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Brownell Library Kids Summer Program 2022

This year's summer reading theme, Oceans of Possibilities will invite children to explore our oceans, lakes, and rivers, and the animals and insects that depend on them. As we investigate all things water, we will continue to offer a variety of program options, including in-person programs both inside and outside the library, longer-term experiences that families can appreciate at their leisure, kit-based programs, and even a few virtual programs. Whatever your schedule or preference for interacting, we hope you will join us as we celebrate summer, reading, and community!

Registration and Reading Logs

Starting June 1st, you can register for our summer reading program at <https://brownelllibrary.org/kids-teens/summer-reading-plan>. Once you register, stop by the youth circulation desk to pick up your summer reading materials, including a reading log. You can report books read by bringing your reading log to the library during any hours we are open to the public. Physical books, e-books, magazines, and audiobooks all count towards summer reading! 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.



Summer Reading Kick Off Party: Foam Fest

Summer reading festivities begin with a splash on June 17th, 5:30-7pm under the Library Pavilion. We will celebrate the start of summer with lawn games, bubbles, and lots of foam for kids to dance and play in! Don't forget to bring a towel.

End of Summer Party: No Strings Marionettes @ Maple Street Park

Whether your child reads one book or one hundred, attends one program or several, ALL PARTICIPANTS are invited to our End of Summer Party with the No Strings Marionettes on July 29th, 6-7:30pm at Maple Street Park. This year's performance follows Jim, who is lured out to sea in search of adventure, but finds himself on an underwater odyssey after a violent storm. Along the way Jim learns about the ocean, its inhabitants, and the threat of pollution poured into the water from above. Can Jim convince his people to take better care of the waters so that creatures above and below can live in harmony? After the show, summer reading participants can pick up a free book.



There's lots to explore this summer and you can find details on our many program offerings in the pages of this brochure or on our library events calendar. We hope that you will join us for some programs, or stop by the library to pick up some books, DVDs, board games, STEM kits and more. Either way, we are excited to see you and your family! If you have any questions about how to participate this summer you can reach us in the library, by email at youth@brownelllibrary.org, or by phone at (802)878-6956.

Wishing you and your family summer fun and happy reading!
The Brownell Youth Team

June and July - Sea Life Scavenger Hunt - Grab a scavenger hunt list at the youth desk and find the 10 posters of sea life around the youth library. Each poster has interesting facts. Complete the hunt and get a prize from our treasure chest.

Starting June 17 and throughout the summer: Nautical Flags Codes - Try out your code cracking skills using this international system for communicating at sea. Check back often, we will be changing the flags every week.

All summer - Adopt-a-Pet - Borrow a stuffed animal for a week and record your adventures in a journal.

All June - Champ Stories Drawing - Share a story about local sea monster Champ and you will be entered into a drawing. Winner to be announced at the end of the month. Recommended for youth and teens.

Ocean Wonder Kits: Released at noon and available while supplies last. Instructions will be included in each kit. (Recommended for ages 6-12.) Share pictures of your making experience by emailing them to: youth@brownelllibrary.org or tag @brownellvt on social media.

- **Mon. June 6: Lighthouses!** - Build a lighthouse out of toothpicks and jelly beans.
- **Fri. July 1 - Light Up Angler Fish** - Create a circuit to light up the Angler Fish's lure. (Early release for holiday)
- **Mon. Aug. 1 - Ocean Slime** - Create your own ocean themed slime.



Wee Ocean Kits: Released at noon and available while supplies last. Instructions will be included in each kit. Share pictures of your making experience by emailing them to: youth@brownelllibrary.org or tag @brownellvt on social media. Recommended for preschool ages.

- **Sat. June 18, 10-11am - Sink & Float Kit and Play** - Pick up your Sink & Float kit and join us outside to try your kit out. Be ready to get wet and have fun! Even if you can't join us, you can still pick up your kit. Released early, because of the holiday weekend and available while supplies last.
- **Mon. July 18 - Shark binoculars** - Preschoolers, make your own shark binoculars!
- **Mon. Aug. 15 - Noodle Crab** - Create a Noodle Crab from a pool noodle and pipe cleaners.

