

PROGRAMS FOR THE 2017 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

READ! Please sign up at your local library to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge. Design your own challenge to fit your reading goals, and earn prizes for reaching the mid-point and for completing your challenge!

***All programs are free.**



Featured Programs

- **Jungle Jim's Minecraft Madness:** Join Jungle Jim as he leads participants through the magical world of Minecraft! Combining balloon artistry, magic, comedy and improv, Jim creates an amazing experience for children. Activities include Giant Dragon creation, the Building Block Madness Tournament, a riveting Zombie Chase and the Balloon Firework Rocket extravaganza! **10am, June 7th at the Main Library**
- **Building Tall Ships & Pirate Tales with Sciencetellers:** Set sail with Sciencetellers on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to construct a ship before all hope is lost ... at sea! Planks, sails, rigging, rails... what else could building a pirate ship possibly take?! Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure, scientific variables and more! Do not miss this refreshing nautical tale with a twist! **10am, June 14th at the Main Library**
- **String Celebration:** This musical duo offers an educational and entertaining musical performance. **10am, June 30th at the Wesmark Library**
- **Gus Goes Green-- a STEM adventure with Bright Star Theatre:** Gus, the giant dog puppet, leads you on a STEM-inspired adventure around the globe. He uses clever resources to find creative solutions for a thirsty man in the desert, a wacky inventor, a toy maker and one very funny bug. Audience volunteers join Gus on stage to engineer a device for gathering water, build a unique toy from recycled materials and more! By the end of the play, Gus and his friends use Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to find smart solutions to real-life issues. This show is designed to encourage young people to help the Earth through recycling, energy conservation and creative thinking. **10am, July 12th at the Main Library**
- **Build a Better World, One Girl at a Time:** Calling all current and aspiring Girl Scouts! Prominent local women will be speaking at this event, encouraging you to reach your full potential. While there, you will also write a postcard to send to a girl in a sister Girl Scout troop. **10am, July 14th at the Wesmark Library – Please call 469-8110 to register.**

- **Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party:** Congratulations on finishing your Summer Reading Challenge! We will have lots of great guests and cool games to play as we celebrate all of your hard work.
9:30 - 11:00am, August 4th at the Wesmark Library

More Programs! Please see our calendar for locations, dates, and times.

- **Treasure Hunt at the Library** (for all ages): Come by the Main Library any time during the Summer Reading Challenge to follow clues that will lead you to a mystery case. Bring that container to the Children's Services desk to earn a special stamp. There will be a new puzzle every Monday.

- **Club LEGO** (for ages seven and up): Can your LEGO bridge hold the most weight? Can you build a course that a marble can slide through? Solve these and other challenges as we mess around and have fun with LEGOs.

- **Storytime and a Craft** (for ages three to six): Your child will listen to stories and sing songs before making a craft to take home. Please call 469-8110 (Wesmark) or 773-7273 (South Sumter) to register.

- **Get Moving - Free Hip-hop Workshop** (for ages seven and up): No dance experience necessary. You will have fun and get fit learning easy hip hop choreography and helping to make up dance moves of your own.

- **Storybuilders Improvisation Workshop** (for ages seven and up): Have you always wanted to be on stage? Join us as we play theatre games and act out stories on the spot.

- **Father's Day Craft** (all ages): Dad will love the hand-crafted gift you make at this program.

- **Arts and Crafts Workshop** (for ages seven and up): Choose your project --make a crochet chain bracelet, create a tinfoil sculpture, or practice your drawing skills.

- **Teen Advisory Board** (for ages 13 and up): Pick up an application at any library location. Members of the Teen Advisory Board earn volunteer hours, all while having fun and helping to plan future library programs.

- **Movie at the Main Library** (for all ages): Check our calendar for a schedule of summer movies.

- **Easy Computer Coding with Scratch** (for ages seven and up): Scratch is an MIT computer program developed to help you learn to think logically and creatively, preparing you to learn computer coding. At this program, you will experiment with Scratch, connecting blocks of code to create interactive stories, retro games, or animations. Please call 773-7273 to register.

- **Geronimo Stilton Scavenger Hunt** (for ages seven and up): Hunt through newspapers for clues you can follow around the library. The first to finish wins a prize!

- **Build and Grow with Lowes** (for ages seven and up): Build a boat, a Green Hulk, a Captain America and more from fun kits provided by Lowes. Call 469-8110 to register.

- **Best Friends Furrever – Caring for your Pet** (for all ages): Listen to our experts as they show you how to care for your pets and demonstrate with live animals.

- **Get Moving - Love to Line Dance** (for ages seven and up): No dance experience necessary. Have fun and get fit learning classic line dances such as the Electric Slide and the Cupid Shuffle.

- **Family Storytime** (for all ages): Listen to stories and sing songs together as a family.

- **Build Your Mind and Body, Food and Fitness** (for all ages): You will hear from guest speakers who will teach you about staying active and eating right. Be prepared to move!

- **Marshmallow Engineering** (for ages seven and up): Work individually or as a team to build the tallest tower possible out of only toothpicks and mini-marshmallows.

- **Crafts and Karaoke** (for all ages): Relax and work on craft projects while brave volunteers take the mic and perform karaoke for the crowd.

