

Wilbraham Library News

Summer 2024

Summer Reading Launches June 15

We are pleased to announce our newest Summer Reading Challenge! Designed for all ages, the theme of this year's challenge is "Read, Renew, Repeat." Featuring conservation, the theme focuses on protecting species from extinction, maintaining and restoring habitats, enhancing ecosystem services, and protecting biological diversity. All three programs — for children, teens and adults— begin Saturday, June 15.



Children: Kids can log the total number of minutes read on Beanstack, or by stopping by the library for a paper log. Participants that read a minimum of 3 hours will receive a book & cool prizes for reading! Each hour logged will also earn a badge for one raffle ticket, up to ten hours. The more tickets earned, the more chances for special prizes!

Teens: Teens entering grades 6 - 12 can read a book and write a short book review on Beanstack to earn prizes including a new book, a Rice Fruit Farm ice cream coupon, and a Starbucks reusable cup. In addition, each logged book with a review will earn a raffle ticket for chances to win an Amazon Fire HD 10 tablet, LEGO sets, gift cards, and more! Up to eight book reviews will be accepted.

Adults: Adults ages 18+ can read books and log them on Beanstack with a short review. Each book with a review will earn one raffle ticket, up to eight tickets per person. As you earn each ticket, enter them into your choice of prizes including an Amazon Kindle Paperwhite, gift cards, games, and more. Participants who prefer to complete paper reviews can stop by the library for a form.

Get started by visiting the library, or by registering online at wilbrahamlibrary.beanstack.com. For the tech-savvy readers, we recommend downloading the Beanstack Tracker app.

All reading logs, reviews, and raffle tickets must be submitted by Saturday, August 10 at midnight. Children and teens can pick up non-raffle items starting Tuesday, July 30. Raffle winners will be announced starting Tuesday, August 20. Let's get reading and have fun!

The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, MBLC, the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, the Wilbraham Cultural Council, along with partnerships with Pathways for Parents & One Book One Community, and donations from Rice Fruit Farm, Starbucks of Wilbraham, Texas Roadhouse, LUSO, and Interskate 91.

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WPL
Public Library

Mon to Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 9-5
Sat 9-2

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Yard Games for Summer

Four new yard games have been added to the Library of Things collection. Cornhole, bocce, horsehoes, and Yardzee/Farkle kits are now available to check out for two weeks with one automatic renewal. We also recommend exploring our other Library of Things items, including a telescope, disc golf set, metal detectors, and pickleball sets— all perfect for summer adventures.

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New Borrower Services Assistant Joins Staff

We are pleased to announce the newest addition to our staff. Danielle Julian, part-time Borrower Services Assistant, joined our team in May. She also works part-time at the East Longmeadow Public Library. She is planning to attend college for her master's degree in Library Science. In her free time, Danielle enjoys making art and relaxing, paired with an iced coffee and the company of her two cats, Ember and Binx.

Virtual Programs

The following virtual programs are presented in partnership with the Ashland Public Library and the Joshua Hyde Library. Registration is required.

Shannon Reed Discusses *Why We Read*, Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Why do we read? What compels us to? What holds our attention? How many of us remember reading by a flashlight after hours? Author Shannon will answer these questions and more.

The New Tourist: *Waking Up to the Power and Perils of Travel*, Tuesday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Travel author Paige McClanahan will discuss her new book, *The New Tourist*, an evocative and page-turning exploration of how tourism has shaped the world, for better and for worse. This book is essential reading for anyone looking for a deeper understanding of the implications of their wanderlust.

Q&A with True Crime Authors, Monday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Join Katherine Ramsland and Tracy Ullman as they discuss their most recent book, *The Serial Killer's Apprentice*, a psychological examination of the blurred line between victim and accomplice—and how a killer can be created.

Q&A with Author Scott Ryan: *The*

Last Decade of Cinema, Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

If you're a fan, a movie buff, or just a child of the 90s, please join us in conversation with author Scott Ryan as we discuss what made 90s movies classics and why they could never be produced in today's film culture.

1969 Stonewall Rebellion, Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Join author Milo Todd on Zoom as he discusses the Stonewall Rebellion, a grassroots movement that sparked LGBTQ+ rights across the country. What happened during the multi-night rebellion around the Stonewall Inn in June of 1969? Hear the details of what happened and how this ultimately led to the creation of Pride Month.