Tue. June 14, July 12 & Aug. 9; 4:30-6pm - Four Winds: Sense of Wonder, Sense of Self - Nurturing a Child's Sense of Wonder Discussion Series - We invite parents and caregivers of preschoolers to join us this summer on the second Tuesday of the month (via zoom in June and July and in person at the library with your kids in August.) Explore topics on how to encourage and support nature-based play. Presented by the Four Winds Nature Institute in partnership with the library. Register in our events calendar to receive the program link.

Tue. June 21 & 28, July 5, 12, 19 & 26; 10-11am - Water Play Time - Gather under the pavilion for a story and then play with water and bubbles on the library lawn. Best for 0-5 year old children. Bring a towel!

Tue. June 21, 9-4pm - Teddy Bear Sleepover - Drop off your stuffed animal from 9am-4pm to stay overnight at the library! Pick them up the next day at Teddy Bear Story Time.

Wed. June 22, 11am-noon - Teddy Bear Story Time - Bring a teddy bear or pick up your stuffed animals after their library sleepover for this special story time at the library.

Wed. June 22, 10:30am-12:30pm - Bookmark Stitch-In - The Embroiderers' Guild of America celebrates Oceans of Possibilities with a Stitch-In. Take home an embroidered bookmark.

Thu. June 23, 11-11:30am - Virtual Penguin Encounter with the New England Aquarium - Learn what it takes to care for a colony of over 70 penguins! In this virtual program, the New England Aquarium penguin experts will share some remarkable facts about penguins, the excellent care they receive, and how you can take action to protect these incredible animals. This program will be provided on Zoom, and attendance is limited to 30 people. Please help us keep track of participation by registering each attendee individually, and let us know if your plans change so that as many people can participate as possible. We will share the zoom link the week of the program. Send any questions or changes of plan to youth@brownelllibrary.org. This program is sponsored by the Brownell Library Foundation.

Thu. June 23, July 21 & Aug. 11, 3-5pm - Lego Fun - Come build creatively with Legos by yourself or with others. Children under 8 years old must bring a responsible caregiver. Inside in the community room.

Fri. June 24, 9-11:30am - Let's Go Fishing! - VT Fish & Wildlife presents: Let's Go Fishing! This program emphasizes that fishing is more than catching fish by educating participants about water ecology and fishing; helping participants become aware of and appreciate Vermont's fish population, their habitat needs, and ways to be stewards of these resources and teaching proper fishing skills and ethics, including respect for this natural resource and fishing rules and regulations. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Equipment provided. Meeting place TBA.

Mon. June 27, July 11 & 18; 3:30-4:30pm - Water Science - Recommended for ages 6-12.

- 6/27: Properties of Water** - Experiment with the properties of water. At three activity stations, explore how surface tension and capillary action work.
- 7/11: Oceans, Plastic and Jellyfish** - This program teaches students about the human impact on our waterways and oceans due to the global plastic trash crisis. We will explore plastic breakdown, how trash travels, how this affects sea animals and create a jellyfish.
- 7/18: Water & Oil Exploration:** This program offers hands-on experiments to help explain why oil spills are so damaging to our environment and so difficult to clean up. We will also create an oil and water droplet painting.

Ocean Art - Recommended for all ages. Take your creation home and let us make a copy for possible inclusion in our end of summer zine. Available while supplies last.

- Tue. June 28 - Fri. July 1 - Collage Fish** - Stop by our Youth Non-Fiction table and explore collage elements to make a "Rain Fish" à la Lois Ehlert.
- Tue. July 12-15 - Printing Underwater Worlds** - What worlds lay at the bottom of our oceans and lakes? Stop by our Youth Non-Fiction table and explore printmaking to design the underwater world or sunken city of your dreams.

Wed. June 29, July 6, 13, 20 & 27; 11am-noon - Swim Stories @ Maple Street Park - Dive into a story, sing, rhyme and play with your youth librarians. Look for us at Maple Street Park in good weather and come to the library in bad weather. Recommended for ages 2-7.



All July - Watery Facts Drawing - Share a watery fact that you have learned this summer, for example something about oceans, waterways, aquatic life, climate change, etc., and you will be entered into a drawing. The winner will be announced at the end of the month. Recommended for youth and teens.

