



THE SUMMER TIMES

Lower Merion Library System Kids Events & Programs



ARDMORE LIBRARY
108 Ardmore Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
610-642-5187

BALA CYNWYD LIBRARY
131 Old Lancaster Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
610-664-1196

BELMONT HILLS LIBRARY
120 Mary Watersford Road
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
610-664-8427

GLADWYNE LIBRARY
362 Righters Mill Road
Gladwyne, PA 19035
610-642-3957

LUDINGTON LIBRARY
5 South Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
610-525-1776

PENN WYNNE LIBRARY
130 Overbrook Parkway
Wynnewood, PA 19096
610-642-7844

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SUMMER READING 2017

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is **Build a Better World**. The program runs from June 19th through August 12th. Prizes will be awarded throughout the summer at Lower Merion Library System libraries.

The **Preschool Read-to-Me Club** is for babies, toddlers and preschool-age children, and encourages reading to preschoolers daily. Children will receive a sticker for every 30 mins. someone reads to them.

The **Elementary Independent Readers** program, for children finishing 1st through 5th grades, em-

phasizes time spent reading. Every child who reads at least an hour each week can enter a drawing for a special prize. Prizes will be awarded to all participants.



Participants in the **Young Adult** program for tweens and teens can record their times to be entered into a weekly drawing for gift cards and other great prizes.

The **Adult Summer Reading Club** runs concurrently with the children's programs, so the whole family can get in on the action!

Why participate? Reading and talking to our children build a strong foundation for life-long learning. Reading during the summer helps children maintain their learning skills and will make them better prepared to start off the new school year. Plus, it's fun and relaxing!

For more info, call your library or check the LMLS website at www.lmls.org.

STORY TIMES

ARDMORE:
Story Times @ 11:30 am
• **Mondays with Ms. Val**
Outside, weather permitting, from Memorial Day - Labor Day
• **Thursdays with Ms. Dawnita**
Ms. Val on the 2nd Thursday

BALA CYNWYD:
Story Time
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
@ 10:30 am
Friday story times will resume after Labor Day.

BELMONT HILLS:
Ms. Gwen's Story Time
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

GLADWYNE:
Toddler Story Time
Mondays @ 10:30 am
For ages 0-3

LUDINGTON:
Story Times @ 10 am
• **Mondays & Thursdays**
with Mr. Laurent
• **Tuesdays** with Ms. Roseann
• **Wednesdays** with Ms. Gail

PENN WYNNE:

- **Baby Time**
Mondays @ 10:30 am in July & August
No story time in June
- **Toddler Story Time**
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
No story time on June 28, July 5, August 23 or 30

ARDMORE LIBRARY EVENTS

Chess Club

Saturdays @ 1 pm

All ages and skill levels welcome!

Spanish Exploradores

Tue, May 30, June 6 & 13 @ 10:30 am

Spanish class for preschoolers (and older kids too) with Erika Schell-Rompere.

Build a Better World

Sat, June 24—ALL DAY

Build with Lincoln Logs, LEGOs, Magnatiles, Gears building sets,

and other fun items. All ages.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Sat, July 8—ALL DAY

Ages 8 and up, or younger with adult help, find the clues and win a prize.

Story Time @ Barnes & Noble, Broomall

Tue, July 11 @ 11:30 am

Author Nahjee Grant will host story time, followed by a scavenger hunt and LEGO fun. **A portion of proceeds online and in-**

store from July 9-15 will benefit the library (with promotion code 12150777).

Robotics Program

Tue, July 11 @ 6-7:30 pm

Robotics demo, and coding, robotics and drones mini-workshop for kids 9-13 and their parents. Registration required (minimum number required for class to occur).

LEGO® Club

2nd Wednesday of every month @ 6 pm

Bread Making Class

Sat, July 22 @ 11 am

Take home a small loaf of bread to bake. Ages 5 and up.

Build a Better World

Sat, August 5 @ 2 pm

Activities demonstrating how you can improve your world. Registration required.

Book-Making with Linnie

Tue, August 8 @ 3:30 pm

PA Council of the Arts. Registration required.

BALA CYNWYD LIBRARY EVENTS

YA Summer Reading Club

June 19—August 12

We'll host raffles all summer long, and every book read earns you an entry. Enter for a chance to win tote bags, gift cards, or a Kindle Fire! Grades 7-12.

Nature Jack's

"Science Extravaganza"

Wed, June 21 @ 2 pm

Local resident and educator Jack Marine is passionate about science, and his hands-on lessons for little ones are exciting, fun

and educational. Registration required. Ages 4-7.

