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Edith Wheeler Memorial Library Summer 2009



The Edith Wheeler Memorial Library
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The Friends of the Edith Wheeler Memorial Library
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Be Creative @ YOUR LIBRARY

Register for the reading club and receive your reading log at our summer reading kick off program
"CHALK IT UP" on Friday, June 26th!
See inside for more details!

Summer Reading Guidelines

* Preschoolers and children through grade 6 may register. If you can't read, someone may read books to you. Receive your summer reading starter kit complete with reading log, goal sheet, bookmark and pencil when you register on or after June 26, 2009.

* Any reading counts, including : magazines, newspapers, web pages and comics!

* Set your own reading goal. Decide how many minutes each day or hours each week you want to read this summer. To keep track of your time, write in how many minutes you read or are read to, in the blank circles on your reading log.

* Visit the library each week and bring your reading log. For every 15 minutes of reading you get a sticker on your log. For every hour of reading, you get a prize. You may collect up to 7 prizes total! If you choose to read more than that, **GREAT!** We have a prize for our top readers. Just submit your goal sheet and log to us **before August 11**, and we will award a top reader prize in each age category at our summer reading picnic on the town green! (August 12 at 6:00 PM) Age categories are: Pre K-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th!

* Once you complete your reading goal, bring in your signed goal sheet and let us know! You will be entered into a drawing for the end of **summer grand prize!** That drawing will take place on August 14, 2009 and winners will be notified by phone.



We're especially excited about....

Our author visit by Elise Broach!!! She wrote *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything* and *Masterpiece*. *Masterpiece* is the summer read for 4th to 6th graders! Purchase it today at our circulation desk!
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Trash to Tunes

Thursday, August 6 at 2:00 PM

Family show-gearred for ages 5 and up

Using a wide array of instruments, indigenous and homemade, Waring weaves fun fascinating tales of the origin of music and how all cultures through time used their natural environments for making fantastic sound-making devices. Instruments like the bull roarer, mouth bow, animal horn, sea shell trumpet, and bamboo flute, are just some of what he shows. The most distinctive characteristic of Waring's show is that he makes most all the instruments he demonstrates. **No Registration Necessary**

Old Fashioned Ice Cream

Friday, August 7 at 1:30 PM

For ages 7 and up **Registration Required**

Join Nancy Zorena of the Monroe Historical Society for a treat down memory lane! Learn how ice cream is made, its history and how to make old fashioned ice cream with a hand cranked ice cream maker. Try some too! This will take place outside the library. If it rains, this program moves to the Community Room.

Lionhart Puppets: The Reluctant Dragon

Monday, August 10 at 10:30 AM

Family Show-gearred for ages 4 and up

What happens when Harold, a young village boy, discovers a dragon in the mountains? Can Harold convince the villagers that the dragon just wants to be friends? Lionhart Puppet Theater welcomes you to find out in this entertaining show for families. **No Registration Necessary**



End of Summer Reading Picnic and Magic Show

Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00 PM



Family Event on the Town Green.

If it rains, this program moves to our community room inside the library.

Come to the town green at 6:00 PM with your picnic dinner. Enjoy the music of "A String Quartet" as you dine, donations benefiting the library book account. We'll provide Italian Ice from Rita's for dessert! Enjoy the performance of Danny Magic to follow at 6:30 PM! His fast paced, hilarious and mind-boggling magic is guaranteed to please everyone in the family. We are excited to have him, and to celebrate a great summer of reading!

Members of "A String Quartet" are: Olivia Fox, Catherine Fox, Helen Cumberbatch and Molly Chironomula.



For information on regular library programming such as R.E.A.D to Gracie, please call 203-452-2850.

The Life of Beethoven

Family show – geared for ages 5 and up

One of the greatest composers of all time, Ludwig Von Beethoven wrote his greatest masterpiece, the 9th Symphony, while he was profoundly deaf. This fast paced, inspiring, and imaginative play is accompanied by Beethoven's powerful music. Factual and compelling, Beethoven's story is moving and unforgettable. Performed in the style of *The Life of Mozart*, this play is designed for the K-6 age group. **No Registration Necessary**

Friday, July 17 at 1:30 PM

Hand Me Down Parade

Geared for children 2 and up and their families

Come to this original children's sing-a-long with a go-green twist. Learn how we can all, big or small, go GREEN! Tara B. is the leader of this family sing-a-long, complete with original songs, recycled instruments and plenty of moving and grooving! **No Registration Necessary**

Monday, July 20 at 2:00 PM

Bubblemania

Family Show-geared for ages 5 and up

An extremely unique program combining high energy entertainment with artistic achievement, BubbleMania is loaded with visual comedy, quick wit, big band swing music and the untamed, often unbelievable qualities and beauty of spherical liquids. Casey's creations grow from intricate and imaginative bubble art forms to "trapping" people inside bubbles!

