

Brownell Library Kids 0-5 Summer Program 2024



This summer, Adventure Begins at Brownell Library, and we hope that you and your family will join us for another summer of exploration, creativity, and stories!

Registration, Reading Logs, and Prizes:

Starting June 1st, you can learn more about this summer's offerings and register for summer reading at <https://brownelllibrary.org/children-teens/summer-reading-plan>. Once you register, stop by the youth circulation desk to pick up your summer reading materials, including a reading log.

Registered children will receive a raffle ticket or a small prize from the treasure box every time they attend a program or show us an updated reading log - no matter if they've read one new book since their last visit, or 100. Read-alouds with the family also count towards summer reading!

Starting June 26th, you can report books read by bringing a reading log to the library during any hours we are open to the public. New reading logs will be available at the youth desk and as a PDF on our website, but any list of books read will work, including the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten lists.

You won't want to miss these programs:

Summer reading festivities kick off on **Wednesday, June 26th, 5-7pm** under the Library Pavilion with **The Big Blue Trunk**, collaborative lawn games, face painting, and cotton candy for young and old to enjoy!

Everyone who participates in our summer reading program is invited to the **Summer Celebration Puppet Theater with No Strings Marionettes on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 6-7:30pm at Maple Street Park**. This event is made possible with support from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

You can find out more about these programs in our online events calendar: <https://brownelllibrary.org/events/calendar>

We are wishing you and your family summer fun and happy reading!

The Brownell Youth Team



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			10am Play Time 5:30pm Big Blue Trunk Kick off	10am To the Police Station		June 28
June 30		July 1	10am Play Time	Library Closed	10am Music Time	June 29
July 7	July 8	July 9	10am Play Time	10am Story Time	3pm Tie-Dye Party	July 13
July 14	July 15	July 16	10am Play Time	10am Story Time	10am Busy July 19 Morning Duo Singsalong	July 20
July 21	July 22	July 23	10am Play Time July 24 Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop-Off	10am Teddy Bear Pick- up Story Time	July 26	July 27
July 28	July 29	July 30	10am Play Time	10am Story Time	10am Music Time 3pm Drive in Movie	July 27
Aug. 4	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	10am Play Time	10am Story Time	Aug. 2	Aug. 3
Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	10am Play Time 6pm No Strings Marionettes	10am Story Time	Aug. 9	Aug. 10
****August 12-20 - Art Lab: Magical Places****						
****July 15-19 - Art Lab: Time Travel****						
All summer: Walk to Mordor, Story Walk Bird Watch Quest						

More programs for children 0-5 years old

Sat. June 1 & 22, 10-10:30pm - Saturday Stories - Meet in the picture book area for stories, rhymes and fun!

Wed. June 12 & July 17, 3-5pm - Lego Fun - Build creatively with Legos. Your creations will be displayed in the library! Children under 9 years old must bring a responsible caregiver.

Wed. June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7 & 14; 10-10:45am - Adventures in Play - Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to this play time. We will read one story and play with giant blocks, hoops, chalk, bubbles and water! Bring a towel or change of clothes. Inclement weather? We'll play inside (minus the water toy).

Thu. June 27, 10-11:30, Adventure to the Police Station - This adventure takes us to the Essex Police Station, where an officer will show us around and let us see the inside of a police car! Meet at the library at 10am and walk to the Police Station together, or meet us at 145 Maple St, Essex Junction, VT 05452 at 10:30am. As we walk back together, we will share some stories about our adventure!

Thu. July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1 & 8; 10-10:30am - Story Time Adventures - Go on a storybook adventure with us in the Picture Book area. Stories, rhymes, songs and activities.

Fri. June 7, July 5 & Aug. 2; 10-10:30am - Adventures in Music - Come sing and dance with Linda Bassick!

Fri. July 12, 3-5pm - Tie-Dye Party - Twist, bind, and dye your way to unique, wearable works of art during Brownell's first tie-dye party. Bring your own t-shirt if you are able, pre-washed, 100% cotton works best; we will also have some shirts on hand just in case. Tie-dying does involve some wait time, so come prepared to play lawn games and/or run through sprinklers while you wait. This event is open to all ages, while supplies last. Young children will need adult help.



Mon. July 15 & Aug. 12; 4-5pm - Read With Sammy - Sammy loves belly rubs, carrots, and listening to kids read! His owner is Kim Hathaway, an educator at Summit Street School. They are a certified team with Therapy Dogs of Vermont.

Fri. July 19, 10-11am - Singalong with Busy Morning Duo - Musician Linda Bassick and bandmate Greg Rothwell will delight and engage families with an interactive sing-along and reading of their debut children's book, *Squirrel in a Tree: A Maple's Busy Morning Adventure*. This one-hour event includes a 30-minute concert, book reading, and meet-and-greet with the musicians and their instruments, a great opportunity for book-signing and photos. You may preorder the book from Phoenix Books in Essex beginning June 16th for July 16th publication.

Wed. July 24, 9-4pm - Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop-Off - Drop off your stuffed animal from 9am-4pm to stay overnight at the library! Pick them up the next day at the Teddy Bear Story Time. For all ages.

Thu. July 25, 10-10:30am - Teddy Bear Pick-Up Story Time.

Mon. July 29, 2-3pm - Library Olympic Games - Get into the Olympic spirit by balancing, throwing, jumping and more at different stations in the library. Best for ages 4-10.

Aug. 1-30 - Estimation Jar - Estimate the amount of sports chocolate balls in the jar. If you guess the right amount, you win all the chocolate! Winner will be announced on Aug. 30.

Aug. 2, 3-5pm - Drive in Movie: Migration - Lounge in a teen-built cardboard vehicle inspired by migratory animals during this "drive-in" movie in the community room. Children are welcome to bring pillows, blankets, stuffies, etc., anything to make their viewing experience cozy. Vehicles are free to take home after the show. Rated PG, Universal Pictures. 83 minutes. Open to all ages.

Mon. Aug. 12, 5:30-6:30pm - Kindergarten Story Time - Meet new school friends at this story time for students entering kindergarten this fall. Snacks, stories and time to meet and greet friends provided.

Look for **passive programs** in the library all summer long! Bird Watch Quest, Story Walk around the library, Art Labs, count your steps in our Community Walk to Mordor and more.