KidzArt Drawing Classes

Thu, June 22 & July 13, 2 pm

Holly Meade will host classes for ages 7-12. Registration is required, contact the junior room.

Build a Better World Magic & Comedy Show

Wed, June 28 @ 7 pm

Brian Richards will perform for ages 5+. Registration required; contact the junior room.

Music Fun Fridays

June 30—August 11 @ 10:30 am

Learn, Listen, Play will conduct weekly music sessions for our preschoolers and their grown-ups. No registration required!

Stars on the Move

Planetarium Show

Thu, July 6, 6:30 & 7:30 pm

Denise Vacca will take us on a tour of the night sky, talk about constellations and planets, and other fun facts, using an inflatable indoor planetarium! Regis-

tration is required and there are strict space limitations. Sign up in the junior room. Ages 7+.

Furry Friend Workshop with Miss Alex

Sat, August 5 @ 11 am

Raccoons are taking over the junior room! Participants, ages 7-10, will hear a story, build their buddy, make a wish, and name their new friend! Registration required, limited space.

GLADWYNE LIBRARY EVENTS

There will be occasional crafts in the children's room, so stop in and see what's going on!

Music Training Center

Mon, June 5 @ 10:30 am

We'll start the week off with a bang, clang, and a do-re-mi!

Merge Dance Studio

Mon, June 19 & 26, July 17 & August 7 @ 10:30 am

Learn to move and dance through the simple joy of play with Miss Christa. Ages 0-4.

Writing Contest

Wed/Thu, June 21 & 22 @ 3:30 pm

The National Youth Foundation is sponsoring a writing contest. Teams work together to write a

story about tolerance. Come help us write the winning entry. Winners will have their story published and get to meet Robert Covington of the 76ers and Jordan Hicks of the Eagles. All are welcome. Call to register.

Pet Pals

Thu, June 22 @ 1 pm

Meet some animal friends who love stories. Read to these amazing Pet Pals and show off your reading prowess. Ages 5+, with a limit of 20 children. Call to register.

Cruise into Kindergarten

June 22—August 10—ALL DAY

Each week we will put out a different playscape to get your child ready for kindergarten.

We'll also have cards for you to take home, so you and your child can continue playing your way to kindergarten readiness.

Build a Better World with KidzArt

Tue, June 27 @ 3:30 pm

Join Holly Meade as we build a better world. Space is limited to 20. Call to register.

Coding Workshop

July 12—August 9 @ 1 pm

Calling all coders. Build your coding confidence as you learn, collaborate, and create with Mr. Steve. This self-guided class is for all levels of coders. Space limited to 15. Call to register. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE.**

Berenstain Bears

Financial Literacy

Thu, July 13 @ 10:15 am

The Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and the Berenstain Bears join forces to bring financial literacy to children of all ages. There will be stories, treasures, and a meet and greet with Brother and Sister Bear. Families welcome. Call to register.

Learn, Listen, Play

• **Wed, July 26 @ 3:30 pm**

• **Wed, August 2 @ 10:30 am**

We are excited to have Mr. Frank from Learn, Listen, Play. There will be stories, music, and dancing. A great time for all ages. Families welcome. Call to register.

BELMONT HILLS LIBRARY EVENTS

Mr. Evan's Airplane Craft

Sat, June 3, 1-2 pm

There will be glue, so dress to get messy. All ages welcome.

Family Game Nights

Thu, June 8 & July 6, 6-8 pm

Play one of our old-fashioned board games. All ages welcome.

Story Time & Craft

Sat, June 10 @ 10:30 am

We'll read *Lola at the Library* by Anna McQuinn, and then make bookmarks! We may get messy, so dress accordingly. Geared to toddlers, but all are welcome.

Cruise into Kindergarten

Sat, June 17, 10 am–5 pm

Ages 4-6 and their parents are invited to participate in workstations that encourage imagina-

tion & develop fine motor skills, using materials from The Office of Commonwealth Libraries *PA Cruise into Kindergarten* grant.

LEGO® Days

Tue, Jun 20 & Jul 11, 6-8 pm

Our LEGO® sets will be out. All ages are welcome.

Pals for Life

Sat, June 24 @ 1-2 pm

Open to kids in kindergarten or older only. Read to dogs, cats and maybe even a bunny. Registration necessary—call 610-664-8427. Parents/guardians may watch from the sidelines.

Family Puzzle Nights

Thu, Jun 29 & Jul 27, 6-8 pm

Put together a puzzle with your family! All ages welcome.

Tween & Teen Painted

Rock People Craft

Sat, July 15 @ 2 pm

Ages 12-18 are invited to paint self-portraits. Snacks will be provided. Call 610-664-8427 by July 13 to sign-up.

The Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler

Sat, July 22 @ 1-2 pm

Sam Sandler is America's premier Deaf magician and one of the country's top family entertainers!

Author Visit: Matt Phelan

Tue, July 25 @ 4 pm

Matt's presentation will take us through the full process of creating his graphic novel/picture book creations. He will also do a short comics workshop using fairy tales as a basis.

Story Time & Craft

Sat, July 29 @ 10:30 am

We'll make cookie cutter foam tray prints. We may get messy, so dress accordingly. Geared to toddlers but all are welcome.

Flow Circus

Sat, August 5 @ 1-2 pm

Building a better world starts by building a better, more skilled you. Paul Miller captivates audiences with dynamic storytelling about how he learned to set goals, find resources, and practice to achieve fantastic feats.

Story Time & Craft

Sat, August 12 @ 10:30 am

Enjoy a lazy summer day of sand play. We may get messy, so dress accordingly. Geared to toddlers but all are welcome.

LUDINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Summer Reading Kickoff

Sat, June 17 @ 11 am–3 pm

Nahjee Grant will chat about being a children's author. We'll decorate a LEGO reading wall and enjoy Philly-style refreshments, then learn about The National Youth Foundation's 2017 Student Book Scholars Contest, which is open to children in grades K-8. Original work must be the sole creation of the student. Bring in your work or stop by the library to work on it on the following dates:

- **June 19 @ 1-4 pm**
- **June 20 @ 2-6 pm**
- **July 6 @ 1-4 pm**
- **July 20 @ 2-6 pm**

Bug Motel Craft

Wed, June 21 @ 10:30 am

Attract butterflies and other pollinators to your property. All are welcome.

Block Party

Fri, June 23 @ 10 am–Noon

Bring your creativity and Build a Better World with universal blocks. All ages are welcome.

Folded Book Fairy Houses

Wed, June 28 @ 4-6 pm

All ages are invited to create and decorate a fairy house from a folded book! Younger kids can decorate a pre-folded house, and older kids, teens, and adults will create their project from scratch.

Medieval Castle Craft

Fri, July 7 @ 11 am–2 pm

Make your own medieval castle! All are welcome.

Riverbend Environmental Education Center Visit

Mon, July 10 @ 4 pm

Meet us in the auditorium and interact with animals and learn interesting facts! Registration is required. Call the children's room to reserve your space.

Potholder Craft

Tue, July 11 @ 4-6 pm

Make a potholder in the junior room. Call to register.

Leap into Science:

Learn About Balance

Fri, July 14 @ 1-4 pm

Fun activities for the family,

geared towards elementary students and their parents, but all are welcome.

Pioneer-Style Farm Craft

Wed, July 19 @ 10:30 am

Make a farm with a clothespin post & rail fence. Fun for all ages!

Leap into Science:

Learn About Shadows

Fri, July 21 @ 1-4 pm

Fun activities for the family.

Geared towards elementary students and their guardians but all are welcome.

Graphic Novelist

Matt Phelan

Tue, July 25 @ 6:30 pm

As part of Montgomery County's Teen Author Tour, Matt Phelan will detail the process of creating a graphic novel!

Wee Build

Tue, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

@ 10:30 am

Play with our Wee Build materials following story time. We'll have a shopping cart, play food, puzzles, puppets & more!

Creative Building

Fri, August 4, 11, 18, 25

@ 10 am - Noon

Bring your creativity and build with Blocks, Duplos, Lincoln Logs, Magnatiles and many other building materials. All ages are welcome.

Leap into Science:

"Do You See It?"

Wed, August 9 @ 1-4 pm

Fun activities for the family.

Geared towards elementary students and their guardians but all are welcome.

Summer Reading Party

Sat, August 12 @ 11 am

Join us for a multimedia event that will engage all your senses, say goodbye to Summer Reading and step into the future. Enjoy music, crafts and refreshments.

Leap into Science:

"Design It, Build It"

Wed, August 16 @ 1-4 pm

Fun activities for the family.

Geared towards elementary students and their guardians but all are welcome.

PENN WYNNE LIBRARY EVENTS

Play K

Use play to develop skills needed for kids ages 3-5 to be successful in kindergarten.

- **Fri, June 2, 9 & 16**
10 am - 2 pm
- **Mon, July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**
2 - 5 pm
- **Wed, August 23 & 30**
10 am - 2 pm

LoCo Robo

Sat, June 3 @ 1 pm

Learn about robots and try some hands-on activities. Ages 7-13 and their parent/guardian. Designed for adults/siblings to participate, too. Limited to 10 families; registration opens May 27. Bring your own device.

