

SUMMER READING 2025



Ages 3-6: Story Time: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6-12: Summer Reading Club:
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Teens & Adults: Programs — Various TBA

Cardio Drumming: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm



**BELLAIRE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

JUNE AND JULY
REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 4TH

SUMMER READING 2025



Stop by the Bellaire Public Library any time between June 4 and July 23 to register for our Summer Reading Program, “**Color our World.**”

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

- **Ages 3-K**
- **Teens**
- **Grades 1-6**
- **Adults**

READING GOALS

Upon registering, each reader will have a paint can placed on one of our reading boards. Each reader will also be sent home with a reading log bookmark. For every ten minutes you spend reading, you will color a paintbrush on the reading log. Each paintbrush will earn you one sticker, to place on your paint can. 10 stickers earn you another paint can to place on the reading board. Each paint can you earn throughout the summer will get you an extra ticket to use for our Summer Reading Finale Carnival or to pick prizes if you can't attend the Finale.



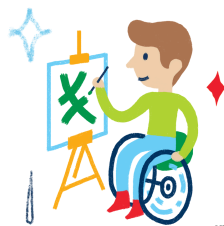
Each registered reader will receive two additional stickers to use toward extra paint cans for each program attended throughout the summer. Readers who complete their reading contract signed at registration will receive an extra paint can!

FINALE CARNIVAL **Friday, August 1st 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Registered readers, of all ages, who have turned in at least one reading log throughout the summer, will be invited to the Summer Reading Finale Carnival. All attendees will receive a base number of tickets plus additional tickets earned throughout the summer. Tickets can be used to play games for prizes, may be exchanged for food, or can be used for a chance to soak Children's Specialist Miss Bri with a water balloon!

BENEFITS OF SUMMER READING

Kids: Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge & skills learned in the previous school year. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind their classmates. Summer reading not only helps a child's ability to retain information learned the previous year but also increases growth in knowledge and critical thinking skills for the coming school year.



All of us: Not only is reading a great way to relax and unwind but reading for pleasure has other benefits as well. Readers of fiction have increased creativity, empathy, and emotional intelligence. Losing yourself in fictional characters' experiences and putting yourself in their shoes can make you more open-minded. Reading also supports self-improvement and gives us insight into making decisions.

Adults: Did you know that when kids see adults take time to read, they're more likely to want to read themselves? It's true! Children cannot be convinced that reading is truly valuable if the adults they look up to do not read themselves. Seeing adults reading books sends an important message that reading can be done for pleasure and entertainment, not just to complete a homework assignment. Not only that, research shows reading is also good for your health! Reading boosts brain power, creating cognitive engagement which can help with things like memory and brain function as we get older. It's also been shown to help reduce stress and lower blood pressure.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Many thanks to the Friends of the Bellaire Public Library and to all of our community sponsors who have helped support our **2025 Color Our World** program. Please contact the library if you would like to be added to our 2025 sponsorship efforts!

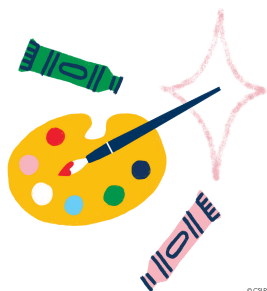


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SUMMER READING CLUB:

• Grades 1-6

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.



JUNE 4: Kick Off Party

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program and visit our fun activity stations to earn a yummy donut from The Holy Rollers Food Truck!



JUNE 11: Rainbow Shadows

Make your own rainbow using science with our friends from the S.M.A.R.T. Center.



JUNE 18:

Color Your Backyard

Learn about the beautiful colors of our world with local photographer, Daniel Caron.

JUNE 25: Music & Movement

Get ready to tell stories through music and movement with local music teacher, Ashley Krieger.



JULY 2: Wild Mask Making & Kirke's Ice Cream

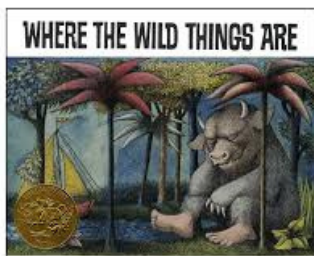


Create your own wild beast papier mache mask with local art teacher, Sara Cunningham. Then, cool off with some delicious ice cream from the Kirke's Ice Cream Truck.



JULY 9: Mask Decorating

Inspired by the popular children's book "Where the Wild Things Are" you will have the chance to paint your own "wild beast" paper mache' mask.
(Continued from July 2nd.)



JULY 16: Our Colorful World

Join Samantha Hearn from Belmont County Soil and Water Conservation to discover our world's natural resources.



