July 2021 Virtual Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

The Library is open for browsing and Trove visits (more info here), limited seating is back on the first floor, and our services will continue to expand in the coming months! For now, our programs will continue online through at least 2021 with a few exceptions this summer. Summer Reading at the Library starts Monday, June 28 and will run through Friday, August 20! Due to the impact of COVID-19 on services, Summer Reading will be completely online this year via the READsquared platform, website, or app (available for iOS and Android). Find information on the great lineup of summer programs and events for kids, teens and families here. Some highlights this month include on-demand shows from Firelight Shadow Theater (7/11-8/31), workshops on consent for both teens and parents (7/14), and a series exploring artists with Museums with Marisa! Find a full listing of events below with details on attending. And if you'd like to hear more from me about our programs and services for youth, be sure to sign up for What's the Story? here.

And don't forget, starting on July 1st you can reach us Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 914-422-1400, by texting WPPL to 66746, or by emailing us anytime.

Take care,
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Note: Most newsletters will be clipped at the bottom when they reach your
To attend a virtual event, either register through the provided link or, if attendance is open, visit the link for information on joining on the date the event occurs. Events for parents are in orange, kids and family events are in yellow, teen events are in green, and events for assorted age groups are in blue. **NOTE:** To increase security in youth-focused programs, we are now requiring attendees to have a Zoom account to login to the event. **Creating an account** is easy and free.

**STEAMy Summer Days**  
Mondays–Thursdays (except when noted)  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, 6/28–Friday, 7/2: 3D Design & Prototyping  
- Tuesday, 7/6–Friday, 7/9: 3D Design & Printing  
- 7/12–7/15: Intro to Color Theory  
- Monday, 7/19–Friday, 7/23: Intro to Website Development  
- 7/26–7/29: Intro to Photography  

For full details and descriptions of all of our summer STEAM camps, [click here](#). These programs are made

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**Summer Reading**  
**Begins**  
**June 28 through August 20**  
Log your reading online with ReadSquared. [Full details here](#).
Outdoor Storytime for Ages 2-6
Tuesday, July 6, 13, & 20
Thursday, July 22
11:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Join your Trove librarians outdoors on the Library Plaza (weather permitting) for stories, songs, and fun! Registration is required as family units will be spaced out for social distancing purposes. Only one registration is required for each family unit (max four people). Each family unit is to remain in their socially distanced space for the duration of the storytime. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 2. In the case of inclement weather or other cancelation, we will move our program to the Zoom platform. See our online calendar for links to the virtual storytime in case of rain. Register for the date(s) and time* you wish to attend: 11:00 a.m. on 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/22, 11:30 a.m. on 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/22. *You may only register for one storyline per day (choose 11:00 OR 11:30 a.m.).

Book Bunch: Comics
Wednesday, July 7
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Kat for a book discussion and other fun activities for 4th through 8th graders. We will be reading Guts by Raina Telgemeier. Please register and then place a hold on the print book using our catalog here. If you prefer the eBook, you can find it on OverDrive. Click here to register.

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Poetry Open Mic
Wednesday, July 7
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for the First Wednesday Poetry Open Mic! Register here to attend or perform. If you plan on performing, please send your name (how you'd like to be introduced), email address, and a short 60-word bio to kthornton@whiteplainslibrary.org. Adults & teens welcome!

Bilingual Music Time (PreK-Gr. 2)
Friday, July 9
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join Nancy Hershatter for a fun bilingual music program! For information on joining, click here.

Storybook Dancing
Thursday, July 8
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Steffi Nossen School of Dance presents Virtual Storybook Dancing! Stretch, dance, hear stories, and have fun! For information on joining, click here.

Quick n Easy Necklace from Paper Beads
Thursday, July 8
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Join Roseann Demers to create a necklace using this simple technique with minimal materials. Registration is limited and required. Those signed up will be notified when they
**Shadow Puppet Performance: Me and My Shadow**
July 11–August 31
All Day
Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater! For PreK and their families. [Access the performance here](#) starting July 11.

**Shadow Puppet Performance: Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale**
July 11–August 31
All Day
Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Daniel Barash of Firelight Shadow Theater! For children in grades K-5 and their families. [Access the performance here](#) starting July 11.

**Beginner Calligraphy Series**
Sunday, July 11, 18, & 25
2:00–3:00 p.m.
You'll learn all the techniques you need to make the thick and thin lines that create the beautiful letterforms of calligraphy with a brush pen or even a simple Crayola marker or regular ballpoint pen. No prior experience is required! The skills you'll learn can be applied to cards, invitations, signs, or just to give your penmanship a little pizzazz. Patrons will be notified about how to obtain supplies at a later date. For adults and teens. [Click here](#) to register.

