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EVERY HERO HAS A STORY: GET READY FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT SSCL



This year's summer reading program is going to be one of the biggest and best that we've ever done. With surprise guests and a reading prize that every child who meets their personal reading goal can win.

The Launch and Early Bird sign up will be held July 2 from 11a.m.-2 p.m. The summer reading theme this year is Every Hero Has a Story. Everyone is invited to dress as their favorite super hero (hint that means you adults, too!). Visitors can explore the world of inventions, have fun with science, play "What's That Invention?" game show, make crafts, and, of course, sign up for the summer reading program.

When you sign up for the summer reading program, you become eligible for prizes that are drawn weekly. The categories are: read to me, beginner reader, chapter book reader, young adult and adult.

In addition to the weekly drawings, children in the read to me, beginner and chapter levels will be able to win an additional secret surprise when they meet their reading goals. To find out what that surprise is, join us on July 2 for the kick off when our special guest will tell you all about it.

Children under 18 can enjoy free grilled lunch in the plaza from noon to 1 p.m. on kick off day.

But that is not where summer reading ends. In addition to science and fun there is so much more.

July 2 is also the kickoff of our makerspace called Creation Station. Come and check out the 3D printer, sewing machines, stencil cutter, binding machine and more. The grand opening of the makerspace will be held from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. on July 2.

Everyone is invited to sign up for the Passport to Read. Pick up your passport in the Children's Department and then get caught reading in public places.

Do you have fines? We are accepting food for fines all day on July 2. Check with the Circulation Desk for details. Benefits the local food pantry.

Finally, here is our schedule of great summer reading events that are free and family friendly:

1 p.m. Thursday July 9 | Madcap Puppets: Aladdin and Friends

The life-sized puppets present enchanting stories, if only they can keep their little assistant, Tweedle, from causing too much trouble.

1 p.m. Thursday July 16 | Theatre Works USA presents: Page Turner Adventures with Mixed Up Fairy Tale.

In this musical show the audience must convince Red Riding Hood to give up her cape and discover the secret under Grandma's bed.

6 p.m. Friday July 17 | Float n' Flick at Stewart Park

Kids and families can enjoy free swimming at Stewart Park pool beginning at 6 p.m. then stay for a movie in the park at dusk. Film will be Big Hero 6.

5-7 p.m. Tuesday July 21 | Pop Art with Michael Albert

Join author and artist Albert for a presentation of modern pop art and then create a piece of your own "cerealism" with your family. Space is limited. Sign up in advance by calling (607)936-3713 ext. 503 or stop by the children's desk in the library.

1 p.m. Thursday July 23 | Merry Mischief

Come dressed as a pirate. Enjoy pirate songs and music with Merlyn and Harry.

1 p.m. Thursday July 30 | Encore Performing Arts, Inc. presents Goowin's Balloowins.

Allynn Gooen tells marvelous stories with wild balloons and audience participation.

2 p.m. Monday Aug. 3 | Endless Mountain Music Festival

This is a special concert for seniors and families, performed by students from across the United States.

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday Aug. 6 | You know him; you love him: It's Moreland the

Magician. He's back with more amazing magic. Space is limited for Moreland's shows. Sign up in advance by calling (607)936-3713 ext. 503 or stop by the children's desk in the library.

1 p.m. Thursday Aug. 13 | End of Summer Rollerblading party

Celebrate the end of summer reading with a rollerblading party. Blades are supplied at the Nasser Civic Center Plaza rink or you can bring your own blades or skates. Don't forget your long socks!

6:30 p.m. July 7 and Aug. 11 | A special visit from the Happy Tales Therapy dogs. Come and read to a certified therapy dog. They make great listeners. Suggested for new and reluctant readers of all ages.

6 p.m. Friday Aug. 14 | Doc Possum Band salutes the Beatles.

This show is for all ages. Enjoy a range of great old Beatles songs.

6 p.m. Friday Aug. 21 | Float n' Flick at Denison Park pool
Kids and families can enjoy free swimming at Stewart Park pool beginning at 6 p.m. then stay for a movie in the park at dusk. Film will be Khumba.

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