Summer Fun at the Library!

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Summer Reading Fun @ Library

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is hosting its annual summer reading program for youth June 1 through August 15. This year's program features special activities and programs, including a final party on Thursday, August 8, from 5 – 8 pm. General information about summer reading and program schedules follow. All activities are free and open to the public. For more information call Nola Huey at 453-0349.

DIG INTO READING (Juvenile Program Guidelines)

- Infants/toddlers through school-age kids (K-5) may all participate (students entering 5th grade fall 2013)
- We encourage parents to talk with their kids about what they would like to read this summer and what they might do if they reach their goal
- We encourage kids to keep a list of books they have read in a personal reading journal
- We encourage kids to read at least SIX BOOKS to maintain their reading skills throughout the summer
- Regular library visits are great ways to make time for reading all summer long. Reading is a fun, rewarding experience!

GUIDELINES FOR EARNING ONE FREE PAPERBACK BOOK

- Kids receive one sticker for every day they visit the Kids' Place (only one sticker per day).
- Kids earning eight stickers may choose one (1) free paperback book at the final party or in the Kids' Place

August 1-15.

- Kids enter the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING by bringing their completed Library Visit Record Sheet to the final party. Child must be present to win.
- Kids may complete only one (1) Library Visit Record Sheet to earn one (1) paperback book prize during the entire 2013 Summer Reading Program.
- Kids, if you forget to bring your Library Visit Record Sheet; then ask for a dated sticker and you can add it later. Please ask for a replacement record sheet for lost or damaged ones.

BONUS

- Children may request a BONUS Library Visit Record Sheet to complete with their family.

(NOTE: Adults, set a separate goal with your child to earn an additional prize you award them.)

- Final Party Thursday, August 8 @ 5:00-7:00pm Child presents completed Library Visit Sheet to win grand prizes.

WEEK DAY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
Schedule is subject to change.

MONDAY CRAFT
All craft projects take place from 10:30am to 1:00pm in the Kids' Place
Crafting sessions are walk-in and self-directed
Adult attendance/supervision required for all children

June 3
Dig into the Past: Egyptian Bookmark
Craft Ability Level: Easy

June 10
Dig into the Past: Dinosaur-Train
Craft Ability Level: Easy

June 17
Dig into the Past: Treasure Hunter's Puffy Parrot
Craft Ability Level: Moderate

June 24
Dig into the Past: Sandy Treasure Chest
Craft Ability Level: Moderate
(sticky project with sand & glue; not designed for small children)

July 1
Just Dig It: Wiggly Worms
BRING: 1 cardboard egg carton per 2 children
Craft Ability Level: Moderate

July 8
Just Dig It: Hinged Dump Truck or Bulldozer
Craft Ability Level: Easy

July 15
Just Dig It: Seed Picture Collage
Craft Ability Level: Moderate
(sticky project with beans & seeds; not designed for small children)

July 22

Just Dig It: Ants Go Marching Picnic
Craft Ability Level: Easy

TUESDAY SPECIAL
All special presentations take place from 10:30am to 11:30am in the basement
Adult attendance/supervision required for all children

June 4
Dig into the Past: Walk Like an Egyptian
Help us decorate the Story Corner by coloring an Egyptian sarcophagus to hang on the Kids' Place walls.

Jun 11
Dig into the Past: Fossil Dig
Hands on activities from the Museum of the Rockies.

June 18
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
"Orbit" from Great Falls Voyagers

June 25
Dig into the Past: Pirates of the Past
Learn how to talk like a pirate and where pirates worked. Pirate costumes encouraged.

July 2
Just Dig It: Dirt Movers
Participate in a messy Lego building contest.

July 9
Just Dig It: Dirt on Dirt
Prepare to get messy and learn about dirt. Game and craft included.

July 16
Just Dig It: Let's Get to the Root
Do you know your vegetables? Watch a fun puppet show

July 23
Just Dig It: What Do You Know About Ants?
Learn about ant farming and make an "ant-popper"

WEDNESDAY STORY TIME
All story times take place from 10:30am to 11:30am in the basement
All ages are welcome
Session includes 30 minutes of songs, finger-plays and stories
Session concludes with additional 30 minutes of optional game/craft
Adult attendance/supervision required for all children
Please, notify Kids' Place for large group attendance (10 or more kids)

June 5
Dig into the Past: Pyramid Party
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

June 12
Dig into the Past: Digging for Dinosaurs
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

June 19
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
TIME: 2:00pm
"Mr. E" Magic Show

June 26
Dig into the Past: Treasure Hunters
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

July 3
Just Dig It: Diggers and Dumpers
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

July 10
Just Dig It: Dirt in the Garden
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

July 17
Just Dig It: Ready, Set, Grow!
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

July 24
Just Dig It: I Saw an Ant
Enjoy thirty-minutes of stories & songs. Then choose to stay for a game or a simple craft.

THURSDAY CHALLENGE
All challenges take place from 10:30am to 1:00pm in the Kids' Place
These are walk-in, self-directed challenges unless stated otherwise
Adult attendance/supervision required for all children

June 6
Dig into the Past: Egyptian Tale
Finish a fill-in-the-blank story about a mummy and make an Egyptian "cartouche" to wear.

June 13
Dig into the Past: Fossils
Come see real fossils and make a "fake" fossil to take home.

