

2026 SUMMER READING CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE



Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party with the Toe Jam Puppet Band

Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 PM

Join us for a fun afternoon to celebrate the start of our annual Summer Reading Program! Meet up with friends new and old, decorate a rock for our rock garden, and dance along with the Toe Jam Puppet Band. The Toe Jam Puppet Band is the fun family band with a unique musical, interactive, and theatrical performance that the whole family will love.

Buttermaking for Kids

Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 PM

For Kids ages 3-12 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Join us in a fun hands-on activity making your own butter, and learning about the science behind the process.

Produce Produce Paint Party

Tuesday, June 30 at 5:30 PM

For Teen/Tweens ages 11 to 18 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Teens and Tweens are invited to learn about the powerful pigments in our food, and paint a beautiful bookmark to take home.

CFCE Storywalk

Tuesday Mornings In July from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Join us for a reading adventure! Discover the exciting stories we have waiting for you on the library lawn.

July 7: Miguel's Community Garden by JaNay Brown-Wood

July 14: The Bad Seed by Jory John

July 21: The Surprise Garden by Zoe Hall

July 28: Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn



Animal Craze Petting Zoo

Thursday, July 9 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM Limited Space, Registration Required

Join us for fun time with the Animal Craze Traveling Farm from Mistletoe Farm in Winchendon. Children will have the chance to pet, hold, brush and feed adorable farm animals.

Land Conservation Presentation with Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust

Thursday, July 9 from 6:30 - 7:00 PM

What do Sunset View Farm, Murdock Farm, and the Old Marchmont Property have in common? They are all preserved by Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust. Join Mt. Grace to learn about all the properties in Winchendon that are conserved, and the benefits they hold for the town.

Theater Squad

One week only! July 13-17 from 11:00am - 12:30 PM

For Teen/Tweens ages 11 to 14 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Explore the world of drama, comedy, and improv with Theater Squad! In this 5-day class, you will learn the basics of theater and stage presence while creating your own play! This series culminates in a short performance for caregivers on Friday, July 17 at 12:00 PM.

Local Farm Producers Panel

Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 PM

Join four local food producers to talk about their work and the benefits of eating locally grown food. Panelists are Beth Hunt (Not Just Produced), Ali Catlin (Smith's Country Cheese), Richy Pena (Farming is Life), and Erin Silva (Owner of Piping Plover Baking).

Plant Science Experiments

Wednesday, July 22 at 2:00 PM

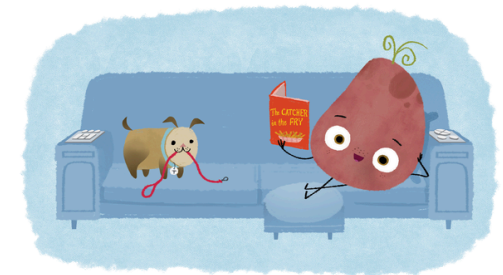
For Kids ages 3-12 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Junior Scientists will have the opportunity to try hands-on experiments as they explore the world of plant science with Melissa the Mad Scientist.

Victory Garden Presentation

Friday, July 24 at 4:30 PM

Join us for an informative presentation about Victory Gardens and their importance and success during both World Wars.



International Snack Taste Test

Wednesday, July 29 at 3:30 PM

For Teen/Tweens ages 10 to 18 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Take your taste buds on a tour around the world! Join us for an international taste test, where participants will get to try a variety of snacks from all over the globe.

Dorm Room Cooking Workshop

Monday August 3 at 3:30 PM

For Teen/Tweens ages 10 to 18 | Limited Space, Registration Required

Join us for a hands-on workshop on how to create a delicious meal using a microwave and other dorm approved appliances.

Astronomy: Moon Trees and Space seeds

Thursday, August 6 at 6:30 PM

Join Jim Zebrowski for an exciting presentation discussing the science of plant growth in a microgravity environment in low Earth orbit, and how it helps improve agricultural yields on Earth for millions of people!

Buzzy Bees Beekeeping

Friday August 7 at 2:00 PM

Join Dave and Annie from the Worcester County Bee Association to learn all about our friends, the honeybees!

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Tuesday, August 11 from 6-7:30 PM

For Ages 12+ | Limited Space, Registration Required

Add a little nature to your reading! Join us at the library for a relaxing workshop where you'll design your own beautifully pressed flower bookmark. We'll provide all the materials- just bring your creativity.



End of Summer Reading Flashmob

Thursday, August 13 from 6:00-7:00 PM

Come celebrate the end of summer by participating in silent reading at the library. Bring or pick out a book, find a cozy place inside or outside the library and read! Afterward there will be snacks provided and you can share what you have read this summer.