No Registration Necessary

Tuesday, July 21 at 2:00 PM

Be Creative and Invent!

Grades 1-3 11:00 AM Registration Required

Grades 4th-6th 1:00 PM Registration Required

The Children's Museum leads this exciting, educational and inspiring program for kids! Participants will try their hand at inventing their own machine and see how well it works! Focusing on scientific inquiry, literacy and numeracy-kids will be learning and not even know it!

Thursday, July 23

Howl At the Moon with a Wild Thing Toon

Family Show, All Ages

Tom Sieling, widely acclaimed singer and songwriter, performs a wonderfully engaging show for the whole family. Using guitar, banjo, harmonica, and a drum machine his songs focus on the natural world. Interactive and humorous, this show includes audience participation and is sure to get everyone tapping, snapping, clapping and having a wild time.

No Registration Necessary

Friday, July 31 at 2:00 PM

Lego Design Contest

Be creative and build something fantastic out of Legos. Bring your creation to the library to be judged. You must use your own Legos, you must be able to carry your design in and out of the building on your own, no kits, or use of Technic Legos or Power Functions and be creative! Prizes will be awarded in each of three age categories: 3-6, 7-10, and 11-13.

Please register in one of the three age groups ahead of time.

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 PM

Prize Recap

- 1 sticker placed on your log for every 15 minutes that you read.
- 1 prize for every hour that you read or are read to. You can earn up to 7 prizes total for hourly reading.
- Reach your reading goal? Bring in your goal sheet! We will enter you into the end of the year drawing for the grand prize.
- Submit your log and goal sheet to us before the end of the program on August 11, and we will see if you qualify as one of our top readers. Prizes will be awarded to the top readers in the following age brackets: Pre K -K, 1st -2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, at our end of year picnic on the town green.



Chalk It Up !

Summer Reading Kick-Off

June 26 1:00-8:00 PM (rain date June 29)

All Ages



Bring Your Own Chalk

Join the library staff, the Friends of the Library, and the Monroe Arts Council as we kick off summer reading in the right direction. We'll have activities all day long including: arts & crafts for kids, balloon animals, stilt walking and more! Register ahead of time for your slab of library cement. Decorate your slab with sidewalk chalk in the theme of "favorite book". Judging of the slabs, by the Monroe Arts Council, starts at 6:30 PM. While you wait, come see our magic show @ 7:00 PM "Creative Imagination" with Dan Bowen in our Community Room! Winners & prizes will be announced after the show.



Special Summer Programs 2009



Creative Imagination

Family Show – geared for ages 5 and up

As one of Connecticut's premier illusionists, this is Dan Bowen's last year doing library tours. We are so excited that we have the honor of showcasing him one more time before he moves onto bigger venues! His shows are professional, humorous, family friendly and elicit a steady stream of oohs and ahhs! **No Registration Necessary**

Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM

Let's Create and Celebrate!

For children ages 2 and up and their families.

Are you ready to sing, dance and be entertained like never before? Come and enjoy the musical stylings of Gigi and Granny Fann, a non stop duo of musical excitement. Filled with a plethora of props and puppets, kids will have the time of their lives and so will the adults! **No Registration Necessary**

Monday, June 29 at 10:30 AM

Creative Dramatics : Drama for Kids

Tuesday, June 30

The Great Kapok Tree : Ages 8 and up, 1:00 PM Registration Required

The Magical Toy Shop : Ages 4-7, 2:30 PM Registration Required

Let's put on a play! Each workshop will begin with a series of exciting theatre games and improvisations that will gradually lead into the main story chosen for exploration. Participants will help choose the characters they want to play, add a costume piece and before you know it, act out the story! There is a lot of room for creative dialogue and interpretation. Parents are welcome to attend the actual performance at the end of the workshop.

