

KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAMS



BIRTH TO GRADE 5
JUNE 17 - AUGUST 17

2024

**CANTON
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Art Afternoons

New art experiences each week, with the help of our teen volunteers. Enjoy learning new skills and creative habits through art exploration.



- June 26 One Fun Project - Recycled Pendants
- July 3 Painting Centers
- July 10 Drawing Centers
- July 17 One Fun Project - Cork Boats
- July 24 Printmaking Centers
- July 31 One Fun Project - Fairy Houses
- Aug 7 3-D Art Centers (clay & sculpture)

Drop In ; Kids ages 2.5 to 10 with a grownup Free, All Materials Provided.

Wednesdays 2:00-3:30 PM

June 26 to August 7

NOTE: if child is younger than 9, their grown-up must stay at the library during the program.

Baby & Me Story Time

We'll sing, talk, read, and play with you and your baby; includes nursery rhymes, songs, baby sign, short books we read together, and bounces and bubbles.

Children's Librarian Heather Baker leads 45 minutes of "library time." This quieter and cuddly group is for children from birth - 12 mo. Older siblings are invited to attend with babies & their beloved grown-ups.

Free; Drop-in, registration not required.

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly August 6 - Aug 27



Science Fridays

Drop -in to our explosively popular program for families of kids ages 3 - 11. Our teen Science Buddy volunteers bring science exploration to life. Check out the list of weekly themes - you may get messy, and parents should definitely expect to participate!

FREE—Drop In

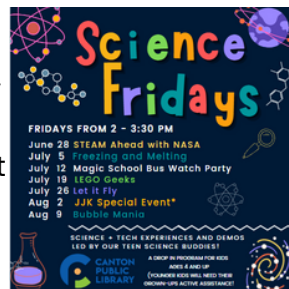
Kids ages 3 to 11 with a grownup

Fridays 2:00-4:00 PM

June 28 to August 9

- June 28 STEAM Ahead with NASA
- July 5 Freezing and Melting
- July 12 Magic School Bus Watch Party
- July 19 LEGO Geeks
- July 26 Let it Fly
- Aug 2 NO Science Friday - Special JJK Author Event instead!
- Aug 9 Bubble Mania

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Baby & Me Story Time

Summer Songs & Stories

Story time is our favorite time of the week! For kids aged 1 to 5 years plus their loved ones - come enjoy songs, rhymes, and stories. An active group where parents and caregivers are heartily encouraged to play and sing along. Siblings are also welcome to attend. Stop first at the Children's Desk for nametags.

Free; Drop-in, registration not required.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly June 27 - August 15



Book Buddies

(Our 15th Summer!) Each child, aged 4 -7, is paired with a teen volunteer for an hour each week, sharing the fun of reading and books. Every week includes an interactive STEAM activity with their buddy, book reading, plus group camp songs. Book Buddies runs for 6 weeks, ending with a pizza party. Participants should be available for at least 4 out of 6 sessions. Free; registration for child participants begins on June 1, until all spaces are filled. Register online on the library website.

Tuesdays June 25 to July 30;

must be available to participate for at least 4 of the 6 Tuesdays of the program.

Choose either : Afternoons 2:00 - 3:00 pm or



Book Buddies

For kids aged 4 to 8

June 25 - July 30th

Tuesday 2:00-3:00 p.m. OR

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.



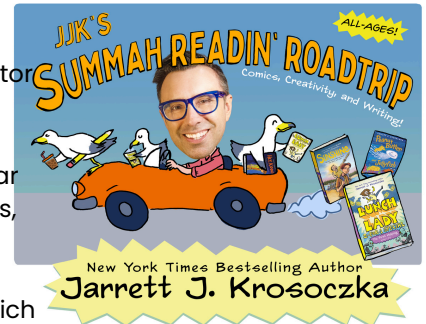
Registration is required, with registration starting June 1st

