

JUST FOR YA: (FOR GRADES 5+)

- RED CROSS BABYSITTER/CPR COURSE
Registration required; class limit 10; ages 11-18
June 29th/30th, 10 AM-4:15 PM, location TBA;
Registration opens 6/4/24
- ORIGAMI ESCAPE: Join YAC member/instructor Eleanor R. in a paper creatures-crafting adventure. Friday, July 5th, 4 PM
- INK: Go ahead: write on yourself! Join us for an afternoon of body art using skin-safe markers, temporary tattoos, paints and bling. Friday, July 19th, 4 PM
- UNIVERSAL YUM: How adventurous are you?
Ready to sample snacks from around the world and upvote your favorites?
Friday, August 9th, 4 PM
- OPEN MIC COFFEEHOUSE: Are you a performer?
Sign up. If we get enough participants, we'll take over the library for the night. Friday, August 16th, 7 PM



Adventure awaits.... Summer Reading Challenge 2024.

Are you between the ages of 0-18 ?
Do you like a challenge?
Then get ready to read this summer!



Why read? To learn new stuff, to escape, to relax, and to keep our minds sharp (and to avoid something called "summer slide," when students forget the skills they've learned during the school year). We challenge you to read for 30 minutes per day.... And hey, since you're doing it anyway, why not get REWARDED?

Starting in June, you can register online via Beanstack using the QR code on the back of this brochure, <https://vermont.beanstack.org/>.

If you need help registering, stop by the library in June. Want a paper tracker (reading log)? You can come pick one up at the library.

Then what do you do? Just read, read, read, and track your reading from June 1st through August 13th. For every 210 minutes of reading (that's a week's worth of 30-minute reading sessions), you earn a BIG THREE Ticket toward one of the three amazing prize packages which will be raffled at our Wrap Party on August 14th.

Just visit the library with your reading log to report your minutes and enter your tickets into the raffle boxes of your choice. You can also email mcculloughyouthservices@gmail.com to let us know to check your Beanstack account and enter tickets on your behalf, if you can't come in person. The BIG THREE Grand Prizes this year are: Virtual Odyssey; Camp S'more, and Best Day Ever. While you're racking up reading minutes to cash in for raffle tickets, you can also earn 1,000-Minute Milestone prizes! Come in, show your reading log either virtually or on paper as your evidence of a thousand minutes of reading, and choose a prize out of our treasure chest. The more you read, the more rewards, and the better your chances of winning!

Want more info about the Big Three Grand Prize Raffle prizes? Ask @ the library!

On August 14th, we'll celebrate all of our readers with a WRAP PARTY, with ice cream, book prizes and certificates for all participants--and, drumroll please---we'll choose the lucky winners of our BIG THREE GRAND PRIZES! Then, we will award a special prize to our top reader: the one who has accrued the most reading minutes over the summer.

So, please join us for the Summer Reading Challenge, and for all of our amazing SRP events listed inside.

Adventure begins @ your library!



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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2024



**Come to the
programs!**

**Join the
READING
CHALLENGE!**



JUST FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND FAMILIES:

- July 2nd, 2 PM: Pirate Party!-- Avast, me hearties!
Kiddos and parents, sail over to the library to make pirate hats, decorate a photo-worthy pirate ship together, and go on a treasure hunt!
- Saturday Storytimes: Every Saturday, 11:00 AM. Join us for reading, rhymes, a light snack and an Aftercrafter activity for preschoolers and their families.
- BING BANG BOP: Rhythm, music and dance playtimes. This self-directed playspace is a time to move and groove, featuring preschool music, the library's shakers, bells and other fun accessories. Select Thursdays, 11 AM.



Ready to register online for the Summer Reading Challenge?
Scan the QR code here, or go to
<https://vermont.beanstack.org/reader365>.



Choose the
J.G. McCullough Free
as your primary library.

*Or visit us at the library for a paper tracker,
and we'll register you for the Challenge. *

Many thanks! Our generous funders, donors and community partners make our Summer Reading Program possible:

The Fund for North Bennington, inc; Vermont Department of Libraries; Friends of the McCullough Library; the Winnie Belle Learned Fund, Bennington Cinemas, Bromley Mountain and Vermont State Parks.

Partners: Our Village Camp/Lake Paran; Park-McCullough House; Vermont Arts Exchange; the Village School of North Bennington; Prospect Street Writers' House, the Norshaft Lions, the Bennington PD and the Bike Hub

JUNE 2024

● Preschool program ● Students and general audience program ● YA-only program

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 SRP Reading Challenge Kickoff Preschool Storytime 11 AM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
16	17	18	19	20 Campfire Tales Auditions 6:30 PM	21 Campfire Tales Auditions 6:30 PM	22 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
23	24	25	26 SRP Kickoff: Adventure Begins @ Your Library VIA Aquarium 11 AM	27 Bing, Bang, BOOP! Preschool Musical Free Play 11 AM	28	29 Red Cross Babysitting Cert class 10 AM-4:15 PM
30 Red Cross Babysitting Cert class 10 AM-4:15 PM	1	2	3	4	5	6

