



2026 Summer Learning Kick-Off “Unearth a Story!”

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Register beginning May 15.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Mondays, June 1-July 27 OR

Wednesdays, June 3-July 29 at 10:30 a.m.

(No storytime the week of June 15.)

Based on a nationally acclaimed early literacy program, this class will build reading readiness skills through stories, music, movement, and more. Don't miss this ever-popular class that promises fun for you and your little one. *For ages 0-3 with a caregiver. No registration required.*

Tales for Tots

Tuesdays, June 2-July 28 OR

Thursdays, June 4-July 30 at 10:30 a.m.

(No storytime the week of June 15.)

Toddle on over for a terrific Tuesday! Stories, songs, rhymes, and more comprise this thirty-minute early literacy class. An activity will follow each class and relate to the theme of the day. *For ages 2-3 with a caregiver. No registration required.*

Preschool Power

Fridays, June 5-July 31 at 10:30 a.m.

OR 1 p.m. (No storytime on June 19.)

This interactive early literacy class will blend kindergarten readiness concepts and our summer learning theme, “Unearth a Story!” Join us for stories, songs, games, and a simple art activity each week. *For ages 3 1/2-5 with a caregiver. No registration required.*

Mother Goose on Tour

Tuesdays, June 9 & July 14 at 11 a.m.

Join us at Friendship Village for this interactive storytime with the residents! This intergenerational program is fun and rewarding for all involved. We hope to see you there! *For ages 0-3 with a caregiver. Register for each session separately beginning on the first of the respective month.*

BIRTH - PRESCHOOL CONTINUED...

Romp and Roar

Tuesday, June 9 at 2 p.m.

A prehistoric dinosaur adventure awaits! Participate in dinosaur-related stories, songs, activities, and crafts that will make young paleontologists want to stomp, chomp, and roar! *For ages 3-5 with a caregiver. Register beginning May 15.*

Sensory Explorers (Dino Edition!)

Monday, July 13 at 1 OR 6 p.m.

In this sensory-based early literacy program, children will experience sensory exploration and learning while reading, creating, playing, and socializing. There will be multiple dinosaur stations to explore. *Geared for ages 2-5, but all are welcome to attend. Register beginning July 1.*



Baby Jam

*Thursdays, August 6-27 at 10:30 a.m.
OR 6 p.m.*

Join us for songs, rhymes, knee bounces, and more in this thirty-minute early literacy class that will benefit both you and your child. Bonding time with your baby is priceless. *For ages 0-2 with a caregiver. No registration required.*

Dino Shadow Portraits

Thursday, August 6 at 1 p.m.

This program will introduce your child to the concepts of light, time, and shadows, followed by hands-on activities and creating dino shadow portraits. *For ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Register beginning July 15.*



Dinosaur Doctor

Tuesday, August 11 at 11 a.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed dinosaur to the Library for a little TLC! After reading a favorite dinosaur story, children will choose scenarios and role-play both caregivers and doctors as they care for sick or injured dinosaurs to discover what is needed to make these dinosaurs feel better! *For ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Register beginning August 1.*

Movies in the Park

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& September 11 at 8:30 p.m.*

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Chess Club

Thursdays, June 4-25 at 4 p.m.

Participate in friendly matches to build confidence and experience. This club is for kids who already know how to play the game. No instruction will be given. Members of our Teen Advisory Board and the High School Chess Club will supervise. *For grades 2-5. Register for each session separately, beginning June 1.*

Build a Birdhouse

Monday, June 8 at 1 p.m. OR

Wednesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.

What kind of birds dwell around here? Which have you seen in your backyard? Have you ever noticed a wren? Join us to learn a bit more about birds and then build a birdhouse, perfectly sized for a wren. All supplies provided. Adult supervision / assistance is required. *For grades K-2 with a caregiver. Register for one session only, beginning on the first of the respective month.*

Dinosaur Doodle Cafe

Mondays, June 8-29 at 3 p.m.

Do you like to draw? Do you know how to draw a dinosaur? Learn from Pittsburgh's very own Joe Wos! Joe is the founder of the ToonSeum and also the host of the Cartoon Academy, which airs on WQED and digitally. He will kick off our series with an in-person appearance! Don't miss out on cartooning fun. *For grades 1-5. Register once for the entire series, beginning June 1.*



Lego Club

Mondays, June 8, July 6,

& August 3 at 6 p.m.

Come build with friends using the Library's extensive brick collection. *For grades K-5. Register for each session separately, beginning on the first of the respective month.*





Prehistoric Cave Drawing

Wednesday, June 10 at 2 p.m.

Step into the role of a prehistoric artist and create your own cave wall drawing using texture and various pigments. We will then use our drawings to share stories. *For grades 3 & 4. Register beginning May 15.*

Geology 101

Thursday, June 11 at 1 p.m.

Get to see a geologist's rock and mineral collection up close and learn the basics of geology. Dig deep into the three main categories of rocks, the rock cycle, the geologic time scale, and how geologists know what rocks are under our feet! *For grades K-2. Register beginning June 1.*

Rock Science

Monday, June 15 at 1 p.m.



Students will determine if rocks are composed of limestone using chemicals. This class is presented by ALCO SAN, the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority. *For grades K-5. Register beginning June 1.*

Dinosaurs!

