

“Make a Splash – Read!”
Howard Miller Library Summer Reading Program 2010

Registration Dates

A few of our programs will require pre-registration. All registration sheets will be out until the program is filled. Below, you will find when registration begins for a particular program.

Please come up to the Youth Department – we do not take phone registrations.

<u>Registration begins</u>	<u>Program</u>
Already started	Laptime
June 8	Pizza and a Movie Night (Teens)
June 11	Duct Tape Bag workshop (Teens)
June 23	Pirate & Mermaid Party
June 29	Water Olympics & Teen Water Blast
July 2	Watercolor Workshop
July 7	Pet Show
July 9	Robotics Workshop

Ongoing programming

Laptime

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 and 10:45 – 11:15

This program is geared especially for our young patrons (18 months to 3 years) and their caregivers. Each week, we will enjoy a book, puppets, craft and various age-appropriate activities, all involving our “Make a Splash!” theme. Registration is required as each class is limited to 10 children and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:30

Every Thursday, Mrs. Russell will meet kids 3 – 6 years old in the Storyroom for a wonderful time of stories, games, activities and crafts. This summer, we’ll go “Under the Sea” and read about a different sea creature each week. Adults are welcome to attend or may wait outside the preschool storyroom area. Adults must stay in the youth area during the program in case they are needed to help their child. Please note that there will be **no preschool storytimes** on the following dates due to special programs or a holiday: June 17 and July 22.

Teen Gift Cards

This year, the Youth Department will again be giving teens an opportunity to win additional gifts. We have 5 gift cards and a video MP3 player that could be yours! At the end of the summer, we will be pulling out a name from each of the canisters labeled with a different merchant. Every time you attend a program, you will receive a gift card drawing slip. If you volunteer to help out at some of our programs, you’ll get one then,

too. Check at the Youth Desk for volunteer opportunities. These spaces fill up fast, so first come, first served! Finally, you will also receive gift card drawing slips when you receive your level prizes – halfway to your goal and when you are finished with your goal. Once you get a gift card drawing slip, fill it out and choose which gift card you'd like to try for. Put it in that canister. Good luck! We will draw the winners' names at the Finisher Party at Lost City. You don't need to be present to win though. We will contact the winners that were not in attendance the next day.

Weekly Drawing Prizes & Candy Count

We have prizes for our Little Swimmers and Waverunners, too! Each time you come into the library to check out books or attend a program, be sure to ask for a Weekly Drawing slip for each child that's with you. Fill out the slip and put it in the "Weekly Drawing" box. Each week, we draw 10 names to win special prizes. Check out some of those prizes in the display case in the Youth Department.

Candy count can be guessed once per week. Each week, there will be a different candy in a jar. Guess how many pieces are in there. If you guess the correct amount, or are the closest to it, you win the candy! A huge thanks to Main Street Sweets for providing 4 weeks of candy for us this summer!

Sponsors

We could not provide the great programs and prizes that we do each summer without the support of businesses and individuals from our community. Please be sure to take note of our "Sponsor Wall" up in the Youth Department. When you stop in to one of those businesses, please tell them you appreciate their support of the Summer Reading Program here at the library.

Howard Miller Library Summer Reading Club Programming

Monday, June 7: "Maciek's Magic Show" Kick-Off Party

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Community Center Banquet Room)

Be prepared to be amazed! You will leave here wanting more – I can guarantee all our magic books will be checked out after this performance. This magic show will be entertaining for the whole family – who knows, you may even get to be Maciek's assistant for one of the tricks!

FAMILY EVENT – Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

NOTE: The youth desk will be opening at 11:30 with the reading records all set for you to begin your reading portion of the summer program. NO READING RECORDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT BEFORE THEN.

Monday, June 14: “Finding Nemo” movie

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Banquet Room)

“Fish are friends, not food!” Join us for a showing of this classic Disney movie, just perfect for our theme this summer. Popcorn will be provided free of charge, pop is available for purchase or bring your own. This movie is rated “G”.

FAMILY EVENT – Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, June 17: Kindermusik

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. (Banquet Room)

Catch a wave as Miss Darcy joins us for another fun Kindermusik session! We’ll listen to stories, sing songs, and do lots of dancing. Please note: this is in place of Preschool Storytime.

Most appropriate for CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE 6 -- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, June 21: T-Shirt Paint

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (West Activity Room in Community Center basement)

Make a splash with a great new t-shirt! We’ll provide all the supplies necessary for a new creation for your wardrobe. You just need to bring the shirt (or beach bag, pillow case, baseball cap, etc.)! Be sure to wear paint clothes, just in case! *Teen volunteers needed for this event.*

ALL AGES – Due to the nature of this program, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, June 22: Teen Pizza & Movie Night

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Banquet Room)

This showing of “**Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**“ is only for those in the Teen group. Meet us upstairs in the Community Center Conference Room for a special movie showing and pizza. Registration is required so that we will know how many pizzas to order!

TEENS ONLY! – Registration required.

Wednesday, June 23: Outdoor Discovery Center “Wonderful Wetland Critters”

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Banquet Room)

During this program, children of all ages will learn about a few of Michigan’s native wild animals including insects, snakes, turtles, frogs, toads, and salamanders. Live animals will be brought to the library and during “exploration” portion of the program, children will have the opportunity to handle the creatures!

ALL AGES-Children 7 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult!