June 20
Dig into the Past: Buried Treasure
Search and identify buried treasures hidden in bottles. Then follow the pirate's map to find bonus treasures.

June 27
Dig into the Past: The Great Cookie Hunt
If you like chocolate chip cookies this is a challenge for you. Hunt for cookies then dig out the chips.

July 4
CLOSED

July 11
Just Dig It: Worms in the Garden
Compare and contrast earthworms to gummy worms

July 18
Just Dig It: Vegetable Bingo
Play bingo with other participants and plant a vegetable seed to take home.

July 25
Just Dig It: Ant Toss
Toss ants and earn points to win prizes

FRIDAY BOOKS & BABIES
Two separate sessions: 10:15am-11:00am & 11:15am-12:00pm in the basement

Books & Babies is only for infants through 2 year olds with adult accompaniment
Each 45-minute session includes songs and finger-plays then 25 minutes of toddler playtime
Older siblings are welcome with the understanding that the target age is infants and toddlers
We reserve the right to limit toy playing to the intended audience

DAILY Wii GAMING
Monday through Saturday 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Kids' Place
Adult attendance/supervision required for all children

BENEATH THE SURFACE Young Adult Guidelines

- 6th graders (entering 6th grade fall 2013) through 18 year olds may participate.
- Reading logs available June 1 through August 15 in Teen Scene, Information Desk and Kids' Place.
- Young adults receive ONE signature for every 30 minutes they read and TWO signatures for every library activity they attend.
- Young adults get one ticket for every 12 signatures.
- Place completed tickets in the prize-drawing container. Tickets not selected during the monthly drawing are retained for the grand prize drawing.
- Grand prizes will be drawn at the End of Summer Party on August 8. Need not be present to win.
- Book drawing at EVERY in-library activity (see activity schedule).
- Enter “Trivia Contest” each week. Most correct total answers at the end of the summer reading program wins a prize. Weekly entries due by 3:00pm each Wednesday. New trivia posted weekly Thursday 10:00am to Wednesday 3:00pm.
- Regular library visits are great ways to make time for reading all summer long.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
Thursdays from 11:30am-1:00pm
Basement: Small Meeting Room (unless otherwise noted)
REFRESHMENTS SERVED
Schedule subject to change

• June 6th- TRIVIA CONTEST BEGINS
FIRST 10 KIDS TO COME PICK 1 UP WIN A PRIZE!
Begin your first week of Summer Reading with our Trivia Contest. Full details in the Teen Scene from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

• June 13th- “MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES”
Create a Beneath the Surface magical and mythological creatures artwork. Local artist will be available to help inspire and create. Small meeting room

• June 20th- "IT’S JAWSOME!”
Construct your own fabulously deformed shark attacked victim and the story that goes with the attack. Nothing is safe Beneath the Surface! Small meeting room

• June 27th- “ARCHAEOLOGY DIG”
Discover hidden treasures Beneath the Surface to build a Hobbit from discovered “artifacts”. Small meeting room

• July 4th- CLOSED

• July 11th- "HOBBIT HABITAT”
Build a “Hobbit Home” Beneath the Surface! Materials from nature will be used to create an individual dwelling or a group village. Each individual will also grow crystals to keep! Enter through alley

• July 18th- "GRAFFITI AT THE LIBRARY”
Dig beneath your surface and express yourself using graffiti. Your work will be displayed in the library for the rest of the day. (Use of appropriate graphics, wording, etc. expected)
THIS WILL BE THE FINAL ACTIVITY UNTIL THE END OF SUMMER READING PARTY

- August 8th- End of Summer Party
    - TIME: 5:00-7:00pm
    - PLACE: Library Park
    - GRAND PRIZE DRAWING: 6:00pm
    - 1st = $50 Great Falls Downtown Gift Certificate
    - 2nd = $30 Great Falls Downtown Gift Certificate
    - 3rd = $10 Great Falls Downtown Gift Certificate

Magician Kyle Groves “Digs Into Reading"

Popular Rocky Mountain Magical Entertainer Kyle Groves will present his 2013 Library Program, “Dig Into Reading” at Great Falls Public Library at 2:00pm, Wednesday, June 19. This magic show was specifically developed for the 2013 Summer Reading Program.

This special presentation engages audiences, young and old alike, by demonstrating how “Digging Into Reading” can enable them to dream big and make those dreams come true.

Magician Kyle Groves has been resident magician at the famous Royal Gorge Bridge in Colorado where he performed nearly 700 programs a year. He and his family now own and operate, “The Party People” and “The Theater of Mystery” in Pueblo, Colorado, which was named the “Best of Pueblo” by the Pueblo Chieftain in 2012. Also in 2012 they were awarded the Pueblo Performance Art Guild’s “Outstanding Arts Achievement Award”.

In “Dig Into Reading”, Kyle will present a variety of mysteries in a comedy program geared to the entire family. One might discover a dinosaur egg or encounter a mummy from the Great Pyramid. Who knows? What you can know for certain is that it will be a whole lot of fun and no one will walk away disappointed.

The program is 45 minutes in length and is a free event, open to the public. Great Falls Public Library is located at 301 2nd Avenue North in Great Falls. For more information, call the Kids' Place at 406-453-0349 ext. 215.

Supporting Documents

Press Release - Summer Library Activities - Kids/Young Adult (420 KB) (PDF)
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