Middle School Book Club

Tue, June 13 @ 4:15 pm

Kids in grades 5-8 will discuss *Blackbird Fly* before author Erin Entrada Kelly visits on July 18! Inquire at the Circulation desk to get a copy of the book.

Penn Wynne Day at the Phillies

Sat, June 17 @ 4:05 pm

Buy your ticket in advance for discount pricing:

www.phillies.com/pennwynne.

Half of ticket sales will go to the library to support summer programming and materials.

Learn, Listen, Play

Mon, June 19 @ 11 am

A drum music program suitable for ages 2-7. Advance registration required; opens June 12.

Chalk It Up

• **Tue, June 20 @ 10-11 am**

• **Fri, July 14 @ 10-11 am**

Kids and teens can use our chalk to decorate the library's side-walks, weather permitting.

Crafty Saturdays

Advance registration required; opens 1 week before program.

- **June 24 @ 11 am**—Sponge Painting (Ages 8 - Adult)
- **July 22 @ 11 am**—Thumbprint Finger Painting (Ages 5+)

Junior Book Club

Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to discuss these books before author Erin Entrada Kelly visits on July 18. Inquire at the circulation desk to get copies of the books.

- **Tue, June 27 @ 4:15 pm**
Hello, Universe
- **Tue, July 11 @ 4:15 pm**
The Land of Forgotten Girls

LEGO® Days

• **Fri/Sat, June 30 & July 1**

• **Fri/Sat, August 18-19**

Use the library's Legos to make anything you can imagine.

Game Days

Fri/Sat, July 7-8 & August 4-5

@ 10 am - 5 pm

Play with our board games, Lincoln Logs, and Magnatiles!

Roots with Ruark Music

• **Tue, July 11 @ 11 am**

• **Thu, August 24 @ 6 pm**

Interactive program for toddlers, with songs ranging from pre-school favorites to Top 40. Ad-

vance registration required; opens 1 week prior to program.

Mütter Museum On-the-Road

Advance registration required; opens July 5.

- **Wed, July 12 @ 5 pm**
The Brain (Ages 7-10)
- **Wed, July 12 @ 6 pm**
Bone Detectives (Crime Scene Investigation) (Ages 11-17)

Author Erin Entrada Kelly Tue, July 18 @ 6 pm

Erin Entrada Kelly joins us for a fun author chat. Erin's books include *Hello Universe*, *The Land of Forgotten Girls*, and *Blackbird Fly*. Children ages 8-12 and their families are welcome to attend. Light refreshments.

Elmwood Park Zoo-on-Wheels

Thu, July 20 @ 3 pm

Preschoolers to those entering grade 3 and their families can meet live animals! Advance registration required; opens July 13.

Meet the Berenstain Bears

Thu, July 27 @ 5 pm

Meet Brother and Sister Bear and learn about financial literacy from Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Preschool and older. Advance registration required; opens July 20.

Academy of Natural Sciences Visit

Sat, July 29 @ 11 am - 1 pm

Meet animal ambassadors from

the Academy. All ages. No registration necessary.

Colonial Plantation: The House that George Built Tue, August 1 @ 6 pm

Learn how George Washington designed and built the White House. Design and build your own house to take home. Ages 5-9. Advance registration required; opens July 31.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Wed, August 9 @ 6:30 pm

Kids bring their stuffed animal (one they can bear to spend the night without!) to hear a couple of stories, sing songs, and tuck in their stuffed friend. Return to the library after 11 AM the next day to pick up their friend and find out how they spent their night! Space is limited; registration opens August 1.

Riverbend Environmental Education Center Visit

Thu, August 17:

• **5 pm** (Preschool/K)

• **6 pm** (Grades 1-5)

Meet some cold-blooded reptiles and amphibians. Note different start times for age groups. Advance registration required; opens August 10.

All Day, All Ages Coloring Fri/Sat, August 25 & 26

10 am - 5 pm

Use our coloring supplies to color pages, bookmarks, or posters. For adults and kids alike.

SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER

Thanks to the generosity of GlaxoSmithKline, all six Lower Merion libraries will be hosting a Science in the Summer program featuring **Science of Sports**, administered by The Franklin Institute.

The registration period was in May. If you are signed up and are unable to attend, please let us know so someone else may be given the opportunity. Each group is limited to 15 children.

Library	Dates	Times
Ludington	June 21 & 22	Level 1 (Students entering Grades 2-3) 10 AM - 12 PM
Ardmore & Penn Wynne	June 28 & 29	
Bala Cynwyd	July 17 & 18	Level 2 (Students entering Grades 4-6) 1 - 3 PM
Belmont Hills	July 24 & 25	
Gladwyne	July 31 & August 1	