

# **Youth Programs** August 2024

**Connect With The Nevins Library** 









GROWING COMMUNITY					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Don't miss our End-of-Summer Carnival!  As the summer winds down and we wrap up our series of special summer programs, we'd like to celebrate with our patrons!  Bring your kids to enjoy games, contests, treats, and all sorts of fun.			1 10 am Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5) 1 pm Summer Science: Straw Rockets (Ages 4-7)	2 11 am OFFSITE Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages)	3 Summer Saturday: the library is open 9am-1pm.
5 10:30 am & 1 pm SPECIAL EVENT Arthropod Petting Zoo with Professor Bugman (Ages 3-11)	6 10 am Read to Murphy the Dog (Ages 5-18) 4 pm Crafty Kids (Ages 5-8)	7 10 am Summer Storytime: Staycation (Ages 3-8)	8 3 pm Tales & Origami (Ages 12-18)	9 11 am OFFSITE Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages)	Summer Saturday: the library is open 9am-1pm.
12 10 am Summer Storytime: Choose Your Own Adventure (Ages 3-8) 6:30 pm Bilingual Storytime with GLAC (Ages 3-8)	6 pm Ancient Tales Unlocked: The Trojan War (Ages 8-12)	14 3 pm Bookbinding: Environmental Journals (Ages 12-18) 7 pm Healthy Sleep for Infants (& Parents!) (Ages infant-18 mos.)	15 10 am Read & Play (Ages 2-5)	16 10 am-12 noon SPECIAL EVENT End-of-Summer Carnival (All ages)	Summer Saturday: the library is open 9am-Ipm.
19 9-11 am SPECIAL EVENT Kickoff to Kindergarten! (For children entering kindergarten this fall, and their families)	20	6 pm Special Storytime: Ready for School! (Ages 4-6)	22 10 am Messy Art (Ages 3-5)	23 11 am Daydream Believer Collage Workshop (Ages 12-18)	Summer Saturday: the library is open 9am-1pm.
6:30 pm Read to Murphy the Dog (Ages 5-18)	6:30 pm Family Storytime: Ocean Animals (Ages 3-8)	28	29	30	31  LIBRARY CLOSED

**Nevins Library Youth Services Department** 

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Registration required for most programs.

## **Program Descriptions**

Healthy Sleep for Infants (& Parents!) (Ages infant-18 mos.) Join us to learn how to support your baby's (and your) sleep: we will learn about what is developmentally appropriate for sleep by age, discuss realistic expectations, and help prepare you for when and why baby's sleep may change. This program is part of our "Growing Readers" initiative, generously supported by the Castle Fund of Methuen.

**OFFSITE Little Bookworms at the Nevins Farm MSPCA (All ages)** Bring your young animal lovers to the Nevins Farm MSPCA, where they will listen to stories and meet animal friends. **No registration** is required.

**Stories & Songs (Ages infant-5)** Enjoy stories, music, and fun! **No registration** required.

Read & Play (Ages 2-5) Join us for this outdoor storytime, where your little kids can breathe the fresh air and enjoy stories and activities on the library's beautiful grounds. No registration required.

Messy Art (Ages 3-5) Kids have fun doing art without worrying about making a mess!

## **Bilingual Storytime with GLCAC (Ages 3-8)**

Your kids will enjoy this bilingual storytime with read-alouds in Spanish and English, as well as a craft (of course!). The program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to the Greater Lawrence Community Action by the Dept. of Early Education and Care.

Family Storytime (Ages 3-8) Wrap up your day with your children at this evening storytime, where they will listen to stories and make a craft.

**Summer Storytime (Ages 3-8)** Our Summer Reading motif this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and all summer we have Summer Storytimes based on "adventurous" themes!

## **SPECIAL EVENT** Arthropod Petting Zoo with Professor Bugman (Ages 3-11)

At this exciting show-and-tell-and-touch program kids will learn all about arthropods, the most diverse group of animal life on the planet! Professor Bugman's enthusiasm and humor make for an engaging program where kids see, hear, touch, and even smell the incredible adaptations these creatures have that help them survive in the wild world. Please register for just one of the two program sessions we're offering

#### **Special Storytime: Ready for School! (Ages 4-6)**

Were you unable to attend our Kick-Off to Kindergarten program? Then you might want to bring your about-to-go-to-kindergarten child to this storytime, where we'll read stories and do fun activities about starting school – and meet Superintendent Brandi Kwong, too!

## **Summer Science (Ages 4-8)**

Kids will enjoy hands-on activities that show them how fun and intriguing science can be. In August we'll construct and launch rockets!

## Crafty Kids (Ages 5-8)

We provide the materials, while kids bring their imaginations and creativity – and have fun making different types of crafts!

## Read to Murphy the Dog! (Ages 5-18)

Sign up your child for a 15-minute session reading to Murphy, a sweet and gentle dog, and build their enjoyment and confidence in reading!

## **Ancient Tales Unlocked! (Ages 8-12)**

Our "Unlocked" series take ea deep dive into a variety of fascinating topics, including fun hands-on experiences. This month we'll learn about the myth and reality of the Trojan War – including the famous Trojan Horse!

#### Tales & Origami (Ages 12-18)

Discover Japan, the birthplace of anime, through magical tales and origami! Award-winning story-teller Motoko will discuss how Japanese folklore has inspired games and anime in the U.S. and around the world, and she'll guide participants in making origami figures and designing their own anime characters.

#### **Bookbinding: Environmental Journals**

(Ages 12-18) Create a fabulous journal to tell and illustrate your story of what you love about nature! During the program, participants can share stories of their experiences in the great outdoors while they make unique interactive journals.

### **Daydream Believer Collage Workshop**

(Ages 12-18) Revel in creativity without pressure or expectation – you might surprise yourself by tapping into intuitive artmaking while you learn how to craft collages full of personal expression!

#### **SPECIAL EVENT End-of-Summer Carnival**

(All ages) As the summer winds down and we wrap up our roster of summer programs, we'd like to celebrate with you! Bring your kids to enjoy games, treats, and all sorts of fun. No registration required.

## Kickoff to Kindergarten!

(for children entering kindergarten and their families)

Do you have children entering kindergarten in the fall? Come to this community fair, which helps children and their families prepare for starting off in the Methuen Public Schools. Hear a story, meet the superintendent, learn about local agencies and organizations, climb on a school bus, and more!