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Adventure Begins at Your Library™ During This Year's Summer Reading Program!

Northville, MI: Summer is finally within sight and families are gearing up to enjoy the sun until school starts back up in September. Why not add some books into the mix and be rewarded for time spent reading?

Maybe you're a parent and your schedule doesn't lessen during the summer despite the change in your child's schedule. What's incredibly important to know is that reading during the summer is essential, not only because it gives your young student something to do, encourages the growth of their imaginations, and increases their empathy and literacy skills, but it also because it prevents the summer slide. Not sure what the summer slide is? You're not alone. According to Scholastic's 2019 *Kids & Family Reading Report*, nearly half of parents with children in grade school are not aware of the impact that the lack of reading outside of the average academic year has; it contributes to the loss of academic skills overall and can result in a student's reading ability cumulatively lagging by about two years.

NDL's Annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) begins today and encourages readers of all ages to pick up a book, or several, and have fun! NDL's SRP begins Monday, June 3rd, and goes until Saturday, August 3rd. Paper reading logs are available at the Library for all ages to pick up from the Information Desk on the main level of the Library. For those who prefer to log their reading online, visit northvillelibrary.beanstack.com or download the free Beanstack app onto your preferred smart device from your device's app store. Each age group has its own goals to achieve this year: Youth from ages 0 – 5 years old have a goal of 300 minutes of reading; youth in grades K – 2nd have a goal of 600 minutes of reading; and youth in grades 3 to 5 have a goal of 900 minutes spent reading. Teens have a goal of reading 900 minutes. Adults who read for a total of 20 hours, or 1200 minutes, can submit their log to the Information Desk on the main level of the Library to claim their prize. All reading logs must be submitted to the Information Desk by Saturday, August 3rd to redeem any prizes earned.

This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library™, highlighting fun activities for kids and families to explore the world and anything that interests you. Please consider joining us for one, or all, of our Summer Reading events at the Library! Most events require registration through NDL's event calendar on our website.

Some featured events include:

Annual Teen Shelter Pet Art Contest

Saturday, June 1 - Saturday, August 31.

Help promote awareness of local adoptable pets - and win amazing prizes. Rules are available on the Library's teen contest page on NDL's website. Teen programs are for middle and high-school-aged participants only.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 8 from 10 AM - 1 PM.

All ages. Join fellow crafters in celebration. Weather permitting, we will meet in the park behind the Library. Please bring your own chair and knitting or crocheting supplies. Share your current work in progress with other fiber enthusiasts. Drop in.

Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician & Entertainer

Wednesday, June 19 at 6 PM.

All ages. Join us for an evening of FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer - Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation. You do not want to miss out! Registration is required.

Mr. Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation, and Equality, with Kevin Wood

Wednesday, June 19 at 7 PM

Mr. Lincoln shares his ever-evolving perspectives on the subjects of slavery, emancipation, and equality, including the relationship between the races during his times. He discusses the great events of his presidency as related to these issues, including the significant decisions to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to Abraham Lincoln and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. Registration is required.

And Then There Were None, Teen Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, June 20 at 7 PM.

Join us to party and solve a bookish murder mystery. Dress as your favorite literary character - if you dare! Registration is required. Teen programs are for middle and high-school-aged participants only.

Little Adventures Storytime

Fridays, June 21 - August 2 from 10:30 - 11 AM.

Ages birth to 5, with a caring adult. Join us every Friday for storytime. Registration is required.

Touch a Truck

Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM - 12 PM (10 - 11 AM Sensory Friendly Hour).

At Northville High School parking lot, 45700 Six Mile Rd, Northville.

All ages. Stop by the Northville High School parking lot to explore all types of vehicles and meet the people who help to build, protect, and serve our community. Drop in.

Saturday Stories

Saturdays, June 29, July 20, and August 3.

Ages birth - 5, with a caring adult. Join us one Saturday a month for songs, movement, and stories!
Registration is required.

Seasonal Salads, with Thirsty Radish, Via Zoom

Thursday, July 18 at 7 PM.

Learn new methods of preparation, ingredient combinations, and homemade dressings for colorful, tasty salads to satisfy you all season long with Vanessa Young from Thirsty Radish. This presentation is a virtual one held online via Zoom. Registration is required.

Magic Carpet Theater Presents Where The Wild Things Are

Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 AM.

All ages. Experience a live performance of Maurice Sendak's American classic of a boy's journey into his imagination. Registration is required.

The Music Lady

Monday, August 5 at 2 PM.

All ages. Enjoy the sounds of Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady, as she delights all with a fun, family-friendly concert. Registration is required.

All Ages Final Summer Party

Wednesday, August 7 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

Rain Date: Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM.

All ages. Join us for an evening of treats, inflatables, airbrush tattoos, and more! Drop in.

Be sure to check the Library's Summer print newsletter, which you can pick up at the Library, and the online event calendar for a full listing of all Library events. To subscribe to the Library's newsletters visit www.library.org>About>Enewsletter Signup.

For more information, please visit NDL's website at: www.northvillelibrary.org; or call (248)349-3020. We are also on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, /X, Spotify, Flickr, YouTube, Pinterest, and TikTok.



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