



ONLINE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

7 WEEKS! JUNE 18 - AUGUST 8

Log in to your existing account OR create one at hwlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365

Earn badges for logging your reading, completing activities & writing reviews. Each badge earned equals an entry into our weekly raffle drawings for local gift certificates & special prizes, including an opportunity for a Topsfield Fair prize package.

For details, visit: hwkidsroom.blogspot.com



READ

for a CAUSE!



The Food Project

Add your name & title of a book you've read to our display in the Children's Room. Your participation will ensure a donation from us to **THE FOOD PROJECT**, a **LOCAL** non-profit that builds community & youth leadership through teaching how to sustainably plant, grow, & harvest fresh vegetables for food pantries, shelters, & affordable farmers markets around greater Boston. Learn more at <https://thefoodproject.org/>

PLANT A SEED, READ

JUNE 18 - AUGUST 8



THE MUNCH BUNCH HAVE LEFT THE LIBRARY!



Beginning on June 29
The Munch Bunch – our three summer reading mascots – will be traveling to various locations throughout Hamilton & Wenham. Each week, search for one of these friends to earn that week's badge & more chances to win fun prizes!



GAME ENDS AUG. 8

Summer programming is made possible by the Hamilton-Wenham Library's many partners, including:



VISIT OUR BLOG FOR MORE INFO!

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SUMMER PROGRAMS!



SUMMER EVENTS!

YOUTH BOOK SALE

WED, JUNE 24 12:00-5:00PM

Stock up on books at this one-day sale organized by the Friends of H-W Library! Located in the Children's Program Room.



WICKED GOOD HENNA TATTOOS

WED, JUNE 24 1:30-5:00PM

It's not summer without a Wicked Good Henna Tattoo! Join Henna Artist Mandy Roberge for a fun afternoon and leave with a unique henna design. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

SUMMER KICK-OFF CONCERT

SAT, JUNE 27 10:30AM-11:30AM

Join us for a musical morning of hits from across the decades with *Becky and the Swingin' Bards!* This soulful band will have you singing along throughout the show. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP

WED. JULY 1 5:30-6:30PM

Learn about this Japanese planting style & create your own miniature Kokedama display led by staff from *New England Tower Hill Botanic Garden.* Ages 8-11 years. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at hwlibrary.org/library-calendar/



SUMMER EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP

MONDAYS, JULY 6 - AUGUST 3
10:00-11:00AM

Join Early Childhood Partners for themed story times, crafts, playtime with friends, and more! Ages 0-6 years with an adult. REGISTRATION REQUESTED at earlychildhoodpartners.com

SYNC WITH SCIENCE WITH BRYAN SHECKELLS

TUESDAYS IN JULY: 7/7, 7/14, 7/21
Ages 6-8 years, Jr. Session: 2:00-3:00PM
Ages 9-12 years, Sr. Session: 3:00-4:00PM
Explore different scientific themes each week with stories, multimedia, experiments, games & more. Come early to guarantee a spot & sign in upon arrival.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT STORY TIME

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 8 - AUGUST 19
10:15-11:15AM

Join Shannon O'Donoghue of Cape Ann Early Intervention for stories, songs, movement, and literacy fun. Ages 18-36mo. with an adult. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at eicapeanngroups.corsizio.com

DINOMAN!

WED, JULY 8 6:30-7:30PM

With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, Dinoman and friends will take you on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

SUMMER SENSORY PLAY

THU, JULY 9 10:30AM-12:00PM

Join us for a morning of summer sensory exploration outside in the Children's Courtyard. Ages 2+ with an adult due to small parts. No registration needed.

ROCKABYE BEATS

WED. JULY 15 3:30-4:30PM

Groove to familiar and original songs while exploring different instruments, all with a dash of Spanish vocabulary and lots of fun movement! Best for children ages 0-8 years & their families. No registration needed. *This program is fully funded by a grant from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council.*



FAIRY ADVENTURES

SAT, JULY 18 10:30AM-12:00PM

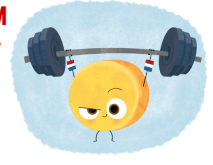
Escape to the Fairy Realm! We'll offer fun stations like create-your-own fairy boat, build-your-own fairy house (please BYO nature materials), & more! Presented by the Sheckells Family. All ages welcome. No registration needed.



GOOD TROUBLE! A CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

WED. JULY 22 6:30-7:30PM

Enjoy this circus variety show that showcases juggling, puppetry, magic, balancing feats and music while we laugh all the way. Best for children ages 5-12 years & their families. No registration needed. *This program is fully funded by a grant from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council.*



LIBRARY MINI-GOLF

SAT, JULY 25 11:00AM-2:00PM

Mobile-Mini Golf brings a unique, artsy and colorful 10 hole game of golf to play around the library. Drop in for this unique golf outing among the stacks! All ages welcome. No registration needed.



27TH ANNUAL VEHICLE NIGHT

WED, JULY 29 6:00-7:30PM

Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is a highlight of the summer! See, touch & explore your favorite big trucks while you meet the people who protect, serve & build our community. This is a rain or shine event.



All ages welcome. No registration needed.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROGRAM

SAT, AUG 1 11:00AM-12:00PM

Learn about Monarch Butterflies and how you can raise them at home from local expert, Dr. Charlie Hoffman! Enjoy watching their life cycle up close in the Children's Room tank this summer. All ages welcome. No registration needed.



ANIMAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

WED, AUGUST 5 5:30-7:30PM

Matt Gabriel, *The Animal Man*, is back with more amazing animals for you to meet! Families will enjoy the funniest, most interactive, and educational animal presentation around. All ages welcome. No registration needed.

SUMMER READER ICE CREAM PARTY

WED, AUGUST 12 6:30-7:30PM

You **MUST** be a participant in our Children's Online Summer Reading Challenge to then register for the ice cream party. Ice cream registration closes MON. 8/3 Please register for the ice cream party at hwlibrary.org/library-calendar/



SUMMER READING IS HERE!