

Purpose of the Summer Program



The St. Marys Public Library strives to ignite curiosity and foster creativity in children, celebrating their achievements along the way. That is why we are committed to offering a summer program that promotes reading, literacy, and engaging educational activities, aiming to make learning a joyful adventure.

By offering games, crafts, and playful activities, the program offers children a valuable chance to learn and enhance crucial skills in an enjoyable and relaxed setting. Moreover, it enables preschoolers to participate in activities aimed at fostering literacy, physical development, and sensory abilities, laying a robust groundwork for their future growth.



Who Are the Friends of the Library?

The St. Marys Public Library is thrilled to share the exciting news that the highly anticipated Summer Reading Program 2024 has been made possible through the generous support of The Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library is a dedicated charitable organization that stands as a beacon of support for our library's vision and mission. Through their unwavering commitment, they tirelessly raise essential funds that help bring the library programs and events to life, enriching the lives of patrons of all ages. For those who are eager to learn more about the The Friends of the Library and how they can get involved in this noble mission, we warmly invite to you to reach out to the library directly.



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Programs Offered

Crafty Kids

MONDAYS | 10:30am - 12:00pm

A dynamic crafting program that is designed to provide your child with the chance to explore various creative projects on a weekly basis that they can take home.

Sessions will run for 1.5 hours. The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max.

Club SMPL

MONDAYS | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Combing technology, toys, and LEGO, this two-hour session offers kids the freedom to experiment and play with various items in an unstructured environment. It's a drop in session, so participants are welcome to join or leave the group at any time.

The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max.

Reading Help

TUESDAYS 10:00am - 12:30pm | WEDNESDAYS 10:30AM - 12:00PM & 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Enjoy a complimentary 30-minute tutoring session with Ben, our Summer Program Coordinator. During these sessions, school-age children will engage in activities aimed at enhancing their language and vocabulary skills. To participate, children and parents are required to book a 30-minute time slot, available no earlier than one week in advance. Please note that this program operates on a scheduled basis and is not a drop-in event.

To book your 30 minute session, register here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program

Discovery Den

TUESDAYS | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Join us for a program that is dedicated to exploring various topics and answering questions that you have always been curious about. Through engaging hands-on STEM activities and inquiry-based learning, we will delve into children generated based inquiries and more!

The recommended age is 7+, children under 7 are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. 20 participants max.

As per last year, we have done away with paper tracking sheets altogether, so all reading tracking will be done through Beanstack. Beanstack can be used in a web browser, or through easy-to-use apps for Android and Apple.

Beanstack Registration

Create a Beanstack account to begin tracking ASAP. Kids are welcome to track before the summer program starts to earn tickets for pre-summer prizes. Don't forget, adults and teens can sign up for chances to win prizes, too; each month, we give away a \$30 gift card to one lucky adult and teen!

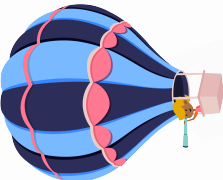







To pre-register for the Summer Challenge, create or login to your Beanstack account. On your home page, you will see there are two levels of Summer Program reading tracking: Jr, aimed at kids 0-5 years, and Sr, aimed at kids 6-12 years. Please choose the challenge that you feel best suits your child(ren)'s reading level, but remember this is a reading "challenge". If you or Library staff notice a child would be better suited to the other challenge, we are able to switch the child into a different level.



Visit:

stmaryspubliclibrary.beanstack.org

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Crafty Kids 10:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Club SMPL 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> 	<p>Reading Help* 10:00am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Discovery Den (STEM) 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>  	<p>Reading Help* 10:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Reading Help* 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> 	  	<p>Weekly Sneak Peek and Prize Draw Facebook & YouTube @ 9:00am</p> <p>Funday Fridays! Watch for special events, guests, and more!</p>  <p><small>*Appointment/Registration Required</small></p>
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Summer Program FAQs

How Does Registration Work?

There is no registration required for regular weekly sessions, including Crafty Kids, Club SMPL, and Discovery Den.

Registration is required for Reading Help appointments and Funday Friday events. Participants can sign up for reading help appointments and Funday Friday events here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program



- Registration for Reading Help opens 7 days before each session.
- Registration for Funday Friday opens 7 days before the event.

How Old Do Children Have to Be to Attend?

All programs offered throughout the summer are aimed toward children 7+. Children under 7 are welcome to attend as long as they are accompanied by a caregiver who is at least 12 years of age. Funday Friday events taking place off-site require a caregiver, regardless of the child's age.

How Can I Stay Updated on What's Happening?

Throughout the summer, we keep in touch with families by sending regular email updates with information about the what, where, and when of the summer program. To sign up for these emails, scan the QR code to follow the link. Select "Summer Program 2024" and any other newsletter lists you may be interested in and enter your information. Contact the Library if you run in to any issues.



Where Does the Program Take Place?

This summer, most sessions and events will run out of the Town Hall Auditorium at 175 Queen St. E. There will be directional signage to guide participants to the Auditorium. If any events are taking place off-site, participants will receive lots of notice.

Reading Challenge

Every year, the Library motivates children to log their reading sessions for a chance at winning fantastic rewards. As per last year, we are presenting three diverse chances to snag prizes. The goal of this challenge is to inspire children to read and uphold their literacy skills throughout the summer break.

2024 Summer Program Prizes

Weekly Prize Draws

- **When:** Draws take place every Friday from July 8th- August 23rd
- **How:** To be eligible, Junior kids need to read at least 1 hour each week and Senior kids need at least 2 hours each week.
- **What:** Kids will get their choice of prize from the Library's prize display case - think LEGO, crafter kits, electronics, and more!

Milestones

- **When:** Bags will be given out when kids reach each milestone.
- **How:** Jr kids will need to read 5 hours for the first bag, 10 hours for the second and 15 hours for the third. Sr kids will need to read 10, 20, and 30 hours to get each of their bags.
- **What:** Each of the three bags has a gift card or voucher to a local business and some really awesome special activities.

Grand Prizes!

- **When:** At the end of the program.
- **How:** Kids earn tickets by logging reading with Beanstack and attending virtual programming - the more a child reads, the greater chance of winning they will have!
- **What:** Grand Prizes will be announced during the summer.



Funday Fridays

FRIDAYS | STAY TUNED FOR EVENT TIMES

Watch for our free special events, guests, and more. Call the Library or pick up a detailed calendar at the Library to find out what, when and where events are being held.

Registration is required and can be found here: tinyurl.com/SMPL-Summer-Program

Sneak peak at one of our Funday Friday events!



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