



ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY 2024 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY.



Join our Summer Reading Club for children in preschool through entering fifth grade! Log your minutes read per day and claim free books and prizes as you go along. Read on your own or be read to by others. Listening to Playaways, Wonderbooks, TumbleBooks, or audiobooks counts, too. Visit the Children’s Information Desk to sign up for a paper reading log starting Monday, June 17.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Register for events online at abingtonfreelibrary.org/events. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. on the advertised start dates. All programs will be held in person in the Community Room unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 215-885-5180, ext. 128.

“ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY” SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

All ages

Monday, June 17, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Kids, teens, and adults: Celebrate the start of summer reading at Abington Free Library! Party in the north parking lot with music, crafts, face painting, book giveaways, a dunk tank, summer reading sign-ups, and more!

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Ages 4 and up. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Each program will run 45 minutes to an hour.

JUNE 19 – CLASSROOM ADVENTURE STORIES PRESENTS “OCEAN OF ADVENTURES”

Join storyteller Don Dougherty for a fun-filled ocean voyage!

Registration begins June 12.



JUNE 26 – THE HILARIOUS MAGIC OF SAM SANDLER

Enjoy eye-popping tricks performed by a talented Deaf magician.

Registration begins June 19.

JULY 17 - ANDREW’S BIG SHOW

Get ready to laugh during this one-man circus show featuring Andrew Scharff.

Registration begins July 10.

JULY 24 - INNOVATION TRAIN PRESENTS “THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE”

Like science experiments? You’ll love this show!

Registration begins July 17.

SUMMER STORY TIMES

Toddler Story Times

Ages 1 and 2

Tuesdays, June 25 – July 30, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and movement activities.

Register for any or all sessions starting June 11.

Preschool Story Times

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, June 27 – August 1 (no session on July 4)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, activities, and a take-home craft.

Registration starts one week before each program date.

EARLY LEARNERS PLAY GROUP

Ages 6-24 months

Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Led by Janine Rajauski, MS OTR/L

Come read a book, engage in sensory play, and connect with other families in this group that is open to all neurotypes and abilities. Register for any or all sessions starting July 23.



ABINGTON READS

Entering grades 1-3

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. OR 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Young readers pair up with a teen buddy to practice reading.

Register for ONE time slot per date starting June 1.



ART WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Led by local artist Anita Thompson.

All materials will be provided during class.

AGES 4-7:

JUNE 25 – 3D MEDIEVAL DRAGON HEAD (1.25 hrs.)

Use oil pastels and cut construction paper to make a textured dragon head.

Registration starts June 18.



AGES 8-11

JULY 23 – GLOW-IN-THE-DARK GALAXY PAINTING (1.25 hrs.)

Use glow-in-the-dark acrylics to create a vibrant galaxy painting! Each participant will receive a mini black light keychain.

Registration starts July 16.



GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB (via Zoom)

Entering grades 4-6

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registrants will receive a book box containing a copy of the book and fun do-at-home projects. Book and project discussions will be held on:

JUNE 27: *The Moth Keeper* by K. O'Neill

Registration and box pickup begins June 4.

JULY 25: *Crows: Genius Birds (Science Comics)* by Kyla Vanderklugt

Registration and box pickup begins July 2.

AUGUST 22: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library:*

The Graphic Novel by Chris Grabenstein

Registration and box pickup begins August 1.

TASTE-TEST ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD

Entering grades K-3

Wednesday, July 31

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about snacks, candy, and desserts from countries around the world. Taste-test different foods and guess what they are. All foods will be individually packaged with ingredients provided. This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.

Registration begins July 17.

TALK AND CRAFT WITH PICTURE BOOKS

Entering grades 1-3

Both programs will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

Explore a Korean picture book, *Sea of Tears*, then make a double-sided emotion sign using paper cutting and drawing. Registration begins July 29.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Celebrate the joys of imagination with a Korean picture book, *Itchy Itchy*, then make a poster and try some dance movements.

Registration begins August 5.



GLOW SCIENCE PARTY

Ages 7-10

Thursday, August 15, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Celebrate the science of luminescence with make-and-take activities and stories about creatures that light up the night.

Registration begins August 8.

DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Completed grades 1-5

Saturdays: 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. OR 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

(Register for ONE time slot per date)

Practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog!

Bring your own books or choose from a selection provided by the library. Children do not have to attend on both dates.

JULY 13 – Registration starts June 17.

AUGUST 3 – Registration starts July 15.



All Library programs are FREE.

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