Pajama Story Times

Tuesdays June 30 - August 11 at 6:30PM

Geared for children ages 3-6 and their families

Join Ms. Adrienne and Mr. Binke as they collaborate to bring you an evening of songs and stories. Come dressed for bed in your PJ's. Bring your blankets to get comfy and a favorite stuffed animal. We'll serve milk and cookies too! 30 minutes

No Registration Necessary

Tots and Tunes

Ages 0-3 and a parent or caregiver

Thursday, July 2 10:30 AM, Monday, July 6 10:30 AM, Monday, July 13 10:30 AM

Wednesday, July 22 10:30 AM, Wednesday, August 5 10:30 AM

Our children's librarian is experimenting with a new kind of story time, come try it out for the summer! Lots of moving and grooving, props, puppets and so much more! 25-30 minutes.

No Registration Necessary

Mommy & Me Yoga

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15 & 29 10:30-11:30 AM

For children ages 2-5 and a parent or caregiver Registration Required

Simone Cameron, a Professional Yoga Instructor from Monroe, is offering her time and energy for the summer! Moms come with your child to this four week class and learn to bond, bend and breathe like never before.

Creative Art Classes for Kids: Hosted by All About Art

Various ages and dates, please see class description. Registration Required

- **American Flag Collages: Grades K-6 Thursday, July 2 10-11:30 AM**
Come share your spirit for America! Using a variety of art materials, artists will create American Flag Collages in honor of the holiday!
- **Dinosaur Crazy: Grades K-3 Monday, July 27 3-4:30 PM**
In honor of "The Day Dinosaurs Came with Everything" by Elise Broach, create dino drawings and decoupage dinos utilizing colored tissue paper.
- **Cartoon Characters: Grades 4-6 Thursday, July 30 10-11:30 AM**
Great fun for all skill levels. Learn how to create different facial expressions and body styles in order to design your own cartoon character.
- **Paint to Music: Grades 2-6 Monday, August 3 3-4:30 PM**
Whether it is fast-paced or slow, artists will paint to music to create pictures from different artistic styles.

Crafting With Katya

Various ages and dates, please see class description. Registration Required

- **Basic Beading: Grades K-1 Monday, July 6 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**
Students will create one or two necklaces/bracelets using colored macaroni and plastic beads.
- **Beading for Beginners: Grades 2-3 Tuesday, July 7 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**
Students will learn to make bracelets, necklaces, rings and possibly even anklets in this slightly more challenging class.
- **Advanced Beading with Sculpy: Grades 4-6 Thursday, July 9 1:00-3:00 PM**
Students will learn to create their own personalized jewelry using Sculpy Clay.
- **Miniatures: Grades 4-6 Friday, July 10 1:00-3:00 PM**
Students will learn how to use Sculpy Clay to make miniature chairs, beds, lamps, food and much more.

I Spy - A Digital Camera Workshop for Kids

Thursday, July 9 at 10:30 AM

Grades 1-6 Registration Required

With a digital camera and their natural sense of wonder, children have a chance to explore their world and use photography as a tool to express themselves. Photography boosts self-esteem and gives children a chance to be creative with high-tech tools as well as heightening awareness of their surrounding community and environment. Lead by professional photographer and teacher, Craig Norton.

Kids Knit

Our popular knitting program is back for the summer! Registration Required

Teddy Bear Scarf: Ages 8 and up- July 13 & 14 10:15-11:15 AM

Teddy Bear Hat: Ages 10 and up- July 27 & 28 10:15-11:15 AM

Author Visit: Elise Broach

Tuesday, July 14 6:30-8 PM

Elise Broach, the author of *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything*, *Shakespeare's Secret* and *Masterpiece*, is here to meet and greet, read her picture book *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything* at our Pajama Story Time, and follow up with a book discussion for 4th-6th graders on her book *Masterpiece*.

Registration necessary for the book discussion, but not for the story time or book signing.

Story Time starts at 6:30 PM Book Discussion begins at 7:00 PM

Wii Love Summer Reading

Tues. Wed. & Thurs. July 14-16 1-3 PM

Grades K-2 1-2 PM

Grades 3-6 2-3 PM

Come and check out the Nintendo Wii like never before - on the big screen! Compete for prizes. We'll play Wii Bowling, Guitar Hero and other games! No Registration Necessary