Thursday, June 24: Duct Tape Bags

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (West Activity Room)

Using only duct tape, create a cool book/beach bag! This event is for teens only.

Registration is required. Space is limited – sign up soon! Bring 2 full rolls of duct tape with you (each roll should be a different color!). *One teen volunteer needed – must be in high school.*

TEENS ONLY! – Registration required.

Monday, June 28: Stories in the Park

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. (VandeLuyster Square)

Join us by the gazebo for stories and outdoor fun! B.Y.O.B. – Bring Your Own Blanket. This program is most appropriate for ages 3 and up. *Teen volunteers needed for this event.*

FAMILY EVENT -- Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, June 29: Creation Station

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (West Activity Room)

Get creative with some under the sea crafts! Join us for an evening of craft-making. *Teen volunteers needed.*

FAMILY EVENT – Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, JULY 3 AND MONDAY, JULY 5. WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JULY 6.

Wednesday, July 7: Pirate & Mermaid Party

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Banquet Room)

Ahoy, me hearties! Come aboard our pirate ship – if you dare! No swabbing the deck this afternoon – stories, games, treasure, grub, and more await you! This program is for Waverunners ages 6 and up. *Teen volunteers needed for this event.* **Registration is required as space is limited. Younger Mateys are encouraged to come to a special Pirate & Mermaid storytime on Thursday, July 8 from 10 to 10:45.**

WAVERUNNERS – AGES 6 & UP

Thursday, July 8: Pirate Storytime

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. (Banquet Room)

This is for all the little brothers and sisters that were too young to go to the Pirate Party! Join Mrs. Russell for a special pirate storytime. We'll read a pirate story, do some pirate activities, do a pirate craft, and have a lot of fun! Please note that we will be in the Banquet Room for this storytime and that we will be going a little longer than usual. As with general Preschool Storytimes, registration is NOT required.

CHILDREN AGES 3 TO 6

Monday, July 12: Water Olympics

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (VandeLuyster Square)

Slip and slide as we have a blast with various water events. Children should come dressed to get wet – please be sure swimwear is appropriate. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please register so we know how many to expect. *Teen volunteers needed for this event.*

CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH ENTERING 5TH GRADE

Tuesday, July 13: Teen Water Blast

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (VandeLuyster Square)

Bring your water squirter if you have one – and be prepared to get soaked! Come dressed to get wet, but make sure your swimwear is appropriate!! Registration required.

TEENS ONLY

Friday, July 16: Watercolor Workshop

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (West Activity Room)

Make an artistic splash with Mrs. V.! In this watercolor workshop, you will learn a variety of fun and easy watercolor techniques. You will discover how to create background washes using salt, rubber cement, and crayons. You will also have the opportunity to experiment with color blending and detail work. Bring your paint smock and your imagination! *Teen volunteers needed for this event.* Registration is required as space is limited.

CHILDREN AGES 8 TO 12

Monday, July 19: Kindermusik

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. (Banquet Room)

Shake, rattle and roll with Miss Darcy! It's time for another fun session of Kindermusik under the sea.

Most appropriate for CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH 6 YEARS – children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 20: Stories in the Park

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. (VandeLuyster Square)

Bring a blanket and join us by the gazebo for a family storytime. We'll read stories, play games, even have a bedtime snack! This program is most appropriate for ages 3 and up.

FAMILY EVENT – Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday, July 22: Pet Show

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (VandeLuyster Square)

Calling all pets! We're looking for the cutest, friendliest, most talented pets in the community. And, at this pet show, every pet is a winner! Don't forget we'll need an audience to appreciate all these wonderful pets, too. *Teen volunteers needed for this event.* Registration is required if you are bringing a pet.

ALL AGES – Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday, July 23: Robotics Workshop

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Storyroom)

Join members of Zeeland High School's "F.I.R.S.T. Robotic Team" for a fun-filled program connecting engineering and the task of providing clean water around the world. Children will listen to a story, have the chance to interact with a real robot, and participate in hands-on problem-solving activities! Registration is required as space is limited.

CHILDREN ENTERING 1ST GRADE THROUGH ENTERING 8TH GRADE

Monday, July 26: "Little Mermaid" Movie

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Banquet Room)

Go under the sea with this Disney classic! Enjoy free popcorn, too. This movie is rated "G".

FAMILY EVENT – Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday, July 27: Creation Station

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (West Activity Room)

More cool crafts coming your way! We'll have everything you need to make swimmingly wonderful creations. Parents, little ones will need your help. *Teen volunteers needed for this event.*

ALL AGES – Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

HOW ARE YOU DOING ON YOUR READING GOAL? REMEMBER, SATURDAY, JULY 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO TURN IN READING RECORDS! THE CLUB DESK CLOSSES AT 12:30 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Tuesday, August 3: Teen Finisher Party @ Lost City

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Lost City in Holland)

This party is just for the teens that reach their Finisher goal. Join us at the Lost City for laser tag, mini-golf, and all the pop you can drink – FREE!!! We will need to know if you are going to the party when you turn in your reading log after reaching your goal.

FINISHER TEENS ONLY!

Wednesday, August 4: Finisher Party featuring percussionist Bill Vits

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Banquet Room)

We made it! Another great summer of reading is done! Join us for an amazing, interactive percussion performance by Grand Rapids Symphony percussionist, Bill Vits. Everyone who participated in our summer reading program is invited – even if you didn't quite reach your goal!

ALL AGES – Children must be accompanied by an adult.