SPECIAL ONE TIME EVENTS



Jarrett Krosoczka (Award Winning) Author Visit *JJK's Summah Readin' Roadtrip*

Jarrett J. Krosoczka (JJK) is the New York Times bestselling author/illustrator behind more than forty books for young readers, including his wildly popular *Lunch Lady* graphic novels, select volumes of the *Star Wars™ Jedi Academy* series, and *Hey, Kiddo*, which



was a National Book Award Finalist. The sequel, *Sunshine*, is now nominated for the Eisner Award, which is like the Oscars of comics. His viral TED talks and video tutorials have been viewed millions of times worldwide. Krosoczka (Crow-sauce-kah) creates books with humor, heart, and deep respect for his young readers—qualities that have made his titles perennial favorites on the bookshelves of homes, libraries, and bookstores over the past twenty years. Now he's coming to speak LIVE here in Canton, thanks to the amazing sponsorship of the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

a program for ALL AGES

FREE—ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Friday August 2

3:30–4:30 Main Event

4:45–6:30 Book Signing
& reception



An inflatable LIFE SIZED WHALE is visiting the library!

Cynde McInnis, a naturalist from Gloucester, MA who has spent 31 seasons working on whale watch boats, is coming to the library with her life-sized (43 ft.) inflatable whale, Nile.

Come by the library and meet Nile, a 37-year old humpback whale whom McInnis has seen almost every summer since 1994 off the coast of Massachusetts. Go **inside** of the inflatable whale and learn about how whales are similar to and different from humans. Learn about Nile's migratory path, how many calves she's had, as well as how researchers learned this information. See and touch baleen, teeth and whale bones! Be inspired to care about the oceans and the environment around us.

FREE—ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

All ages welcome – Grown ups too!

Saturday, August 10 – Sign up for a half-hour time slot between 10:00 and 12:30 p.m.

Sign ups will begin on the library website on July 1st.

Meet a Ballerina

Cameron Whitney and an advanced student ballerina are visiting us from the Hartt School's Community Dance Department! Cameron will lead a movement class for aspiring young dancers, and read a dance themed story. This special event includes time to take photos with the ballerina and to check out a dance/ballet themed book from the library's special display. Drop in, please come first to the children's desk for nametags.



FREE—Drop In , registration not required.

Kids ages 2 and up with a grownup

Tuesday June 25 at 10:30 a.m.

The Poop Museum

Loved by parents and children in over 80 countries - we bring you the Poop Museum with Susie Maguire, award-winning storyteller & teacher.

Poop is incredible! You'll learn many fascinating facts about human, animal, and insect poop -- many of which will truly amaze you. Also, we'll laugh a lot because -- well -- our subject is POOP!

The Poop Museum covers the serious science of poop and pooping and is delivered with the silliness that you might imagine accompanying a program about poop for young kids. It is the perfect combination of fun, and fabulous, fascinating facts so that kids (and their grown-ups) will never forget what they learn today!

FREE, ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Kids entering K-5 and their grown-ups, too!

Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m. Sign ups will begin on the library website on June 17th.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING

JUNE 17 – AUGUST 16



READ & BEAD

AT THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

For kids entering Grades 1-7

Kids can read and record their minutes (or have a grown-up help them track time), then turn those minutes into beads of varying colors, shapes, and designs to decorate and personalize your very own bead chain.

How to Participate:

- Sign up at the Children's Desk or online at the library website (www.cantonpubliclibrary.org)
- visit the library to get your starter pack of:
 - 1 Brag Tag
 - 1 Ball Chain Lanyard
 - 1 reading record sheet
- READ!
- track your reading minutes.
- visit the library as often as you like until August 16, and collect the beads you've earned by reading. Every 20 minutes you read, you'll earn another bead!
- Trade up your beads for more exclusive beads whenever you like! (there are 5 levels of beads available!)
- Read 400 minutes and you'll ALSO earn your pool party tag!



For kids birth – entering K

Stop by the Children's Desk and pick up a **Summer Library Book Chart** to log the books that are read aloud to your little one - and then return it to the library to earn a small prize! Complete as many charts as you like, all summer long!

Earn collectible Book Badges

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nutmeg elementary
nutmeg intermediate

from may 1 2024 - april 30 2025

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POOL PARTY

Friday, August 16 6-8 p.m.

THE TINY ART SHOW IS BACK!

Pick up your canvas beginning Monday, June 17 and return it by Saturday, July 27 to join our community art show for the month of August.

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