

Welcome to Portland Library's Summer 2022 Reading Program! This summer we're going "off the beaten path," with activities that focus on camping, survival, and exploring the great outdoors.

HOW IT WORKS

Visit the library to pick up your registration kit, which includes your reading log, a scavenger hunt card, and your first summer reading badge.

Start logging the minutes you read on or after June 17. Each day you read **20** minutes or more counts towards your summer reading goal. Earn prizes and new badges each time you reach 5 days.

Logging can be done through the ReadSquared portal on our library website (scan QR code below to register). You can also pick up a lined journal at the library to write down the titles of your books or a sticker sheet to log your minutes if you prefer.

There are plenty of other ways to earn badges besides reading. Learn some survival skills, go letterboxing, and take a picture of your favorite place to read in the summer.



Thank you to the Friends of the Portland Library for sponsoring all of the library's Summer Programs for Children and Families.



Portland Library Presents

BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

2022 SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR KIDS



GAMES | MUSIC | FUN | ADVENTURE

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Stories in the Great Outdoors (ages 0-5)

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1

Bring a blanket and join us by the gazebo on the Town Green as we enjoy stories, rhymes and songs about the great outdoors. Registration is required and begins on Monday, June 6.



Camping Capers (going into grades K-2)

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27, August 3

Get ready to explore! Our "campers" will discover some of the best parts of camping in the great outdoors (or at least the library lawn). We'll work together to set up a tent, make lanterns, and follow clues to see what animals have been at our campsite. Of course we'll have to get messy with s'mores, water balloon games, crafts, and make our own ice cream too. Registration is required and begins on Monday, June 6.



Summer Camp-capades! (going into grades 3-5)

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26, August 2

Each week, we'll enjoy a different aspect of summer, from traditional camp crafts, s'mores and tie-dye to learning survival skills. We'll explore our national parks and earn some Junior Ranger badges; make our own flashlights and tell ghost stories; and go on a hunt for the elusive Bigfoot! Registration is required and begins on Monday, June 6.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Come to the Portland Library's Anniversary Party from 11-2 on Saturday, June 11, and be the first to sign up for our 2022 Summer Reading Program! **Magician Matt Matthews** will be performing from 11:15 to 12. We'll also have games, music, and participation by community groups such as Parks & Recreation, Youth Services, the Portland Fire Department, and Portland's Police Dog.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY SHOWS

Every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. from June 22 through August 3 (no program July 6), Portland Library will host FREE family shows! Most shows will be held on the Town Green; call 860-342-6770 or visit www.portlandlibraryct.org to register and get updated locations.

June 22: Talewise: Pirates Lost at Sea!

Use your knowledge of science to rescue your pirate captain and repair your ship before you're marooned on a desert island for eternity!

June 29: Family Fort Night

Build your own fort in the children's department of the library and then enjoy some s'mores and free reading time!

July 13: John "The YoYo Guy" Higby

The Yo-Yo Guy is an interactive performance with yo-yos, unicycle, and a giant yo-yo that John walks on!

July 20: Animal Embassy

Meet a variety of local animals right here at the library!

July 27: The BenAnna Band

This high-energy musical duo is sure to have young kids dancing and singing.

August 3: StoryFaces

Performer Chris Agostino takes volunteers from the audience and transforms them with his amazing face painting as he tells his tales.