Wednesday, June 17 at 1 p.m.

Educators from Carnegie Museum of Natural History are coming to visit! This hands-on class includes up-close looks at artifacts, fossils, rocks, and more. *For grades K-2. Register beginning June 1.*

Unearth a Story Book Club

*Wednesdays, June 17, July 15,
& August 12 at 6 p.m.*

Need some help picking out your next Summer Learning read? Love talking to your friends about your favorite books? This club is for you! We're starting off with the graphic novel, *How to Talk to Your Succulent* by Zoe Persico. This sweet story is for fans of *Roller Girl* and author Raina Telgemeier. Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up your copy to read before the first meeting! *For grades 4-6. Register for each class separately, beginning on the first of the respective month.*

Unearth a Good Recipe

Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m.

Some of the most delicious and nutritious foods grow from the soil beneath our feet! Come listen to a story and then make a recipe that uses root vegetables as its main ingredients. *For grades K-5. Register beginning June 1.*

Conversation Club for Kids

*Fridays, June 26, July 31,
& August 21 at 3 p.m.*

Screen break! Join us for face-to-face conversation and ice-breaker games. We'll go outside when the weather permits and enjoy talking about a variety of topics from school and daily life to imaginative questions and hypothetical situations. *For grades 3-5. Register for each session separately, beginning on the first of the respective month.*



Patriotic Cookie Decorating

Saturday, June 27 at 1 p.m.

Let's celebrate America's 250th birthday with some delicious creativity! Members of the American Legion will teach us some important history and then provide cookies for us to decorate! How will you design yours? Get your ideas ready and join us for an informational presentation, followed by friendly competition. *For grades K-5. Register beginning June 1.*



Roar Like a Dinosaur Game Day

Monday, June 29 at 2 p.m.

Stomp, chomp, and roar your way over to the Library for a super-fun, dino-filled game day! Try your hand at T-Rex Toss, compete in dino races, go on a dinosaur hunt, play Dino Dash, and more! *For grades K-2. Register beginning June 1.*

Unearth a New Dinosaur Species

Monday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Kids will explore how dinosaurs lived, learn the Latin roots behind real scientific names, and invent a brand-new dinosaur species of their own--complete with its habitat, diet, and survival traits. *For grades 3-5. Register beginning June 1.*

Intro to Archeology

*Tuesday, June 30 at 1 p.m. at
The Buffalo Inn in South Park*

Learn about what an archeologist does and how they use artifacts to study the past. What can we learn from the things people leave behind? This class is presented by Allegheny County Park Rangers and held IN the park. Please be prompt. *For grades 2-5 with a caregiver. Register beginning June 1.*

Rock Painting

Wednesday, July 1 at 2 p.m. OR 6 p.m.

Let's transform ordinary, smooth stones into masterpieces with vibrant acrylic paint pens. Make prehistoric storytelling stones or words of kindness to pass along. *For grades 4-5. Register beginning June 15.*

Captain Underpants Book Club

Mondays, July 6-27 at 3 p.m.

Tra-la-la-laaaa! Whether you're a seasoned fan of the series or just picking up the books for the first time, you don't want to miss this laugh-out-loud book club! We'll read the books together (a new one each time) and then participate in over-the-top antics, just like George and Harold. *For grades 1-4. Register once for all four sessions, beginning June 15.*

Block Building Challenge

Wednesday, July 22 at 2 p.m.

Calling all future architects and engineers! Join us for a high-energy, creative, and fast-paced block-building challenge. Whether it's building the tallest tower or designing a bridge, we will be testing your imagination and creativity. *For grades 3-5. Register beginning July 1.*

Indiana Jones Explorers

Saturday, July 25 at 1 p.m.

If you like puzzles, games, and using your brains and bodies to solve problems, then you'll love our Indiana Jones-inspired program. Grab your leather fedora (but leave your snakes at home) and join us for a wildly good time. *For grades 3-5. Register beginning July 1.*



Leap Into Herpetology

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Environmental educator, April Claus, will present this hands-on interactive program that introduces you to native reptiles and amphibians of Pennsylvania. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their call, examine touchable models, and learn how to identify the venomous snakes that live in our area. Meet some LIVE snakes, toads, turtles, and salamanders that are native to the northeastern U.S. We may even feed a friend or two! You will be amazed at the important role these animals play in our local ecosystem! *For grades K-5. Register beginning July 1.*

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt

August 1-31

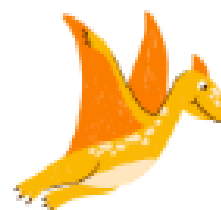
Can you find the ten dinosaurs hidden in the Library? During the month of August, stop at the Children's Desk for the list and let the search begin! Once you've found all ten, bring the sheet back for a small prize. *For grades K-5. *Prizes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.*

Fossil Making

Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m.

First, we'll learn about how fossils are formed and then, using DIY air-dry clay, we'll experiment with different materials to see what kinds of fossils we can make. *For grades 2-4. Register beginning August 1.*

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Time Together

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Join us at Friendship Village for games of all sorts. We'll teach the residents some of our favorites and maybe have the chance to learn some of their favorites, too! *For grades K-5 with their families. Register beginning June 1.*

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