July 2022 Calendar of Events for Children, Teens, & Families

Summer Reading at the Library starts Monday, June 27 and will run through Friday, August 19. Logging reading over the summer will again be online this year via the READsquared platform through either the READsquared website or the READsquared app (available here: iOS and Android). Find out how to get started here, and see our full lineup of summer programs here. Highlights in July include STEAMy Summer Days for teens, FIESTA! Concert with Flor Bromley (7/7), Pirate School (7/19), Celebrate African Dance (7/20), and much more. 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.

Starting 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 inbox. Please make sure you click on [Message clipped] View entire message at the bottom of your email for the full newsletter.

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.**

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**Storytime for Ages 2-6**

Saturday, July 2
2:00–2:35 p.m.

Thursday, July 7 & 21
11:00–11:35 a.m.

Library Plaza

Enjoy a storytime with a Trove Librarian outside on the Library Plaza. Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. In case of rain, this event will be held in our auditorium. For ages 2-6 and their families.

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**July StoryWalk:**

**Noah’s Seal**

Monday, July 5–Sunday, July 31

Library Plaza

This summer the Library’s Summer Reading theme is “Oceans of Possibilities” and we are kicking it off with our Summer Storywalk. Take a stroll on the Library Plaza and along your way enjoy the book, **Noah’s Seal**, written and illustrated by Layn Marlow. **Noah’s Seal** is a story about Noah, a young boy, who wants to see the seals of the wide sea.

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We appreciate support from the **White Plains Library Foundation** for many of our programs. Events funded by the Foundation are noted with an 🌟.
STEAMy Summer Days Week 1: Science
Tuesday, July 5–Friday, July 8
12:00–3:00 p.m. Media Lab
Join Stephen Soltish from Westchester 4H for Science projects in the Plaza. Each day will involve a different project dealing with plastics, farming and DNA. Stephen will give two presentations each day, so drop on by when you have a chance.

Poetry Slam & Open Mic
Wednesday, July 6
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Join Zork and Kristen for our First Wednesday Poetry Slam! Pre-registration is required to try and accommodate as many poets as possible. Register here to attend or perform. Please be sure to provide...

Digital Library Resources
Wednesday, July 6
10:30–11:00 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.

Game Design for Youth
Thursday, July 7
4:00–4:30 p.m. HYBRID – Media Lab
Participants of this program will learn key game design concepts, cooperatively, in a safe, private server. Click here to register for the in-person section. Click here to register for the virtual section.
an active email address as we will contact you to confirm whether you will be performing or just attending. Adults & teens welcome!

**FIESTA! Concert with Flor Bromley**

**Thursday, July 7**

2:00–3:00 p.m.

**Library Plaza**

FIESTA! is a multicultural musical celebration! Kids and families will join in the fun as they learn about different musical genres through dance, storytelling and songs, traveling with Flor Bromley to the countries where the rhythms were born. This is not your typical children’s concert, it’s a whole family fiesta! Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk.

**STEAMy Summer Days Week 2: Photography, Art, and Computer Science**

**Monday, July 11–Thursday, July 14**

12:00–3:00 p.m.

**Media Lab**

Come to the Edge for our second week of STEAM projects. This week will be a little bit of everything. Mustafa Ajmal will teach photography, ancient art, website development and history of computers. No registration, just come by between 12-2 p.m.

**Let’s Groove Music Class!**

**Tuesday, July 12**

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Library Plaza**
Tabletop Games
Monday, July 11 & 25
4:30–6:00 p.m.
HYBRID
Media Lab
Join librarian Erik to play fun virtual tabletop games! This program is for those in grades 4-12. We use the platform boardgamearena.com. Feel free to bring your own device or we can provide a laptop for you to use during the program. Masks are required for all in-person programs in the Library. Kids and teens who haven’t come to the program before will need to create a free account on boardgamearena.com. For information on attending the virtual sections from home, click on the date(s) you wish to attend: 7/11, 7/25.

Let's Groove Music Class! For ages 3 months to 5 years. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk.

