

Summer
Reading
2025



Level Up @ the Library!

Portsmouth
Public
Library

all ages (no dot)

ages 0-5

school age

Teens & Tweens

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	9 June 4 PM 4+5 Book Club	10 	11 3:30 PM Halcyon Festival Children's Concert	12 	13 	14 10 AM Reading Dogs
15 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER		17 	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	19 JUNETEENTH LIBRARY CLOSED	20 5-7 PM Summer Reading Kick-off & Community Picnic!	21 10 AM Reading Dogs
22 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	23 4:00 PM Playful Engineers	24 10:30 AM Move & Groove Storytime	25 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 1-4 PM Tie Dye Day 6 PM Family Game Night	26 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	27 6-9 PM Teen Lock in*	28 10 AM Reading Dogs
29 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	30 10:30 AM Center for Wildlife - Owls	1 July 10:30 AM Move & Groove Storytime 3:30 PM Teen: Babysitting Class #1 *	2 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 6 PM Family Game Night	3 10 AM Sensory Play Time Library closes at 5 PM	4 Independence Day LIBRARY CLOSED	5 10 AM Reading Dogs
6 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	7 	8 10:30 AM Move & Groove Storytime 3:30 PM Teen: Babysitting Class #2 *	9 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 4 PM Center for Wildlife - Owls 6 PM Family Game Night	10 10 AM Sensory Play Time 3:30 PM Teen Oreo-Lympics* 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	11 	12 10 AM Reading Dogs
13 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	14 10:30 AM Flying High Dogs	15 10:30 AM Little Groove Music 3:30 PM Teen: Babysitting Class #3 *	16 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 6 PM Family Game Night	17 10 AM Sensory Play Time 3:30 PM Teen Escape Room* 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	18 4-6 PM Nature @ Nite at Seacoast Science Center 	19 10 AM Reading Dogs
20 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	21 4:30 PM Their Butt Does What?! with Susie Maguire	22 10:30 AM Puppet Show w/ Carol Sanborn 3:30 PM Teen: Babysitting Class #4 *	23 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 6 PM Family Game Night	24 10 AM Sensory Play Time 3:30 PM Teens & Beads 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	25 	26 10 AM Reading Dogs
27 LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER	28	29 10:30 AM Move & Groove Storytime 3:30 PM Teen: Babysitting Class #5 *	30 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 6-8 PM Waldo Party	31 10 AM Sensory Play Time 4 PM Teen Frozen T-Shirt Contest* 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	1 August 10:30 AM Touch-A-Truck! 4 PM Teen Frozen T-Shirt Contest (Rain Date)*	2 10 AM Reading Dogs
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Some programs require registration. Library Summer Hours: M-TH: 9 AM - 9 PM, Friday 9 AM - 5:30 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

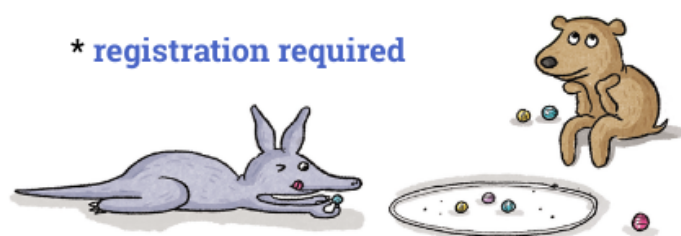
* registration required

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all ages (no dot)
ages 0-5
school age
teens & tweens

* registration required



We are excited to offer these FREE, high-quality programs to keep kids actively learning all summer!
Although unlikely, any program may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call ahead in case of changes.

