

# Portland Library Family Programs For All Ages!

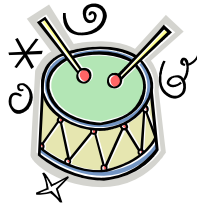
Registration is required for all programs listed below.

Contact the library at 860 342-6770

For more information

Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. *Drumming with Bob Bloom.*

Entire groups will experience hands-on drumming with an array of drums and world percussion instruments. Town Green.



Wednesday, July 20th from 12:00—1:30 p.m. *The Puzzling World of*

*Winston Breen*, Book Group and Puzzle Program

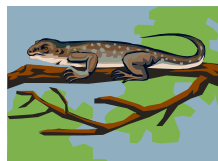
Professional puzzle constructor and author,

Eric Berlin takes on the role of game show host, and the kids are the contestants. Library.



Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30 p.m. *Riverside Reptiles*

Naturalist Brian Kleinman will educate families and Children about snakes and amphibians. Library.



# Brownstone Intermediate School Suggested Summer Reading 2011



Dear Families,

Reading, like any other skill, improves with practice. In this booklet you'll find a list of SUGGESTED authors and titles for summer reading. Keep in mind however, that your child may read **any books** that are of interest to him/her. Summer reading should be *enjoyable!*

Children's magazines are another wonderful source of summer reading material. In addition to books, children may want to check out a magazine like *National Geographic Kids*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Nickelodeon*, *Odyssey*, etc. Books on CD are also a great way to enjoy a book while riding in a car. And don't forget e-readers like the Nook and the Kindle. The best way to build a love of reading is to **READ, READ, READ!**

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Keep track of all the books and magazines you read in your **Governor's Summer Reading Challenge** journal and bring it to school in September for a chance to win some great prizes.

Visit the **Portland Library** for all your summer reading needs! You'll find reading clubs, great programs, and more!!



## Summer Reading Tips



***Read aloud to your child as often as possible.***

Students are *never* too old for this! Reading aloud will build your child's vocabulary and understanding of story parts.

Most of all, read-alouds  
are *fun!*

***Keep a word log — a "Cool Words Book".***

In a small notebook, write words your child finds interesting for any reason. The "Cool Words Book" will promote a love of language.

***Get excited about children's magazines and read them together.*** Read the articles, work the puzzles, and play the games together. A subscription in your child's name is super, but the library will have many titles that your child can borrow.

***Encourage reading for pleasure.*** Getting your child hooked on a particular author, series, or subject is one good way to get them excited about books. Be sure to praise your child for reading, and be a role model by reading yourself.

***Encourage reading for meaning.*** Invite your child to ask questions if he or she doesn't understand something. Children comprehend more when they think about what they read. Also encourage your child to predict what will happen next. Reflecting and predicting keep the reader focused, and aid comprehension.

### Titles

*Deep and Dark and Dangerous* by Mary Downing Hahn

*Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements

*Savvy* by Ingrid Law

*The Key to Rondo* by Emily Rodda

*Stolen Children* by Peg Kehret

### Fiction Authors

Sharon Creech

Dan Gutman

Gordon Korman

Ann M. Martin

Louis Sachar



### Poetry Authors

Brian P. Cleary

J. Patrick Lewis

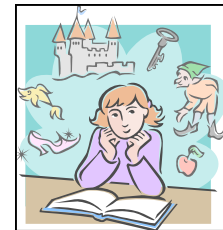
Shel Silverstein

### Nonfiction Authors

Wallace Edwards

Bill Gutman

Bobbie Kalman



### Series

*Chet Gecko* by Bruce Hale

*Dear America / My Name is America* by various authors

*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins

*Hank Zipzer* by Henry Winkler

*Main Street* by Ann M. Martin

*National Parks Mysteries* by Gloria Skurzynski

*Sammy Keyes Mysteries* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*The Shadow Children* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*The 39 Clues* by various authors

*The Warriors* by Erin Hunter

Many of these titles are available as audio books at the Portland Library.