SUMMER READING 2024

Adventure Begins at the Library!

PORTSMOUTH **PUBLIC** LIBRARY

All Ages (no dot)

Ages 0-5 School Age Teens & Tweens

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 JUNE 4 PM 4+5 Book Club	11	12 3:30 PM Halcyon Festival Children's Concert	13	14	15 10 AM Reading Dogs
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! SRP Kickoff!! 6-8 PM	18	Juneteenth Library Closed	2-4 PM Dungeons & Dragons Character Workshop	4-6 SSC Nature @ Nite 6-9 Teen Lock In*	Portsmouth Pride 10 AM Reading Dogs
24 4 PM Makerspace Monday	25 10:30 AM Move & Groove Story Time 3 PM Babysitting*	9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers 1-4 Tie Dye Day	27 10 AM Sensory Play Time 3:30 PM Teen Crafts: Beaded Prism Strands 6:30 PM PJ Story Time	28	29 10 AM Reading Dogs
1 JULY 10:30 Ctr for Wildlife • 4 PM Makerspace Monday •	2 10:30 AM Ctr for Wildlife 3 PM Babysitting*	3 9:30 AM Laptime 10:30 AM Toddlers Library Closes at 5 PM	Independence Day Library Closed	5	10 AM Reading Dogs
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5	6	7	4-6 PM How to Run a Game of Dungeons & Dragons	9	10 10 AM Reading Dogs
		14	15 5 PM Middle School Survival Kit* ●	16	17 10 AM Reading Dogs

We are excited to offer these FREE, high-quality programs to keep kids actively learning all summer! Although unlikely, any program may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call ahead in case of changes.

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Beanstack: Virtual Summer Reading	Register for our summer reading challenges on cityofportsmouth.beanstack.org ! Log your reading to earn beads & brag tags throughout the summer!		
Halcyon Festival Children's Concert	Wednesday June 12 3:30 PM Levenson Room		
	You are invited to hear world-class musicians present beautiful chamber music and introduce children to a variety of string instruments. A tremendous musical experience for families!		
SUMMER READING KICKOFF	Monday, June 17 6-8 PM Field next to Connie Bean. Rain Location: Connie Bean Center. Open to all! Program signups, bouncy obstacle course, games, face painting, and much fun to be had!		
D&D character workshop	Thursday, June 20 2-4 PM For kids, tweens & teens.		
	Join us for a D&D character BACKSTORY workshop! Draw, design, and otherwise imagine your character into existence. Write their backstory and create a dynamic D&D character you're excited to bring to life!		
Tie Dye Day	Wednesday June 26 1—4 PM Field Next to the Library BYO T-Shirts, pillow cases, etc., tie 'em up and make 'em pretty during our all ages tie dye party! No signups needed—just drop in!		
Gross, Weird, Cool Science with Susie Maguire	Wednesday July 10 4:30 PM Packed full of amazing examples of grossness, weirdness and coolness, this is a fast paced, fact filled program, with the same trademark blend of science and silliness as The Poop Museum!		
Center for Wildlife	Monday July 1 & Tuesday July 2 10:30 AM		
	The Center for Wildlife will present a variety of animals. The two shows will be identical so please only come for one.		
Talewise: Science Heroes: Adventure	Wednesday July 17 3 PM		
of the Lost Treasure	Join Talewise on a story adventure that explores several exciting science concepts. Volunteers help conduct experiments and the whole audience gets involved in changing variables and making predictions!		
Touch a Truck	Friday August 2 10:30 AM Library Parking Lot		
Temera a Traes	Portsmouth Public Works, Police Department, and Fire Department will have vehicles for children to explore at the library!		
Playful Engineere	Friday July 26 4 PM		
Playful Engineers: Chain Reactions	Participants in this workshop will design, build, test and play with chain reactions and creative contraptions like Rube Goldberg		
	Machines, paper constructions and other awesome engineering explorations!		
Reading Dogs	Saturdays 10 AM		
	Emerging readers! Read to one of our certified reading dogs — first come first served.		
Sensory Play	Thursdays June 27, July 11, 18 & 25 10 AM		
	Open sensory play for our youngest patrons. First come, first served. Ages 1-5 with caregivers.		
Baby Lap Time	Wednesdays June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 9:30 AM Lap Time is for babies under 18 months & their caregivers. Join us for songs, rhymes, bounces & stories.		
Toddler Time	Wednesdays June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:30 AM Toddler Time is recommended for children ages 18-36 months & their caregivers. Join us for songs, rhymes and stories.		
Move and Groove Story Time	Tuesdays June 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30 AM Get your dancing shoes on for this interactive story time with songs, movement and stories! Recommended for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers.		
Pajama Story Time	Thursdays June 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1 6:30 PM Don your comfiest pjs, grab a stuffie and join us for a fun-filled pajama story time with dancing, stories, teeth brushing songs and more!		
Grades 4+5 Book Club	Grades 4 + 5 Book Club Mondays June 10 & July 8 4-5 PM		
	Mondays June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 4 PM		
Makerspace Mondays	Children are invited to create a variety of items with recycled materials each Monday this summer. Complete the weekly challenge or create something all on your own! Recommended for children entering grades 1-5.		
Teen Lock-in*	Friday June 21 6 PM * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 8+		
	Teens entering 8th Grade and older are invited to an after-hours party in the library! We'll have pizza, snacks, games, art activities, and the entire second floor to play hide and go seek in the dark! You must sign up, and you must be in the building before 6:30 when doors lock!		
Babysiţţing	Tuesdays June 25, July 2, 9, 16 & 23 3 PM * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12		
Course*	This in-depth course through 4-H covers all the babysitting knowledge a teen needs to be the best, from business basics to child development and emergency preparedness. Students MUST attend all 5 classes to receive a certificate.		
Teen	Thursdays, June 27, July 11, 18, 25 3:30 PM Levenson Room Sign-up recommended. Grades 6-12		
Crafternoons	Create your own handmade room décor, paint outdoors, decorate a terracotta pot and choose a plant to take home, and make jewelry!		
Frozen T-Shirt Contest*	Friday August 1 4 PM Front Library Parking Lot * Space limited. Sign-up required. Grades 6-12		
	A perfect, chaotic send-off to summer! Come see how fast you can turn a solid chunk of frozen cotton back into a t-shirt, and put it on — no tools allowed! (Tip: you will get wet — dress accordingly!)		
How to Run a Game of Dungeons and Dragons!	Thursday, August 8 4-6 PM Teens, Tweens, and Adults!		
	You want to run a game of Dungeons and Dragons, but it seems daunting? Learn how with the Super Simple Startup Dungeon Master program. We'll learn a little improv, a little organization, some rules of play, and about some other tools of the trade. We'll learn how to run a game effectively, and without encyclopedic knowledge of Dungeons and Dragons!		
Middle School Survival Kit*	Thursday August 15 5 PM * Space limited. Sign-up required. Open to students entering 6th grade (we also need PMS students who've already finished at least one year!)		
	Come find out the real deal about starting 6th grade at Portsmouth Middle School from kids who've already done it, eat a little free pizza, & take home your own survival kit!		