

FIND YOUR VOICE

This year, **Find Your Voice** with the library's Summer Reading Program. Explore music, theatre, storytelling, language and communication of all kinds! Participants entering grades K-6 can earn prizes by reading and attending events at the Baker Free Library, all summer long. A separate program is also available for pre-readers, teens and adults.

HOW IT WORKS

Registration begins at our Kick-off Party on **Saturday, June 17th from 10-12**, and is open throughout the summer. When registering, you will choose how you'd like to track your reading: either by counting the number of books read, or the number of hours spent reading. **You'll earn one raffle ticket for every book you read, or for every hour you spend reading.** Choose the method that works for you!

Each reader may also choose their own personalized reading goal. How much reading will you do this summer? Challenge yourself! You'll earn a special bonus prize when you reach your reading goal, no matter what it is.

You can also earn raffle tickets by attending events at the library! Check in with library staff at any program.

CHOOSING A GOAL

What should your child's reading goal be? Work together to choose a number that is both challenging and attainable. Think about how many books your child reads in a given week, and use that as your basis. And remember, books in *all* formats count: eBooks, audiobooks, and even graphic novels!

If you're logging by time, you can also base your goal on reaching a daily target. For example, trying to read for 15 minutes per day throughout the 8-week program would give you a goal of 14 hours.



WHAT YOU CAN WIN

If you reach your personal reading goal, you're guaranteed to win a prize! The library will also hold a weekly raffle for everyone who has earned raffle tickets throughout the summer. Winners can choose their prize from any available at the Summer Reading Store, which includes a variety of stuffed animals, building kits, books and more. The more you read, the better your chances of winning!

GOAL PRIZE:

A free one-hour jump pass at
Altitude Trampoline Park in Concord, NH!

Submit your raffle tickets using our **online form** as early and as often as you like. Raffles will be held every Friday throughout the summer. The last day to enter raffle tickets is **Thursday, August 10**.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Programs marked with an asterisk require registration. To sign-up for a program, please visit the library's website and use our online calendar, or call us at (603) 224-7113.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Saturday, June 17 | 10AM-12PM

Stop by to register for Summer Reading, and stick around for our 2nd Annual Touch-a-Truck! Bow Police and Fire will be on hand, along with Kona Ice. *All ages.*

SHIMMY AND SHAKE STORYTIME

A weekly storytime for active bodies and minds. Each storytime includes music, instrument play and movement activities, and ends with a family dance party! Designed for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome.

Thursdays at 10:30AM,
June 22 - August 3

MAKER MONDAYS

Throughout the summer, join us for a drop-in craft session every Monday afternoon from 2:30-4:00PM. Make a guided project led by one of our librarians, or create something totally unique using the library's collection of craft supplies! Various materials will be available while supplies last.

Mondays from 2:30 - 4:00PM,
June 19 - August 7

*RUFF READERS

Children can gain confidence and improve literacy skills by reading aloud to a one-of-a-kind audience! Reserve a 15-minute time slot to read to one of our canine volunteers, certified through Therapy Dogs International. Readers of all abilities are welcome! Children 8 years and under should be accompanied by an adult for the duration of their visit. **Please register to reserve your spot.**

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SUMMER MOVIE SING-ALONGS

Beat the heat with a free family movie on select Wednesday afternoons. Join us in the MCSB Room for a musical movie, and come prepared to sing along! Refreshments and popcorn will be provided. For a full list of titles, ratings and descriptions, please visit the library's website.

ALL-SUMMER: DESIGN A BOOKMARK!

Can you design a bookmark for the Baker Free Library? You decide on the colors, the design, and the artwork. All you have to include is this year's reading theme, **FIND YOUR VOICE**, somewhere in the design! Please add your name, age and phone number on the back of your completed design, and submit it to one of our librarians by **August 1**.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JUN 28
4:00PM

***COMICS WORKSHOP WITH MAREK BENNETT.** Come create comics with award-winning cartoonist and graphic novelist Marek Bennett, author of the Freeman Colby graphic novel series, at this special workshop for kids! Participants will learn the basics of comic creation with activities designed to spark their imagination. No prior experience necessary. Ages 7 and up. **Registration is required to reserve your space.**

JULY 8
10:30AM

***SIGN LANGUAGE STORYTIME.** This special Sign Language Storytime, presented by Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, is open to both hearing and hearing impaired children and families. A sign language interpreter will be on site to interpret and assist in teaching basic sign language. After the story, complete a craft with materials provided by the library. All ages welcome! **Registration is required to reserve your space.**

JUL 19
5:30PM

SIMON BROOKS, STORYTELLER. Find Your Voice with a renowned family storyteller! British storyteller Simon Brooks began entrancing audiences in 1997. His family-friendly tales are filled with humor and adventure. He invites all to investigate and become fascinated with Story as he drops you into tales so vividly, you'll believe you've stepped into another world! Recommended for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome. Registration is not required.

AUG 10
5:30PM

ICE CREAM PARTY WITH MUSICIAN JUDY PANCOAST. Grammy-nominated children's musician Judy Pancoast will sing about "Finding Your Voice" with our youngest patrons. Through song and storytelling, Judy will share how she found her voice as a songwriter while encouraging children to dance and move! Following the performance, everyone is invited to enjoy their own ice cream sundae as we celebrate another fantastic summer. All ages.