JULY 23: Green Cleaning

Learn how to keep our Earth clean with Natalie Lysle from the JB Green Team.



JULY 30: To be announced

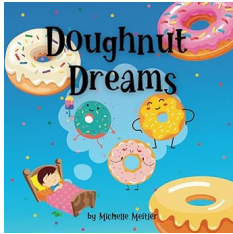




STORY TIME & CRAFT

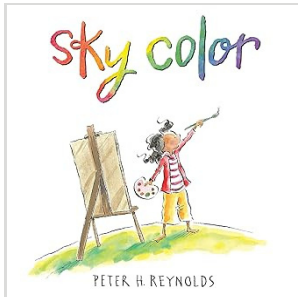
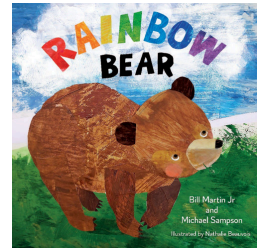
• Ages 3-K

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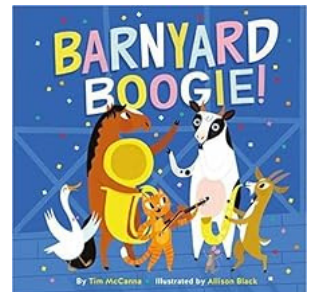
JUNE 6: We will read "Doughnut Dreams" by Michelle Meitler. Sweet dreams are filled with yummy doughnuts in this colorful story. After the story, we will make a doughnut painting.

JUNE 13: We will read "Rainbow Bear" by Bill Martin Jr. Follow Little Bear on his colorful adventures, filling his belly with berries! Then we will make our own rainbow craft.



JUNE 20: We will read "Sky Color" by Peter Reynolds. Marisol is so excited to paint a mural for her school library! But how will she paint the sky without blue paint? Find out how Marisol's creativity saves the day and then create your own sunset craft.

JUNE 27: We will read "Barnyard Boogie" by Tim McCanna. All the barnyard animals are excited to play their musical instruments, but will the cow play? Join us as we learn about music and create our own tambourines.

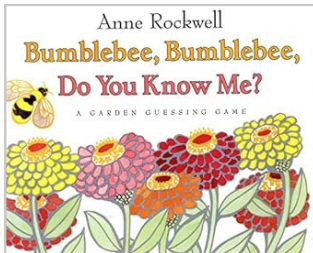




JULY 4: NO STORY TIME

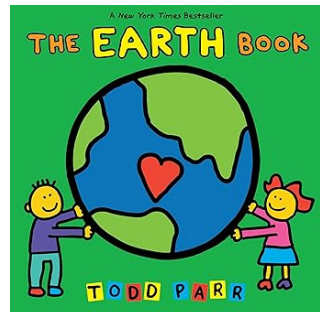
The Library will be closed for Independence Day.

JULY 11: Superheroes to the rescue! This week, we will learn all about superheroes from the book "These Are the Avengers" by Alexandra West. Then, we will make our own superhero mask. In honor of National Ice Cream Month, enjoy a patriotic popsicle with Miss Bri.



JULY 18: We will read "Bumblebee, Bumblebee, Do You Know Me?" by Anne Rockwell. This beautifully illustrated book will teach us all about different flowers and insects. After the story, we will make our own flower craft.

JULY 25: We will read "The Earth Book" by Todd Parr. We will learn how we can do little things to make a big difference in keeping our Earth clean. Then, we will create an Earth Buddy craft.



TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS



Having fun this summer is for everyone, including teens and adults! In addition to tracking your time spent reading, join us in **Reading the Rainbow!** Remember that helpful mnemonic device “**ROY G BIV?**” We’ll get ready to put that knowledge to use as you read a book with a cover to match each color of the rainbow!

CARDIO DRUMMING

With Nicole Smolenak

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Starting June 11th



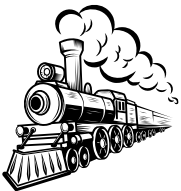
Cardio drumming is a high-energy workout that combines rhythmic drumming with full-body movements to upbeat music. Using a stability ball, drumsticks, and a bucket, participants drum, dance, and sweat their way through a heart-pumping routine that's as fun as it is effective. It's a great way to burn calories, boost coordination, and relieve stress—all while feeling like a rockstar! No experience needed and great for all fitness levels!

The Railroads That Became the B&O

With Michael Kole & Dan Frizzi

Saturday, July 19th, at noon

Learn about Bellaire and Ohio's colorful railroad history from two train experts!



Stay Tuned for More Teen & Adult Activities!