -

Monday, June 8 at 10:15 am  
Monday, June 22 at 10:15 am  
*Best suited for ages birth to 17 months*

Parachute Play -

Monday, June 15 at 10:30 am  
Monday, June 29 at 10:30 am  
*Best suited for ages 18 months to 3 years*

Toddler Time -

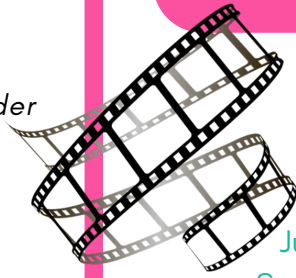
Tuesdays at 10:30 am  
*Best suited for ages 18 months to 3 years*

Storytime -

Wednesdays at 10:30 am  
*Best suited for ages 4 years and older*

Saturday Storytime -

Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 am  
Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 am  
*Stories and fun for the whole family!*



# JUNE 2026

## THE DETAILS

### Sprout Squad - Ages 5-8

Thursdays 10:30 am

- June 11 - Build a Bug Hotel
- June 18 - Origami Tulips
- June 25 - Jumping Frogs

### Tween Time - Ages 9-12

Thursdays 4:00 pm

- June 4 - Mini Garden Gnome
- June 11 - Chia Pet
- June 18 - Book BINGO Bonanza!
- June 25 - Friendship Bracelets

### Teen Tuesday - Ages 12-18

Tuesdays 4:00 pm

- June 9 - Pipe Cleaner Animals
- June 16 - Fandom Night
- June 23 - Pages & Projects
- June 30 - Art Club

### Friday Family Flix 10:30 AM

- June 12 - The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants (Rated-PG)
- June 26 - How to Train Your Dragon 2025 (Rated-PG)



## Events/Entertainers

Wed. June 10 from 1:00-3:00 pm  
**Dairy Day**

June is Dairy Month and we're having Dairy Day at the library! Try your hand at milking a "cow," guess what's in the bucket, spin the wheel, and eat a sweet treat! Drop-in anytime between 1:00-3:00 pm. It's Dairy fun for the whole family! While supplies last.

Wed. June 17 at Pike Lake State Park  
5:30-6:30 pm - Mystery Box Hike  
6:30 pm - Campfire, Songs & More!  
1st 25 vehicles without a state park sticker get in free. Sponsored by Forte Bank!

Wed. June 24 at 6:00 pm  
**Science Heroes**

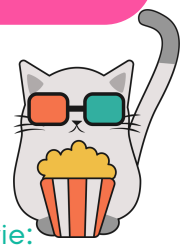
Unearth your love for science in this interactive S.T.E.M. show! Volunteers help conduct exciting experiments while we celebrate scientists who work with dirt!

Mon. June 29 at 2 pm  
**Ahhh, Milk! Storytime**

Join Wisconsin-born author Abbe Starr as she reads her book **Ahhh, Milk!**, create crafts, and try different types of milk!

## Engineering Camp+ June 15 - 18 from 1:00-3:00 PM

Join us as we explore Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, and Aerospace Engineering. Work individually and as a team to design and create fun engineering projects. For kids entering Kindergarten through 8th Grade. 30 spots available. Must pre-register.





# JULY 2026

Continue reading and logging your minutes  
for the Summer Reading Challenge!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 10:30 AM - Storytime 4:00-5:30 PM - Youth Market Day	2 10:30 AM - Sprout Squad 4:00 PM - Tween Time	3 Library Closed for the Holiday	4 Library Closed for Independence Day
5	6 10:15 AM - Baby Lapsit	7 10:30 AM - Toddler Time 3:30 PM - LEGO Club: Boats 4:00 PM - Teen Tuesday	8 10:30 AM - Storytime 10:00 AM-7:00 PM - Maxwell Street Day Downtown Scavenger Hunt	9 10:30 AM - Sprout Squad 4:00 PM - Tween Time	10 10:30 AM - Friday Family Flix: Smurfs 2025 (Rated-PG)	11 Read to Dottie+
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# SLIME-ONADE

Monday, July 13 at 4:00 PM



Meet in The Spot to learn why slime is so... well... slimy! Then, make your very own slime! Warning!

This program may be too fun!

Weather permitting, most of this program will be held on the westside lawn of the library!!



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Tuesdays at 10:30 am

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### Sprout Squad - Ages 5-8 Thursdays 10:30 am

July 2 - Painted Rocks

July 9 - Oil Pastel Rocking Birds

July 16 - Windmills

July 23 - Button Bugs

July 30 - DIY Kaleidoscope

### Tween Time - Ages 9-12 Thursdays 4:00 pm

July 2 - Pet Rocks

July 9 - Animal Bookmarks

July 16 - Sand Bottle Potions

July 23 - Dragon Eye

July 30 - Mini Forever Plant

### Teen Tuesday - Ages 12-18 Tuesdays 4:00 pm

July 7 - Painted Bookends

July 14 - Board Game Tournament with Tweens

July 21 - Pages & Projects

July 28 - Art Club



### Friday Family Flix 10:30 AM

July 10 - Smurfs 2025 (Rated-PG)

July 24 - Zootopia 2 (Rated-PG)

## Events/Entertainers

Wed. July 1 from 4:00-5:30 pm

### Youth Market Day

Youth ages 6-17 can register to be a vendor at our 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Market Day! Items for sale should be homemade, homegrown, or home-baked. For an application & more info, stop by the youth desk.

Wed. July 8 from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Downtown Scavenger Hunt

Stop by Forte Bank's table in front of Douglas Jeweler during Maxwell Street Day to get your scavenger hunt to earn a prize!

Wed. July 15 at 6:00 pm

### Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals

Do we need to say more? Animals in the library!

Wed. July 22 at 6:00 pm

### Tom Pease

Let's sing & be silly with Tom!

Wed. July 29 at 6:00 pm

### Magic Morgan & Liliana

Award-winning magicians provide an extraordinary blend of eye-popping illusions, daring stunts, and mind-boggling tricks. Watch as the impossible unfolds before your eyes in a show that will have you laughing and gasp as you wonder, "How did they do that?"

## Programming Basics Camp+

July 20-23 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Interested in learning computer programming? Then check out Programming Basics Camp and learn the basics of HTML and Python.

Each day new information is introduced.

No experience needed. Bring a laptop!

For kids ages 10-14.

20 spots available. Must pre-register.

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Keep logging your minutes!

Enter your earned tickets into the grand prize drawings.

All need to be logged or entered by Saturday, August 1!



**Youth Summer Library  
Program Finale Party  
Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 pm**

Join us to celebrate the fun we've had and the reading you've done! Pick up your final reading prizes and see if you won a Grand Prize. Stay tuned to see what else we have planned!