Zoom Tips & Tricks
Wednesday, July 13
2:00–2:30 p.m.
Participants of this session will learn tips and tricks for attending (and hosting) Zoom events. Click here to register.

STEAMy Summer Days Week 3:
Electronics
Monday, July 18–Thursday, July 21
12:00–3:00 p.m.
Media Lab
Join Jay Rodrigo to learn about electronics. Jay will be teaching coding and creating projects with Arduino boards. Each day will have...
Create a Minecraft World
Tuesday, July 12
4:00–4:30 p.m.
Want to build your dream house? In this session, youth are invited to work together in a safe learning environment via Minecraft Realms and focus on their design skills. Activities will include digitally planning to adequately survive in a randomly generated world and/or building things collectively with others in creative mode. All are welcome to partake in some fun with both library friends and tech specialist Austin Olney. Find system requirements and register in advance here.

Pirate School
Tuesday, July 19
2:00–3:00 p.m.
Library Plaza
Ahoy me hearties! America’s premiere swashbuckling family variety act is a madcap school for ‘good pirates.’ Featuring slapstick, magic, puppetry, bubble-play and cartoon-like sound effects Pirate School allows kids to live out their dreams of seafaring adventure. Come in your best pirate garb! Please bring a blanket to sit on if you would like. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk.

Creative Fortnite for Teens
Thursday, July 14
4:00–4:30 p.m.
HYBRID–Media Lab
Want to join Fortnite with library friends? Sign up for this program to play online together in a safe, private learning environment. In this app, which fosters an equal playing field and gender representation, players are rewarded for teamwork and planning abilities. Activities will include a variety of creative modes and a focus on designing 3D structures for strategic advantage. Squad up with Digital Media Specialist Austin Olney on either Windows, Android, Xbox One, Xbox Series X/S, Nintendo Switch, or PlayStation 4/5. Register for the in-person section here. Register for the virtual section here.

Creative Apps
(Digital Learning Series)
Tuesday, July 19
5:15–5:45 p.m.
Participants of this session will learn about various topics relating to digital technology and computer science. Presented by Digital Media.

Celebrate African Dance, Drumming, Storytelling
Wednesday, July 20
7:00–8:30 p.m.
Library Plaza
West African dance tells a story. Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture, Inc. performs and teaches African dances. In all African cultures, dances are participatory. Chiku Awali will share the beauty and magic of these types of dances, and the audience is encouraged to join in these celebratory dances. Alongside the dancing, the griot will enchant the audience with tales of Anansi the Spider. Chiku Awali is a combination of Swahili and Ibo that means charterer and joy. Thus, the name represents the joy of a new adventure. For all ages. Please feel free to bring blankets, cushions or lawn chairs to sit on. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited.
Specialist Austin Olney. Register in advance here.

Engineering Time for Youth
Thursday, July 21
4:00–4:30 p.m.
HYBRID–Media Lab
Participants of this program will practice engineering skills and partake in a variety of activities. Click here to register for the in-person section. Click here to register for the virtual section. This program is made possible with support from Con Edison.

STEAMy Summer Days

STEAMy Summer Days Week 4: Coding
Monday, July 25–Thursday, July 28
12:00–3:00 p.m.
Media Lab
Learn coding with Yiping Dong from Parsons School of Design. Yiping will be teaching coding projects using p5.js. Come to one session or come to all of them. Stop by when you want to learn a different project each day.

Stories & Stuff
Thursday, July 21
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Library Plaza

Storybook Dancing
Tuesday, July 26
11:00–11:45 a.m.
Library Plaza
Steffi Nossen School of Dance returns for in-person Storybook Dancing, a mix of movement and
Join us to listen to some stories and create a craft! This program is for children ages 4 through 8. This program is first come, first served. Please visit the Compass desk in the Trove starting at 4:00 PM to get a ticket. In case of inclement weather, this event will be held in the auditorium.

Dance alongside great stories. Please feel free to bring a blanket to sit on. Rain Location: Library Auditorium. Space will be limited. First-come, first-served, pick up a ticket at the Trove desk. For ages 2-6.