Beanstack: Virtual Summer Reading		All Summer Long! Register for our summer reading challenges on cityofportsmouth.beanstack.org ! Log your reading to earn beads & brag tags throughout the summer!
Halcyon Festival Children's Concert		Wednesday June 11 3:30 PM Levenson Room You are invited to hear world-class musicians present beautiful chamber music and introduce children to a variety of string instruments. A tremendous musical experience for families!
Summer Reading Kick-Off & Community Picnic!		Friday June 20 5-7 PM Field beside the Library. Rain location: Connie Bean Center Open to all! Join the Library and the Rec Department for a fun-filled summer party—games of all types, food trucks, music, bubbles and more! Plus sign up for the summer reading program and visit with camp counselors if participating in Camp Fun Stuff!
Playful Engineers		Monday June 23 4 PM Levenson Room Grades 1-6 In this workshop, participants design, build, test, and play with chain reactions and creative contraptions.
Waldo Party		Wednesday July 30 6-8 PM Levenson Room Join PPL and G. Willikers! Books & Toys to celebrate the end of the month-long Waldo scavenger hunt! There will be a photo booth, games, activities and snacks!
Tie Dye Party		Wednesday June 25 1–4 PM Field beside the Library BYO T-Shirts, pillow cases, etc., tie 'em up and make 'em pretty during our all ages tie dye party! No signups needed—just drop in!
Center For Wildlife-Owls		Monday June 30 @ 10:30 AM & Wednesday July 9 @ 4 PM Levenson Room Ages 5+ The Center for Wildlife will present information on Owl Animal Ambassadors. The two shows will be identical so please only come for one.
Flying High Dogs		Monday July 14 10:30 AM Field beside the library Mike Piazza performs with some of the most athletic Border Collies on the planet to entertain audiences of all ages. The team performs a variety of frisbee & other entertaining tricks during the performance, and there is a lot of audience participation! Rain or shine!
Little Groove Music		Tuesday July 15 10:30 AM Levenson Room Recommended 0-5 In this fun and interactive 40-minute concert, children ages 0-5 and their caregivers will move and sing along with a musician from Little Groove.
Their Butt Does What?! w/ Susie Maguire		Monday July 21 4:30 PM Levenson Room Ages 5+ Yes ... there is a remarkable number of super powers built into the butts of the world! And we're going to discover some true wonders! This is a fast paced, fact filled program, with the same trademark blend of science and silliness as The Poop Museum!
Puppet Show w/ Carol Sanborn		Tuesday July 22 10:30 AM Levenson Room Join Carol Sanborn for a fun-filled puppet show in our Levenson Room!
Touch-A-Truck		Friday August 1 10:30 AM Library Parking Lot Portsmouth Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department will have vehicles for children to explore at the library!
Reading Dogs		Saturdays 10 AM Youth Services Emerging readers! Read to one of our reading dogs — first come first served.
Sensory Play Time		Thursdays July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 10 AM Levenson Room or Courtyard Open sensory play for our youngest patrons. First come, first served. Ages 1-5 with caregivers.
Baby Lap Time		Wednesdays June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 9:30 AM Levenson Room Lap Time is designed for babies under 18 months & their caregivers. Join us for songs, rhymes, bounces & stories.
Toddler Time		Wednesdays June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30 AM Levenson Room Toddler Time is recommended for children ages 18-36 months & their caregivers. Join us for songs, rhymes and stories.
Move and Groove Story Time		Tuesdays June 24, July 1, 8, 29 10:30 AM Levenson Room Get your dancing shoes on for this interactive story time with songs, movement and stories! Recommended for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.
Pajama Story Time		Thursdays June 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31 6:30 PM Youth Services Don your comfiest pjs, grab a stuffie and join us for a fun-filled pajama story time with dancing, stories, teeth brushing songs and more!
Family Game Night		Wednesdays June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 6 PM Levenson Room Board games, card games, cooperative games, competitive games—join us and other families for all sorts of games at Family Game Night.
Seacoast Science Center Nature @ Nite		Friday July 18 & Friday August 15 4-6 PM @ Seacoast Science Center We're so excited to be part of Seacoast Science Center's FREE Nature @ Nite Program! This program is held at Seacoast Science Center in Rye. Activities about S.T.E.A.M. and nature will be happening throughout Seacoast Science Center, and we'll be there running some fun activities of our own to go along with the month's theme.
Teen Lock-In*		Friday June 27 6 PM * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 8+ Teens entering 8th Grade and older are invited to an after-hours party in the library! We'll have pizza, snacks, games, art activities, a Henna artist and the entire second floor to play hide and go seek in the dark! You must sign up, and you must be in the building before 6:30 when doors lock!
Babysitting Course*		Tuesdays July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 3:30 PM Levenson Room * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12 This in-depth course through 4-H covers all the babysitting knowledge a teen needs to be the best, from business basics to child development and emergency preparedness. Students MUST attend all 5 classes to receive a certificate.
Teen Oreo-Lympics*		Thursday July 10 3:30 PM Levenson Room * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12 Join us for an afternoon of chocolate cookie based challenges including Oreo-stacking, cookie face, whop 'n roll and more!
Teen Escape Room*		Thursday July 17 3:30 PM Levenson Room * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12 Solve hidden ciphers, decode invisible messages, and navigate eerie clues in a one-of-a-kind escape room experience.
Teens & Beads		Thursday July 24 3:30 PM Levenson Room Sign-ups recommended but not required. Grades 6-12 Come make your own one-of-a-kind beaded jewelry and crafts!
Teen Frozen T-Shirt Contest*		Thursday July 31 4 PM Front Library Parking Lot * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12 A perfect, chaotic send-off to summer! Come see how fast you can turn a solid chunk of frozen cotton back into a t-shirt, and put it on — no tools allowed! (Tip: you will get wet — dress accordingly!). Rain date August 1.