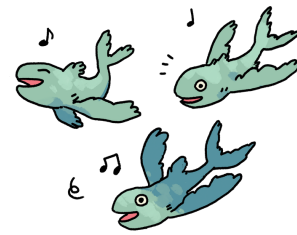




Find Your Voice

Richards Memorial Library

Summer Reading Program Calendar 2023



Ongoing:

Find a picture of Summer Reading mascot, Mango the Parrot, hidden in the library each day!



Challenge yourself with weekly summer reading-themed puzzles, word games, and coloring sheets.



Check rmlpaxton.org for program updates & more information.



June

Tuesday, June 27 - Summer Reading Program Registration Begins! Visit the library during any open days/hours to register.

Thursday, June 29, 6:30pm - Find Your Voice Kickoff Concert*

For young people and their families/caregivers. All welcome!

Local performer, Rachael Cobb Douglas, will lead us in sing-a-longs, movement, cooperative songs, and an instrument chorus. Outdoors if the weather is nice, indoors if not. Library staff will be available with information about the Summer Reading program for children, teens, and adults. Let's kickoff the 2023 "Find Your Voice" Summer Reading program!



Music & Movement Storytimes with Julie Stepanek*

Wednesdays, June 21 and 28, July 5

10:30-11:15am

March, stomp, sing, and stretch in these interactive storytimes for young children and their families. We'll use scarves, shakers, finger plays and more to shake out our sillies -- all to the sweet sounds of the ukulele. Outdoors if nice, indoors if not.

July

Saturday, July 8, Drop In 10:30-12noon- Snails and Shells Tempera Paint. Tempera stick painting for all ages. It's like painting with a glue stick. No mess, all fun! Shell and snail templates pre-made for your painting fun. All ages.

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30-7:30pm - Drum Circle with Tim Kane*

Explore world beats as we make music together! 20 drums provided, or bring personal percussion.

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Sip and Chill

Wednesday, July 12, 10am-12noon

Tuesday, July 25, 5:30-7:30pm

For young adults (ages 12+) and adults. Color by number Bob Ross images while sipping iced tea (caffeinated and decaf available). Come to one, come to both.

Drop in.

Read to Shamrock the Reading Dog
Wednesdays, July 12 and 19, 3:30-4:30pm

Fridays, July 14 and 21, 10:30-11:30am

For ages 5+

Bring or borrow a story to share with Shamrock, a miniature labradoodle certified through Therapy Dogs International. Outdoors. (May be canceled in inclement weather.) Drop In.



Tuesday, July 18, 6-7pm. An Evening of Music with Hans Betancourth. All Ages. Let's fill the library with beautiful music! Join international musician Hans Betancourt (hansbetancourth.com) in playing, singing, and enjoying family-favorite songs from the library's Family Songbook. Hans will play his keyboard, saxophone, and guitar. Participants of all skill levels are welcome to bring their own instruments. The library will provide shaker eggs and other small percussion instruments so everyone -- of all ages and abilities -- can create music together in this relaxed and joyful program. Come sing, play, or simply enjoy the music!

Friday, July 28, 3-4pm - Find Your Voice: Collage Art. Tweens & Teens Ages 8+. Explore different collage techniques using decorative paper, magazine cut outs, torn pages & pages from discarded books, plus mixed media. No experience needed. Drop in.



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August

Tuesday, August 1, 6:30-7:30pm - Find Your Voice Celebration Concert with Julie Stepanek.* All ages. Join singer Julie Stepanek for an all-ages participatory music program featuring vocal warmups, chants, call & responses, shakers & scarves, and singable songs from around the world. Celebrate the ending of summer with this special Summer Reading Celebration event, featuring our Summer Reading community song, "If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out!" Outdoors in nice weather, indoors if not.



Friday, August 4, 9am-4:30pm - Last Day to bring your Summer Reading Log to the Library to redeem Summer Reading prizes and add notes to our community song.

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