



Teen Summer Program 2026

Read what you want, win actual prizes, and hang out at the library this summer. We're digging into dinosaurs and the deep past — and we want to hear your stories too.

How It Works:

Register starting June 15th at brownelllibrary.org/summer-reading, then swing by the youth circulation desk to pick up your reading log.

Every time you bring in an updated log, you'll earn a raffle ticket or a prize from the treasure box — whether you've read one book or twenty since we last saw you. Audiobooks, graphic novels, and magazines all count. Teens can also earn extra raffle tickets by attending programs and volunteering.

Starting June 24th, drop off your log any time we're open, or log books online at brownelllibrary.org/summer-reading. Prizes include a \$50 Amazon gift card and gift cards from local businesses. Winners will be announced at the Teen Summer Reading Party on August 6th.

Two Events You'll Want to Be At:

Dinoman — Wednesday, June 24th, 6-7pm. Giant dinosaurs, wild science, and a whole lot of laughter in the Main Reading Room. All ages welcome. Supported by the Friends of Brownell Library.

Teen Summer Reading Party — Thursday, August 6th, 6-8pm. Hide-and-seek in the stacks, ice cream, and the raffle drawing. Supported by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

Check out the full calendar of events at brownelllibrary.org/calendar

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

100 Things for 100 Years Jun 1-Jun 30
Adopt a Dinosaur! Jun 24-Jul 1
New zine prompts each Wednesday Jun 24-Jul 22
250th & VT History Bingo Card Jun 29-Jul 31

Text in Italics: Volunteer Opportunity!

Breakout Box: The Lost Letters of Liberty 6/29-7/10 (Vol) <i>Dinolympics!</i> 2:45-PM July 6	The Potter's Time Machine 4 PM June 30	Bookmark Stitch-In 10 AM Kick-off Party with Dinoman 6PM June 24	July 2	(Vol) <i>T-Rex Tea Party</i> 3:15 PM June 26
Marshmallow Roast 5 PM July 13	(Vol) <i>Underwater Fireworks!</i> 3:15 PM July 7	(Vol) <i>Playtime 9:30 AM</i> VT Vexillographers 2 PM July 1	July 9	LIBRARY CLOSED July 3
(Vol) <i>Reduce, Reuse, Recyclosaurus!</i> 4:45-PM July 20	(Vol) <i>Dino Glow-Up</i> 3:15-PM July 14	(Vol) <i>Playtime 9:30 AM</i> (Vol) <i>Teen Teddy Bear Sleepover</i> 5 PM July 8	July 16	Old-Fashioned Circ Desk 1PM July 10
(Vol) <i>Dino Slime</i> 3:15 PM Breakout Box: The Earth's Break Up 7/27-8/7 July 27	Hieroglyphs 3 PM July 28	(Vol) <i>Ice Cream Social with Seniors</i> 9:30 AM Escape From Isia Nublar! 2 PM July 15	July 23	Volunteer at 3:45 PM Or Attend at 4 PM: 100 th Anniversary Party! July 17
Estimation Jar 8/3-8/28 August 3	VINS 1 PM August 4	(Vol) <i>Playtime 9:30 AM</i> (Vol) <i>Playtime 9:30 AM</i> July 29	July 30	Volunteer at 1:30 PM Or Attend at 3 PM: Tie-Dye Party July 24
		Teen Summer Party 6 PM August 6	August 6	Retro Game Night 4 PM July 31
		Summer Celebration 5:30 PM Erna's Retirement Party 7 PM August 7		



Summer Programs for Teens

100 Things for 100 Years (June): Bring in your collections of 100 things to celebrate 100 years of Brownell Library! Any collection smaller than a shoe box will be displayed or email a photo of larger, perishable or valuable collections to youth@brownelllibrary.org with a description.

Adopt a Dinosaur from Jun 24-Jul 1: Stop by Brownell to adopt a dinosaur.

Bookmark Stitch-In on Wed Jun 24, 10 AM - 12 PM: Pick up a beautifully stitched bookmark courtesy of the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

Art Lab & STEM Challenges: Stop by the Winnie Bell Maker Space to see our latest Art or STEM activity. Changes every two weeks!

Zine Prompts: Young writers and artists ages 6–18 can submit a story, a drawing, a comic, or a poem for a chance to win a \$20 Phoenix gift card. New creative prompts will be released on our calendar on 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, and 7/22. Select entries will be featured in our summer zine.

250th and Vermont History Bingo Card - Jun 29-Jul 31: Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary and explore Vermont's Revolutionary War history.

The Potter's Time Machine on Tues Jun 30, 4-5 PM: A broken pot can tell archaeologists what people ate, believed, and traded thousands of years ago. Explore ancient pottery and design a vessel that tells a story about you.

Breakout Boxes: Stop by the youth desk to pick up a Breakout Box and unravel the clues by yourself or with friends. **Jun 29-Jul 10:** The Lost Letters of Liberty and **Jul 27-Aug 7:** The Earth's Break Up

VT Vexillographers on Wed Jul 1, 2-3 PM: State seal on blue is so 1923. Design a new state flag for the 21st century!

Old-Fashioned Circ Desk on Fri Jul 10, 1-4 PM: Experience old library tech, like a card catalog and vintage handwriting at our retro circulation desk!

Escape from Isla Nublar on Wed Jul 15, 2-5 PM: Can you escape from Jurassic Park before the dinosaurs get you?

Dino Gardens on Thurs Jul 16, 4-5 PM: Design and build a miniature dinosaur landscape using live plants and natural materials

100th Anniversary Party on Fri Jul 17, 4-7 PM: Brownell Library is celebrating its 100th birthday with games, food, activities, and more!

Hieroglyphs on Tues Jul 21, 3-4 PM: Learn the hieroglyph alphabet to make a cartouche and decode secret messages.

Tie-Dye Party on Fri Jul 24, 3-4:30 PM: Twist, bind, and dye your way to unique, wearable works of art. Bring your own t-shirt if you can.

VINS on Tues Jul 28, 1-2 PM: Learn about the relationship between dinosaurs and modern birds with live birds in the library!

Retro Game Night on Fri Jul 31, 4-5:30 PM: Wii are having a game night! Come play video games from the mid-2000s!

Estimation Jar - Aug 3-28: Estimate the amount in the jar and win the contents! Winners will be called after August 30th

Summer Celebration on Fri Aug 7, 5:30-7 PM: 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!

Teen Volunteers: Brownell Needs You!

Help your community and earn prizes! Each time you volunteer for a library program, you can get a raffle ticket or a prize! Register to volunteer at brownelllibrary.org/summer-reading

T-Rex Tea Party: Friday, June 26, 3:15-4:45 PM

Dinolympics: Monday June 29, 2-5 PM

Outdoor Playtime: Every Wednesday in July, 9:30-11:15 AM

Underwater Fireworks: Tuesday July 7, 3:15-4:45 PM

Teddy Bear Sleepover: Wednesday July 8, 5-7 PM

Dino Glow-up: Tuesday July 14, 3:15-4:45 PM

Ice Cream Social with Seniors: Wednesday July 15, 9:30-11:15 AM

100th Anniversary Party: Friday July 17, 3:30-7:15 PM

Reduce, Reuse, Recyclosaurus: Monday July 20, 4:45-6:15 PM

Tie-Dye Party: Friday July 24, 1:30-5 PM

Dino Slime: Monday July 27, 3:15-4:45 PM

Walk to Public Works: Wednesday August 5, 9:45-11:15 AM

Want to help out, but prefer to work alone?

Sign up to water the pollinator garden!