FOR STUDENTS:

(DESIGNED FOR GRADES K+)

- June 26th, 11 AM: SRP Kickoff: Adventure Begins @ Your Library-- VIA Aquarium will plunge us into amphibious adventures at 11:00 AM, Lion's Park.
- July 9th, 11 AM: By Land or By Sea--AARGH! Join the Village Campers for a piratical Scavenger Hunt at Lake Paran.
- July 17th, 11 AM: Whooo's That? Adventures in Nature-- Join Southern Vermont Natural History Museum at Lions Park for a walk on the wild side!
- July 19th, 11 AM: Tiny Regatta Watta Games at Lake Paran--Can you make a seaworthy craft that can cross the wading pool ocean? Come test your skills!
- July 24th, 11 AM: Makerspace: Adventures in Art Day-- Join us, and our crafting supplies, at Lions Park.



JULY 2024

● Preschool program ● Students and general audience program ● YA-only program

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2 Preschool Pirate Party 2 PM	3	4 Library Closed for July 4th Holiday	5 YA Original Escape with Emma & 4PM	6 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
7	8	9 By Land or By Sea Scavenger Hunt @ Lake Paran 11 AM	10	11 Bing, Bang, BOOP! Preschool Musical Free Play 11 AM	12 Annie & the Natural Wonders @ Park-McCullough House 3:30 PM	13 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
14	15	16	17 Whooo's That? Adventures in Nature SYSDHM 11 AM	18	19 YA INK 4PM	20 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
21 Campfire Tales @ Lake Paran 7 PM	22	23	24 Makerspace: Adventures in Art 11 AM	25	26	27 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
28	29	30 Jeh Kulu @ Lake Paran 1 PM	31 Officer Rob and K-9 Gracie 11 AM	1	2	3

- July 30th, 1 PM: Jeh Kulu--Teens and kids, get ready to move with Vermont's own West African Dance and Drum Troupe at Lake Paran.
 - July 31st, 11:00 AM: Officer Rob and K-9 Gracie (and maybe a special trainee guest) will talk about adventures in police dog work at Lion's Park
 - August 2nd, 7:30 PM and August 3rd, 10 AM: Stuffie Campout!--Send your stuffies to their first campout at Lake Paran! Follow them on FB and Instagram. Next morning, 11:00 AM, pick them up and join us for a Saturday Storytime Brunch at Lake Paran.
 - August 6th, 11:00 AM: Join magician Ed Popielarczyk for some wacky, funny magical adventures at Lions Park!
 - August 9th or 10th, 7 PM (TBD): Light the Night Reflective Bike Parade-- Join us at Lions Park to deck out your bikes, then ride them proudly along the route, ending at VAE for a glow-in-the-dark party!
 - August 14th, 12 noon: That's a Wrap!
- Let's celebrate your summer reading success with ice cream, prizes and awards, at Lion's Park.



AUGUST 2024

● Preschool program ● Students and general audience program ● YA-only program

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2 STUFFIE CAMPOUT @ Lake Paran 7 PM	3 STUFFIE CAMPOUT Storytime Brunch @ Lake Paran 11 AM
4	5	6 Adventures in MAGIC with Ed Popielarczyk 11 AM	7	8 Bing, Bang, BOOP! Preschool Musical Free Play 11 AM	9 YA Universal YUM 4PM	10 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
11	12	13	14 That's a WRAP! SRP Reading Challenge Party 12 PM	15	16 YA Open Mic Coffeehouse (registration) 7 PM	17 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Preschool Storytime 11 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Preschool Storytime 11 AM

FOR EVERYONE:

- June 20th and 21st, 6:30 PM: Auditions for Campfire Tales--Want to be a paid storyteller at the July 21st Campfire Tales at Lake Paran? The theme this year is You'll Never Believe What Happened... All ages, prepare a short, family-friendly piece, and share it with us at the library. THREE performers will be paid \$50 honorariums to kick things off at the big event.
- July, throughout the summer: StoryWalk at Park-McCullough--Stroll the beautiful grounds as you enjoy a for-all-ages story, page by page.
- July 12th, 3:30 PM: Annie and the Natural Wonders at Park-McCullough House--Come enjoy family-friendly music, co-sponsored by the Prospect Street Writers House.
- July 21st, 7:30 PM at Lake Paran: Campfire Tales: You'll Never Believe What Happened-- Our three professional storytellers from the June auditions will start things off, spinning a good yarn around the campfire, with an appreciative audience and light refreshments. Then, the mic opens up to anyone with a brief-but-good, all-ages-appropriate tale for our entertainment.



Please note: In keeping with the library's safety policy, all children under the age of 7 must attend events with an adult caregiver.
Thank you.

Contact us:

Library Hours:

Tues 10 AM-8 PM

Wed, Thurs and Fri: 10 AM-6 PM

Sat: 10 AM-2 PM