**Minecraft for Teens**
Tuesday, July 13
4:00-4:45 p.m.
In this session, youth are invited to play Minecraft together online in a safe environment. Activities will include working together to survive in a natural environment or building...
Virtual Tabletop Games
Monday, July 12 & 26
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Join librarians Ashley and Erik from the Trove and the Edge to play fun virtual tabletop games! We use the platform boardgamearena.com to play the games while we have a conversation on Zoom. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 7/12, 7/26.

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, July 14
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Join Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney and learn about popular online library resources. Beginners are encouraged, all are welcome. For adults, parents.
Register in advance here.

Consent
Wednesday, July 14
6:30–8:00 p.m.
This program aims to provide parents/guardians with the tools they need to have ongoing, meaningful, and open-ended conversations...
**Wednesday, July 14**

4:00-5:30 p.m.
Participants work with the facilitator to define consent and why it is important. Students analyze social norms and the language used to talk about sex. [Click here](#) to register.

**Fiesta with Flor**

Thursday, July 15

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Musician and entertainer Flor Bromley invites you to dance around the world. Come experience a Latin music fusion party as we travel virtually to the places where the rhythms were born. For information on joining, [click here](#).

**Virtual Chess Sessions**

Thursday, July 15

4:00-4:45 p.m.
Want to practice playing chess? Sign up to play against a fellow library friend or even challenge Austin Olney, the library's Digital Media Specialist, to a match. Time slots will be sent following registration. From beginners to experts, all youth are welcome to join! [Register in advance here](#).

**Virtual Tech Help**
Meet the Artists Series
Monday, July 19 & 26
11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Learn about famous artists and art movements throughout history from Museums with Marisa. Explore art, then create some of your own. For Grades K-4. For information on joining, click on the date(s) you wish to attend:
July 19: Ancient Greek Artists
July 26: Renaissance Artists

TaleWise presents:
Unicorns – Break the Cage
Tuesday, July 20
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
TaleWise presents fun, interactive programs with humor, animation, STEAM activities and learning. Join us on a wild adventure about two kids who visit the city zoo and discover all sorts of incredible animals, including a horse who knows in its heart that it’s truly a unicorn! For Grades K-8. For information on joining, click here.

Zoom Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, July 21
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. For teens and adults. Click here to register.

Tuesday, July 20
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 28
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Need help with a general computer issue or have questions about a particular piece of technology? Ask Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney in this virtual assistance program. Whether a beginner or advanced user, all are welcome. Register in advance for the date(s) you wish to attend: 7/20, 7/28. Please be sure to provide your email address.
Rock out with Spencer!
Friday, July 23
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rock out with Spencer from wherever you are! Music, fun, dancing and more for ages 2-6. For information on joining, click here.

Creative Design Help for Youth and Parents
Thursday, July 22
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
There are so many ways for youth to be digitally creative, whether it is coding, animation, game development, 3D modeling, audio/video editing, music making or something else altogether! This session will provide individualized help in either learning one of these skills or solving a particular, related issue. Whether a beginner or expert, all are welcome to join. Click here to register.

Move & Groove with Miss Jolie
(Ages 1-6+)

Fortnite with Friends
Tuesday, July 27
4:00-4:45 p.m.
All are welcome to partake in some Fortnite fun with library friends. Squad up with "Schmeagle" (Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney) on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5. Register in advance here.
Tuesday, July 27
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Miss Jolie's Music & Movement
Class infuses learning and movement with music, stories, and lots of silliness! Jolie brings a twist to classic children's music in addition to engaging children with original interactive songs. Singing, dancing, clapping, snapping, and stomping are highly encouraged! Jolie performs with her ukulele along with other musical instruments and props for the children. For ages 1-6, but open to all. For information on joining, click here.

Virtual Youth Meet-up
Thursday, July 29
4:00-4:45 p.m.
Have a computer or smartphone? Join Austin and Kat in a new, virtual online space for teens using the Roblox platform. Participate in a variety of fun activities with friends! Register in advance here.

Turtle Dance Music Show: Songs That Count
Thursday, July 29
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Join Turtle Dance Music for an AWESOME Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show! Each song is accompanied by hands-on, visual, and sensory experiences designed to help kids learn and have fun at the same time. For ages 2-6 and their families. For information on attending, click here.