

0-5 year olds  
 Summer Reading Program  
 Brownell Library 2026



**Brownell Library Kids 0-5 Summer Program 2026**

**Unearth a Story at Brownell Library this Summer!**

Grab your library card — it's time to dig in! This summer, Brownell Library is going prehistoric with a lineup of programs all about dinosaurs, paleontology, Brownell Library's 100<sup>th</sup> celebration and chances for YOU to play and learn.

**Registration, Reading Logs, and Prizes**

Starting June 15th, you can learn about the 2026 summer reading program and register to participate at <https://brownelllibrary.org/summer-reading/>. Once you're signed up, stop by the youth circulation desk to grab your summer reading materials, including your reading or activity log.

Every time a registered reader shows us an updated reading or activity log, they'll get a small prize from the treasure box - whether they've done one activity or more or read one new book since their last visit or one hundred. Count all your read-alouds and audiobooks!

Starting June 24th, bring your reading log to the library any time we're open to report what you've read or what activity you've done together. We will continue counting participation until the Summer Reading Celebration on August 7th.

**Don't Miss Our Summer Reading Celebrations**

The adventure kicks off with a *roar* on Wednesday, June 24th from 6-7pm when **Dinoman** will fill the Main Reading Room with giant dinosaurs, wild science facts, and lots of laughter. There's something for all ages at this **Summer Reading Kick Off**, made possible with support from the Friends of Brownell Library.

Then stomp on back on Friday, August 7th from 5:30-7pm, when everyone who participates in summer reading is invited to our **Summer Celebration with the No String Marionettes** in the Main Reading Room. This event is made possible with support from the Vermont Department of Libraries.

You can learn more about these programs in our online events calendar:

<https://brownelllibrary.org/calendar>

We can't wait to see you for another dino-mite summer at Brownell Library!

The Brownell Youth Team



			June 24	June 25	June 26	27
<b>June 24- July 1 - Adopt a Dino</b>						
			10am Bookmark Stitch In 6pm DINOMAN	10am Dino-mite Story Time	10:30am Spanish Story Time 3:30pm T-Rex Tea Party	
28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	4
<b>June 16-30 - Art lab: Dino Prints **** All summer 100 Things for 100 Years Display</b>						
			10am Outdoor Play Time	10am Dino-mite Story Time	The Library is closed today	
5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	11
<b>July: Foster a Pet **** July 1-15 STEM Challenge: Pasta Paleontology</b>						
			10am Outdoor Play Time 9-4 Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop Off	10am Teddy Pick Up Story Time	10:30am Music Time 1pm 100th Anniversary: Retro Library Desk	
12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	18
<b>July 2-21 - Dino Silhouette Scavenger Hunt</b>						
	5pm Marshmallow Roast and Campfire Songs	4pm Read with Sammy	10am Outdoor Play Time and Ice Cream Social with Seniors	10am Dino-mite Story Time	10:30am Spanish Story Time 4-7pm 100th Anniversary BBQ and Lawn PARTY	
19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	25
<b>June 29- July 31- 250th and Vermont History Bingo Card</b>						
			10am Outdoor Play Time	10am Dino-mite Story Time	3pm Tie-Dye Party	
26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	1
<b>July 16-31 - ART LAB: Dino Sounds</b>						
		1pm VINS: Birds are Dinosaurs!!	10am Outdoor Play Time	10am Dino-mite Story Time		
2	Aug. 3	Aug. 4	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 7	8
<b>July 22 - Aug. 10 - Dino Stomp and Roar Activity Walk Aug. 3-14 - STEM Challenge: Chomp Saw</b>						
		Estimation Jar Aug. 3-28	10am Visit Public Works	Dino-mite Story Time	10:30am Music Time 5:30pm Summer Celebration with No Strings and 7pm Retirement Party	

Brownell Library 802-878-6956

Open: Mon, Wed & Fri 9AM-8PM; Tues & Thu 9AM-6:30PM; Sat 9am-5pm

*All BIG PROGRAMS are at the library this year:*



**Wed. June 24, 6-7pm - DINOMAN for Unearth A Story Opening Night** in the Main Reading Room - This summer, dig in to all things dinosaurs and paleontology when you Unearth a Story at Brownell Library. This summer's festivities kick off with Dinoman, giant dinosaurs, and lots of laughter in the Main Reading Room. There will be something to enjoy for all ages! This program is made possible thanks to the Friends of Brownell Library.

**Fri. July 17, 4-7pm - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ and Lawn PARTY** - Join Brownell Library for our 100th Anniversary on July 17th! Brownell Library first opened in July 1926, so we will celebrate its 100th birthday with games, food, activities, t-shirt making, and more!

**Tue. July 28, 1-2pm - VINS: Birds Are Dinosaurs!** - Join VINS, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, for Birds Are Dinosaurs! In this presentation you'll meet some live birds of prey and learn all about their dinosaur ancestry. We'll also explore the ways modern birds became masters of the air, and get a sense of the immense timescale (65 million years!) over which these dinosaur-descendants adapted! In the main Reading Room, for all ages.

