



## More about the 2009 Summer Programs

Please call ahead in case of program changes.

All programs are free and open to PPL cardholders.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult while in the library or attending library programs.

**The Kickoff** – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 pm. Join us at beautiful **Four Tree Island** as we begin sign-ups for the Catch the Reading Bug summer reading program. Bring a lunch to this fun family event. Come dressed as a bug (if you wish), march in the bug parade, participate in all kinds of fun activities, and enjoy a special “Bug Dessert”! Rain date is Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Catch the Reading Bug Summer Reading Program** – June 25<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at the kickoff or any day after at the library. Keep track of time spent reading or being read to in the *Catch the Reading Bug* log, in order to earn coupons redeemable at the **Beehive** summer reading store. The program is ongoing – participate as long as you like. **Recommended for ages 4 and up.**

**The Beehive Summer Reading Store** – Grand Opening July 6<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter open every day from 11am-1pm. This store is just for kids in the Catch the Reading Bug program. Buzz on in for products that will draw even the most reluctant readers like bees to honey!

**Reading Buddies...For Budding Readers** – Tuesdays through Saturdays. July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>. 10-11am. Older children are anxious to share the reading experience with younger children; this may take the form of reading to the younger child, or encouraging the younger child as they practice their reading skills. Reading time counts for the Catch the Reading Bug program. Drop in! **Recommended for ages 2-7.**

**Recycled Art** – Daily July 6<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Create art projects using recycled items. **Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Grandparent and Me in the Garden** – Tuesdays June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am. Bring a grandparent (doesn't have to be yours – any grandparent will do) and join us for a story, followed by gardening or garden related activities (indoors if it rains). **Recommended for ages 3-8.**

**Story Time** – Fridays July 10<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am. **Recommended for ages 3-8.**

**Seacoast Science Center** - In the Levenson Room. **Ages 3 and up.**

**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 11am. Raspberry the Box Turtle!** He has been the children's favorite for many years. Raspberry is bright, alert and loves children. The most common question is, “why does he have red eyes?” Includes a story about box turtles.

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 3pm. Lobsters!** A live lobster will visit the library! How do they eat with those big claws? Where do lobster babies live until they are grown and ready for ocean life? A lobster story will follow!

**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm. Whales!** Hear about Tofu the humpback whale, whose skeleton will be coming to the Science Center June 20<sup>th</sup>! Listen to a story about humpback whales and their lives at sea.

**Cartooning** – Thursdays July 9<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Grab a pencil and get ready to draw with talented artist Yussra. Learn how to draw your own cartoons! Be your own superhero, or make someone else the star of your very own comic book! **Ages 10 and up.**

**Carol Sandborn Puppets** – Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm. Carol Sandborn, puppeteer extraordinaire, brings her immense talent and her friends (they're puppets!) to share stories and songs. In the Levenson Room. **Recommended for ages 3-10.**

**Money Management** – Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30pm. Piscataqua Savings Bank will present a program on how to budget money, how to save for something you really want! **Recommended for ages 10 and up** with their families. In the Hilton Garden Room.

**Wii Week** – Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm. Are you a gamer? Do you want to be a gamer? Come and try out the games that the library has for the Wii! In the Levenson Room. **Ages 9-12.**

**Teen Book Discussion** – Discuss these books in a relaxed and comfortable setting – you won't be graded – aren't you relaxed already! The best discussions involve laughter and fun! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll eat! In the Hilton Garden Room. **Recommended for ages 12 and up.**  
Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm. We'll be discussing *Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick. It is this year's Isinglass Award winner.  
Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm. We'll be discussing *Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen.

**Recycled Fashions** – Never give up on a favorite piece of your wardrobe. Maybe you've outgrown it but can't bear to part with it. No problem – repurpose it! Make a beloved t-shirt into a bag or a pair of pants into a skirt – the only limit is your imagination.  
**For ages 12 and up. Registration is required.**  
Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm.  
Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.

**Wildlife Encounters** – Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-2:30 pm. Meet some creepy bugs, and other animals! In the Levenson Community Room.  
**Recommended for ages 5 and up.**

**G. Willikers! Family Game Night** – Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm. Our friends at G.Willikers! will be bringing all sorts of fun games to play at the Library. Fun for the whole family!

**Duct Tape Workshop** – Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm. Join us for a complete how-to workshop, and take home your own masterpieces! **Ages 10 and up.**

**TrashCanLid Productions** – Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30–4:30pm. Using junk found around the house, Jeff Erwin turns trash into musical instruments! Learn how to put these things together, and play them! A short concert will follow. Levenson room. **Ages 9-12 Registration is required.**

**Family Yoga** – Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm. Join Valerie as she awakens the inner dancer in you. Using creative movement, music and yoga postures, we will spend the hour dancing freely with grace and passion. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a beach towel. In the Levenson Room. All ages welcome.  
**Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Sign with Your Baby** – Wednesdays June 17th, July 29<sup>th</sup> & Aug 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30–10:15am. Did you know babies are capable of language before they're physically able to form words? Join Lisa for an introduction to Baby Sign Language and find out what's on your little one's mind. **Birth to 2 yrs.**

**Fancy Nancy Party** – Wed. July 29<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30 pm. Prepare for the most enchanting afternoon of your life! Wear your most glamorous outfit – don't forget to accessorize and come to the most sophisticated & glitziest library event of the summer. Delectable hors d'oeuvres & fabulous beverages will be served followed by an extraordinary craft! Repondez s'il vous plait. (That means **Registration is required.**) In the phenomenal Levenson Room. **Ages 4-8.**

**Acoustic Showcase** – Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Join us for a summer evening of acoustic music, as talented local teen musicians perform in our lovely outdoor courtyard. In case of rain, performance will be in the Levenson Room. **All ages welcome.**

**Teddy Bear Sleepover** – Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> 3pm. Bring your teddy bear for a special story time, and then your bear will spend the night with all the other bears in the library! You will make a photo album during craft time, and we'll take pictures of your bear's adventures! **NOTE: Bears WILL stay the whole night, and be picked up on Saturday. Bears and children of all ages are welcome.**



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