A Tour of the Bata Shoe Museum, Monday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.

As the only museum in North America dedicated to footwear, the BSM showcases 4,500 years of history and nearly 15,000 artifacts. Experience four different exhibitions, including *All About Shoes: Footwear Through the Ages*, *In Bloom: Flowers and Footwear*, *Dressed To Impress: Footwear and Consumerism in the 1980s*, and *Exhibit A: Investigating Crime and Footwear*.

New Displays to Spark Inspiration

Several new displays have been added to enhance in-library browsing. One shelving unit on the first floor will highlight selections from our adult audiobook collection. A second shelving unit, located near the new adult books, currently features LibraryReads picks, books recommended by librarians across the country.

Two display binders with themed book lists have been curated by staff. The children's Book Menu, located at the Service Desk, includes suggested books for read-alouds, beginner readers, chapter books, and more. The adult binder, located by the fiction collection near the puzzle table, includes lists of award winning books, staff picks, genre guides, seasonal themes, and author spotlights.

These book lists and displays will be continuously updated, so check back periodically for new recommendations. Let us know what you think!

Adult Services

Most programs are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.
Online registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Lectures & Hands-On Workshops

Developing a Long-Term Care Protection Strategy, Monday, June 3 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by New York Life Insurance Company, this informative seminar will discuss why it's important to have a long-term care strategy, key questions & strategies to consider, and solutions that can help give you peace of mind about the future. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Diamond Painting Keychain, Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Choose from several designs to apply gems and create a sparkling succulent-themed keychain. This is an ideal project for beginners interested in trying diamond painting for the first time. Estimated time to complete this project is 1.5 hours or less. All materials will be provided. Registration opens May 27 and space is limited.

DNA Basics, Monday, June 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DNA is a simple acronym to describe what can be a complex science. However, the basics of that science can be relatively easy to explain and understand. There are three basic types of DNA tests that will be discussed in our session with professional genealogist Dave Robison. To make the evening more interesting, there will be a raffle for two DNA kits for two lucky attendees. Registration opens May 27 and space is limited.

Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert, Tuesday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Join the Mass Walking Tour for a free community concert! The 13th Annual Walking Tour will be organizing daily public hikes and performing concerts through Hampden County from June 21-25, visiting the towns of Holland, Brimfield, Warren, Palmer, and Wilbraham. The annual grassroots bipedal tour supports arts and culture for towns throughout the state. Each concert collaborates with local artists, musicians, educational programs, trail managers, and land trust groups to highlight both artistic diversity and recreational land use. Sponsored by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Registration is encouraged.

Paint Sip Fun, Monday, July 8 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn to paint "Lighthouse with Hydrangeas" with instruction from Erin Boughamer of Paint Sip Fun. No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided. Registration opens June 24 and space is limited. Sponsored in full by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Henna for Adults, Monday, July 22 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Get a unique henna tattoo from artist Mandy of Wicked Good Henna. Henna is safe for all skin types. Registration opens July 8 and space is limited. Each participant must complete an individual registration form and select a 15 minute time slot.

Summer Candle Making Workshop, Monday, August 12 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Gariné Arakelian of Kulina Folk Art will teach participants about the diverse world of candle making. Participants will explore techniques and tips to craft their own summer container candle using high-quality soy wax and fragrant oils. All materials will be provided. Registration opens July 29 and space is limited.

Never Forget: A Conversation with Abraham Rodstein, Monday, August 19 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by local writer Tom Slawiak, Holocaust survivor Abraham Rodstein will share his life story, including his journey before, during, and after World War II— from growing up in Lithuania, to surviving the Kovno Ghetto and Dachau concentration camp, and emigrating to America. Registration is encouraged as space is limited.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: 6/19 Juneteenth, 7/4 Independence Day



Children's Services

All programs are free and require online registration unless otherwise noted.

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

Family Fun, Crafts & More

Take and Makes

Special take-home crafts will be offered all summer in the Children's Department while supplies last. No registration needed. Crafts are packaged with instructions and ready to take home!

One Book One Community Scavenger Hunt, June 5 - August 10

Go on a quest around the Children's Department and locate the list of book-themed items around the room. Participants earn a sticker for participation! All ages.