Fri. July 1, 6-8pm - Interactive Movie Night: Finding Nemo - Just keep swimming and join us for an interactive movie showing of *Finding Nemo!* Interactive movies include scripts for participants to follow and new, visceral ways to engage with the movie -- for example, breaking a glow stick when Marlin and Dory see the pretty light! We'll be watching inside the library. This movie showing is open to all ages. Rated G, Pixar.

Tue. July 5 - 31 - Youth Photo Contest - Share your favorite images of watery places you've visited: lakes, oceans, rivers, etc. Bring in 8x10 prints or email high-quality images to youth@brownelllibrary.org. For all ages. Submit images by July 31st to be considered for Kolvoord Community Room display in August.

Wed. July 6 & Aug. 3; 3-4pm - Virtual Into the Blue Book Club - Explore books with friends! Children ages 10-14 are invited to read and discuss a book together. This program will be provided on zoom. Youth may participate in just one or both discussions; please register for each Into the Blue Book discussion separately to receive the zoom link. Send any questions to youth@brownelllibrary.org:

- 7/6: *Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer L. Holm. Books will be available starting in June.
- 8/3: *Peter and the Starcatchers*** by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. Books will be available starting in July.

Thu. July 7 & Aug. 4, 2-3pm - Book Treasures Club - Come to the library to listen to an ocean tale and make a treasure to take home! For kids ages 5-10.

Mon. July 11, all week - Mystery Word Week - Find the Mystery Word in a book to win a free small ice cream from Rocky's in Essex Junction. The Mystery Word will be announced on Facebook and in the library on Monday. Show a librarian the word in the book to earn your ice cream coupon. (One coupon per child.) (For independent readers only.) Available while supplies last.

Mon. July 11 - Wed. Aug. 31 - Water Creatures Exercises - Can you walk like a crab, waddle like a penguin or crawl like a crocodile? Come try different water creature exercises on the library lawn. They can be done in any order. Take a picture as you participate and send it to youth@brownelllibrary.org or tag @brownellvt on social media.

Wed. July 13 - Virtual Cartooning with Rick Stromoski - Learn to draw ocean-dwelling creatures with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski! Kids will learn to draw a variety of scaly, slimy, prickly friends in this fun, interactive library program. This program is recommended for ages 5+ and will be provided on Zoom. Register in our events calendar to receive the program link.

Thu. July 14, 2-3pm - Watershed Explorers - Lake Champlain Sea Grant staff will help you explore our Lake Champlain watershed with hands-on science activities and teach you how to use scientific tools and methods to conduct field science. If you are still curious about Lake Champlain's watershed after this program, take home the library's kit. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Fri. July 15, 10-11am - Water Resource Recovery Facility visit - Ever wonder where the water goes after you flush the toilet? Visit the Wastewater Treatment Facility with us! Closed toed shoes required. Meet at the facility and learn about the waterworks in our area. Recommended for ages 5 and up.



Fri. July 15, 6-8pm - Boat Drive In Movie: Moana - Bring your own cardboard boat or borrow one of ours for this "Drive-In Movie" in the community room. This week, a young woman uses her navigational talents to set sail for a fabled island. Joining her on the adventure is her hero, the legendary demi-god Maui. Rated PG, Disney. Boats are free to take home after the show.

July 18-23 - Nature Haiku - Stop by the youth desk to try your hand at writing a simple 5-7-5 syllable poem about what inspires you in nature. Examples will be provided to get you started. Submit your poem for our school of fish display. For all ages.

Tue. July 19, 5-6pm - Virtual Sailing the Seven Seas Trivia Night (Virtual) - Do you know that only 5% of our oceans have been explored? Yes? Then this Trivia Night is for you. No? This Trivia Night is STILL for you! Join kids ages 6-12 from both Brownell Library and Dorothy Alling Memorial Library as we test our knowledge of the seven seas. This program will be held on Zoom. Register in our events calendar to receive a link the week of the program.

All of August - Youth Watery Photo Exhibit - Exhibit of photos submitted by summer reading program participants in July. Vote for your favorite watery location photograph throughout the month of August.

All of August - Estimation Jar - Estimate how many in the jar and win the contents!

Mon. Aug. 8, 5-6pm - Kindergarten Story Time - A story time for students entering kindergarten this fall.

The library is closed on **Mon. June 20 for Juneteenth, Monday July 4 for Independence day, Tue. Aug. 16 for Bennington Battle Day and Mon. Sep. 5 for Labor Day**