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A Special Summer Reading Newsletter

Hello Laura,

Our Summer Reading programs and bingo are underway! Our Silver Circus kick-off program was so much fun! We have lots more in store in July and August:

- 20 programs for all ages
- 35+ prizes to win playing book bingo *Sign up for Bingo at the library, for ages 5-99**
- 6 book discussions
- 5 staff ready to help make this your best summer ever

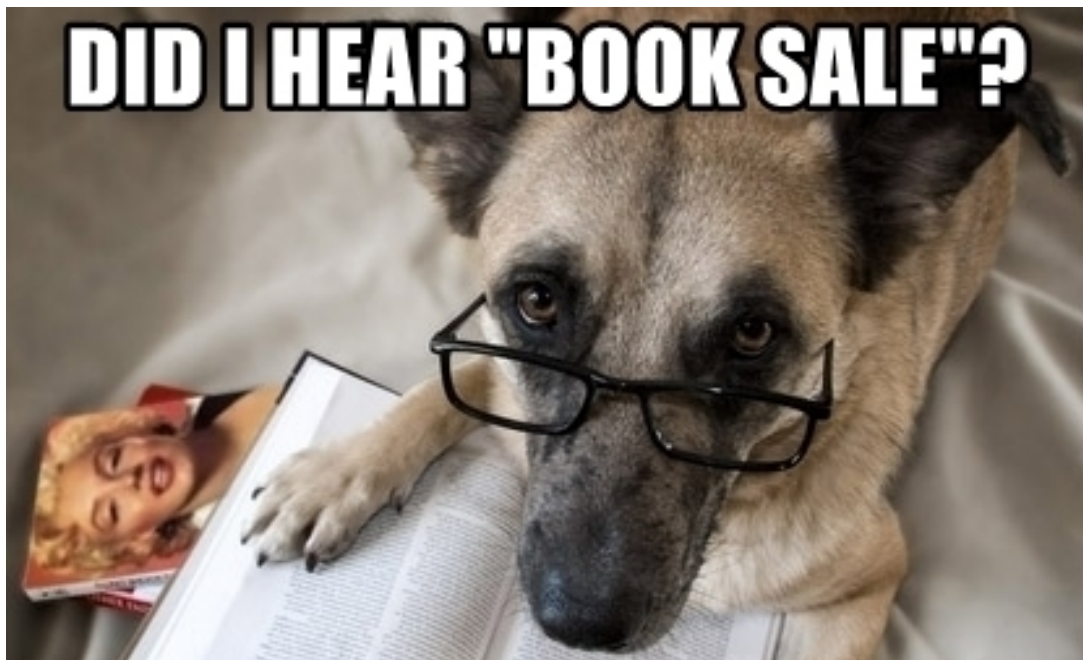
Program details by age group are below. Or [download our calendar](#) for quick reference.

Happy Summer,

Laura

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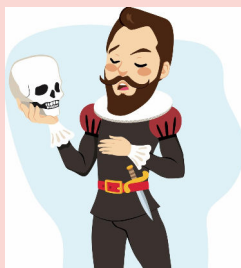
Annual Book Sale

June 30 - July 6th during regular library hours (closed July 4th)

A word about ages

While our programs may appeal to all ages, be aware that some are most suited to certain age groups.

- Kids programs: kids going into kindergarten through 3rd grade
- Older kids programs: kids going into 4th grade and up



For All Ages

Summer Reading Finale: Sugar-Coated Shakespeare Tuesday, July 29th 11am in the Back Yard

A candy-coated laugh fest with the Bard! Hear songs, poems and other literary classics in a fast, funny, interactive celebration! Kid-friendly, but adults will like it too! Ice cream for everyone!

Our finale and ice cream party is sponsored by the [Friends of Bethlehem Public Library](#). After the performance, raffle prizes will be drawn for those who participated in Bingo.



For Kids Entering K-3rd Grade

Every Tuesday 11am

Eco-Arts in the Back Yard Tuesday, July 1st 11am

Inspired by nature, we'll have a scavenger hunt and use the items to create solar photos, craft natural instruments, and sculpt earth materials.

Pottery Tuesday, July 8th 11am

Fired on the Mountain will bring plates for each child to decorate. Then they'll be fired in Lincoln, and brought back to the library at a later date.

Storyteller PLUS Free Books! Tuesday, July 15th 11am

VT Author/Illustrator Natalie Kinsey-Warnock will tell stories, read aloud from books, and share her love of words. Every child who attends will pick two brand-new books to take home!

This program is made possible with a CLiF Summer Readers Grant.

Messy Art in the Back Yard Tuesday, July 22nd 11am

Prepared to get messy, as we explore water colors, slime making, and creating an abstract painting on a giant canvas!



For Kids Entering 4th Grade & Up

Every other Thursday

VR Art Thursday, July 10th 1:30pm

Play with our virtual reality goggles, and explore art in a whole new way!

Zine Making Thursday, July 24th 1:30pm

Zines can be a small compilation of anything - a story, poetry, photos, and/or drawings - and are little, quick, and easy to do. A fun and accessible way to express yourself! Zoe Ghanooni from WREN will lead this program.

Drawing Connections Thursday, August 7th 1pm *note earlier time*

A multigenerational program. Kids and members of the WRENigades will be paired up to interview and draw each other. Portraits will then be hung for a gallery event later in August.



For Adults

A Graceful Ending: End-of-Life Program Series with WREN

Friday, July 11th 11:30am Wills & Estates @WREN

Friday, July 25th 11:30am Hospice Services

Simple Living: Simple Sewing Friday, July 18th 11:30am

We'll review basic embroidery and clothing repair.

VR: Art Museums Monday, July 21st 6pm

Try our virtual reality goggles and tour famous art museums.

Bob Ross Paint Night Wednesday, August 6th 6pm

Follow along with Bob - no pressure!



Book Discussions

Readers' Cafe Book Discussion Thurs. July 17th 1:30pm AND Sat. July 19th 9am

The Fellowship of Puzzlemakers by Samuel Burr

Books of Jewish Interest Every other Wednesday 4pm

The library is happy to co-sponsor this annual program with the Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

7/16 *The Joy of Costco* by David & Susan Schwartz

7/30 *A Girl Named Carrie* by Jerrie Marcus Smith

8/13 *The Merchant Princes* by Leon Harris

8/27 *You Need a Schoolhouse* by Stephanie Deutsch

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