One Book One Community Recycling Sticker Design Contest, June 5 - August 10

Help WPL design a building-wide recycling sticker that will be used to label our library's recycling bins. Starting June 5, visit the library for instructions and materials. Submissions are due by August 10. The winner will be announced August 20! Grades K-5.

Make a Bee Hotel & Learn Some Bee Facts,

Thursday, June 20 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Bee hotels are great for bees that lay their eggs in small spaces, like mason bees. Mason bees are great pollinators! Kids will make their own bee shelter using recycled materials to encourage pollination in their backyard! Grades 2-5.

Plant Pal, Wednesday, June 26 from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

An adorable, interactive activity— perfect for summer! It's silly, it's nature-inspired, and it's crafty! Kids will decorate silly faces and plant their grass plant pal, bring him home, give him sun and water, and watch his hair grow! Grades 3-5.

Chalk Art, Saturday, June 29 from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Stop by the library for a fun outdoor activity (or indoor craft if the weather doesn't cooperate) with Ms. Rachel. Parents and caregivers, please remain with your child for this program. All ages. No registration needed.

Paint Sip Fun, Tuesday, July 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kids will learn to paint a Panda in Bamboo with instruction from Erin Boughamer of Paint Sip Fun. Sponsored in full by a grant from Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Grades 2-5.

Family Bingo Night, Tuesday, July 16 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of bingo games and prizes! Families with younger children will play with their caregiver. Game pieces and prizes are geared towards ages 5 & up. Traditional bingo, four corners, and more! All ages.

Kid's LEGO Play with Ms. Rachel, Saturday, July 27 from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Participants can use library-owned LEGO bricks to build creative models! For children grades K & up.

Wildlife on Wheels, Thursday, August 1 from 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Join us for Wildlife on Wheels, Forest Park Zoo's educational outreach program, and meet 5 ambassador animals. There's sure to be information about the animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets, and status in the wild.

Henna Tattoos, Wednesday, August 7 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Get a henna tattoo from artist Mandy of Wicked Good Henna, and enjoy music, coloring, and more. Henna is safe for all skin types. Sponsored in part by a grant from Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library. Grades 2-5.

Craft & Play, Saturday, August 24 from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Stop by the library to make a special craft with Ms. Rachel, Assistant Children's Librarian. KEVA planks will also be available. Parents and caregivers, please remain in the room with your child during this program. No registration needed.

Pathways for Parents

Nature Bound Workshop, Wednesday, July 10 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This workshop introduces the fun of nature and learning to children ages 18 months - 4 years old and their caregiver. We will include nature songs and books to support the Summer Reading theme of "Read, Renew, Repeat." Science and math activities, along with tinkering with nature, will also encourage learning. Nature provides countless opportunities for discovery, creativity, problem-solving, and STEM education.

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Teen Services

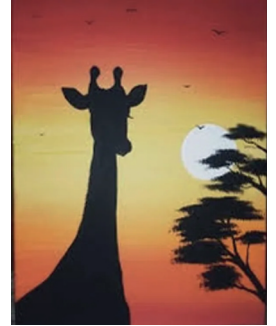
All teen programs are for grades 6-12 and sponsored by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library unless otherwise noted.

Online registration is required and all supplies are provided unless otherwise noted.

Teen Workshops

Teen Paint Sip Fun, Tuesday, July 9 from 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Learn to paint "Giraffe on Safari" with instruction from Erin Boughamer of Paint Sip Fun. No experience necessary and all supplies are included. Online registration opens Saturday, June 15. Sponsored in full by a grant from the Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Teen Life-Sized Games & Supersized Snacks, Wednesday, July 17 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Play life-sized games like Connect 4, Jenga, Uno, Checkers, Monopoly, Clue, and outdoor games too. Supersized snacks will be available. Online registration opens Tuesday, June 18.



Teen Tie-Dye, Tuesday, July 23 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Rain date: Wed, July 24 from 5 - 6 p.m.)

Teens will be taught the basics of tie dye using high quality professional dyes. Participants must bring their own white, 100% cotton item to tie dye (up to 2 per person). Examples include t-shirt, hat, shorts, pillowcase, or sweatshirt. All teens will be supplied with a cotton drawstring book bag to tie dye, if desired, as 1 of their 2 items. Online registration opens Tuesday, June 25.