**Fri. Aug. 7, 5:30-7pm - Summer Celebration with No Strings Marionette Company** in MRR - Celebrate this summer's accomplishments with the ever amazing No Strings Marionette Company in the Main Reading Room. Then stay to celebrate Erna's 20 year career as an assistant youth librarian with refreshments.

The library is **closed on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** in observance of Independence Day.

**DAILY ONGOING PROGRAMS:**

**100 Things for 100 Years:** This June, bring in your collections of 100 things to celebrate 100 years of Brownell Library! Any collection smaller than a shoebox or a jar will be displayed. If you have a larger, perishable or valuable collection, send a photo to [youth@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:youth@brownelllibrary.org) with a description and we will display the photo. Let's celebrate 100 together!

**Adopt a Dino:** June 24-July 1, a train full of dinosaurs has escaped into the library, and we need your help to find them! Beginning Wednesday June 24, patrons are invited to search the library for dinosaur figurines to take home. These little dinosaurs will only be available until July 1 - come claim yours today! This program is open to patrons of all ages.

The **Winnie Belle Maker Space** in Youth Nonfiction offers a rotating selection of Art and STEM activities all year long and it is made possible with support from the Winnie Belle Learned Fund.

ART LABS: June 16-30 - Dino Prints & July 16-31: Dino Sounds

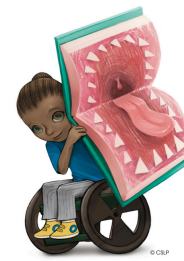
STEM CHALLENGES: July 1-15 - Pasta Paleontology & Aug. 3-14: Chomp Saw Dinos

**250<sup>th</sup> and Vermont History Bingo Card** - June 29-July 31 - Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and explore Vermont's Revolutionary War history. Take home a bingo card full of activity ideas to do at the library and beyond.

**Scavenger Hunt:** July 2-21: Dinosaur Silhouette Scavenger Hunt - Pick up a dinosaur silhouette sheet at the youth desk and hunt for the dinosaur figures hidden throughout the youth area. Can you name them all?

**Outdoor Activity Walk:** July 22-Aug. 10: Dino Stomp & Roar - Follow the signs around the library building and move like a dinosaur!

**Foster a Pet!** - Take home a stuffie, care for it for a week, keep a journal about the fun you have together, then return it to the library .



**Wed. June 24, 10-noon - Bookmark Stitch-In** - Local members of the Embroiderers' Guild of America celebrate our summer theme with a Stitch-In. Watch them create embroidery using a variety of needlework techniques. Choose a beautifully stitched bookmark to take home. For all ages in the Main Reading Room.

**Thu. June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug. 6; 10-10:30am - Dino-mite Story Time** - We are digging dinosaurs this summer! Stories, rhymes, songs and play at this story time. In the Picture Book Area.

**Fri. June 26, July 17 & Aug. 21; 10:30-11am - Spanish Story Time** - Hola amigos! Bring your toddlers to listen to stories and learn some Spanish words.

**Wed. July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; 10-10:45am - Outdoor Play Time** - Water, sand, sidewalk chalk and more! Read a story together in the pavilion and play outside! Bring your friend and a towel, meet new friends, stomp and roar, finishing up with a song.

**Wed. July 8, 9am-4pm - Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop Off** - Drop off your stuffed animal friend from 9-4 to stay overnight at the library! Pick them up the following morning at Teddy Bear Story Time. This program is open to all ages.

**Thu. July 9, 10-10:30am - Teddy Bear Pick Up Story Time** - Did you drop off a stuffed animal to sleep over at the library? Pick your stuffie up at this story time or bring a stuffie friend. We will share a slide show of all the fun the stuffies had together and read some stories, rhyme and sing together in the Picture Book area.

**Fri. July 10, & Aug. 7; 10:30-11am - Music Time** - Come sing and dance in the Main Reading Room with Linda Bassick!

**Fri. July 10, 1-4pm - 100th Anniversary: Retro Library Desk** - Experience old library technology like a card catalog, stamps, and vintage handwriting at our retro circulation desk! This is part of the Brownell 100th Anniversary celebrations.

**Mon. July 13, 5-6pm - Marshmallow Roast and Campfire Songs with Linda Bassick** - Roast marshmallows under the library pavilion and sing campfire songs with Linda Bassick. Then make up a campfire story together. Open to all ages.

**Tue. July 14 & Aug. 11; 4-5pm - Read with Sammy** - Sammy loves belly rubs, carrots, and listening to kids read! His owner is Kim Nowlan, an educator at Summit St. School. They are a certified team with Therapy Dogs of Vermont.

**Wed. July 15, 10-10:45am - Ice Cream Social with our Senior Center friends** - In this special Outdoor Play Time we meet up with Senior Center friends, draw giant dinosaurs together and share ice cream.. We'll still have creative materials out for you to play as well.

**Fri. July 24, 3-4:30pm - Tie-Dye Party** - Twist, bind, and dye your way to unique, wearable works of art. Bring your own t-shirt if you are able; we will also have some shirts on hand just in case. Dyed shirts will be sent home in a bag to complete.

**Wed. Aug. 5, 10-11am - Visit Public Works** - We will meet up at the library at 10am and walk over to the Public Works facility to check out their earth moving equipment! We will walk back together.