Teen Rainbow Soap Making Workshop, Thursday, July 25 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

In this workshop, participants will make their own fun and quirky rainbow soap using a glycerin based soap, colorful soap cubes, color, cosmetic glitter, and a variety of scents. Online registration opens Tuesday, July 2.

Teen Copper Bookmark Workshop, Tuesday, July 30 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of hammering on metal! Learn about the structure of copper and how to create drawings in metal and use letter stamps to make textures and words on a copper bookmark. Workshop taught by local metalsmith, Heather Beck. Online registration opens Wednesday, July 10. Sponsored in part by a grant from Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.



Teen Henna Tattoos, Wednesday, August 7 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Get a unique henna tattoo from artist Mandy of Wicked Good Henna. Henna is safe for all skin types. Sign up for a 20 minute time slot with your friends. Online registration opens Monday, July 15. Sponsored in part by a grant from Wilbraham Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library.

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STEAM Workshop with Ms. Jennifer, Friday, July 19 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 3-5 are invited to join this group with their caregiver. Children and families will explore the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, while completing the activity provided.

Story Yoga with Lisa Katz, Tuesday, July 23 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Songs, movement activities, and games help to bring the yoga practice to young children. Classes are dynamic and playful, with stories, music, and themes. Children ages 2-5 and their caregivers will learn how to use large muscles to support self-regulation, while bending, breathing, stretching, and practicing mindfulness.

Ready4K, Wednesday, July 31 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ready4K is a group for upcoming kindergartners and their caregivers. Participants will receive materials to support both the parent and the child as they prepare for the transition to kindergarten.

These programs are sponsored by Pathways for Parents. Pathways for Parents is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

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Virtual Author Talk Schedule

Register for these upcoming talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. Each talk features the opportunity to participate in live Q&A. Learn more and register online at libraryc.org/wilbrahamlibrary.

-Monday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Smithsonian Curator **Matt Shindell**, author of *For the Love of Mars*.

-Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Freida McFadden, author of *The Housemaid* series.

-Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Tiffany Jewell, author of *Everything I Learned About Racism I Learned in School*.

-Wednesday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Smithsonian Curator **Dr. Jennifer Levasseur**, presenting *Behind the Scenes at the Space Station*.

-Thursday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Irena Smith, PhD, author of *The Golden Ticket: A Life in College Admissions Essays*.

-Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

New & Renewing Friends, February to April 2024

Sue & Bill Agnew, Carol Albano, Carol Alderman, Joan Audette, Enis Aydin, Jo Ayers, Karen Ball, Mary Bell, Charlie & Susan Bennett, Mary Besko, Laurie Broadbent, Maria Cacela, Joe & Janet Calabrese, Nancy Carmichael, Kathy Caulton, Karen Churchill, Martha Clark, David & Claire Clini, Edna Colcord, John & Patti Colkos, Linda Dagradi, Patricia Dennis, Shawn Devine, Ruth & Jay Dwyer, Candy & Rick Erickson, Haislip-Hansberry Family, Iverson Family, Louise Findlater, Becky Fleming, Gayle & Bill Fogarty, Barbara Galanek, MaryAnn Gioscia, Nicola Giosia, Joseph & Maria Green, Mandy Greene, Kristina & John Guerin, Rachel & Scott Hapgood, Larry & Sandy Harris, Tom Hidalgo, Patricia Hallberg & Stephen Brand, Norma Hill, Susan Hintze, Liz & Steve Jones, Ruth Karlson, Ginne Kasten, Margie Kelly, Janice Knittle, Joyce & Stephen Lewis, Jessica & Rick Macdonald, Dick & Barbara McFarland, Corrinne Mercier, Veronica Meschke, Ann & James Moore, Holly & Paul Murray, Kyle O'Brien, Tanja Olson, David & Patrice Parke, Paul & Evelyn Pesce, Barbara Pilarcik, Pauline Rauch, Lisa Rodrigues, Mary-Lou Sanderson, Kathleen & Frank Sarnelli, Patricia Schifferli, Timothy Seeley, Sally Seyler, Donna Sherer, Jeanne Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Kathleen Sullivan, Sandy Swain, Erin Tassinari, Jay & Kathy Taylor, Rae Teed, Janie Tencza, Anthony Tranghese, Karen Tresch, Catherine Tucker, Phyllis Walsh, John & Cheryl Wesolowski, Diane Weston, Roger & Connie White. Eight members wish to remain anonymous.

