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Build a Reading World This Summer

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Every year the “Collaborative Summer Library Program,” an association of states working together to provide a summer reading program for children, teens and adults, decides on a theme for public libraries. This year, Sascha Gardiner, Children’s Librarian at Hagaman, has put together various programs and events centered around the theme of “Build a Better World.”

Gardiner then uses these themes as a starting point to create programs and activities to promote that theme.

“This year suggested so many different directions through literally building things to do with kindness and ecology,” said Gardiner.

This program serves children of all ages from babies and toddlers to about 5th and 6th graders. Kids can start signing up in advance on June 12 and once they attend their first event of the program, will receive a reading log. The library encourages kids to read about 15-20 minutes a day however, the program will be based on the amount of books read. After 10 picture books, three short chapter books or one upper elementary/YA book, they will start to win small rewards.

“These rewards range from pencils to stickers to small toys depending on the age of the child,” said Gardiner. “Then at the end of the summer we will have a raffle drawing for prizes like movie tickets and gift cards to local stores.”

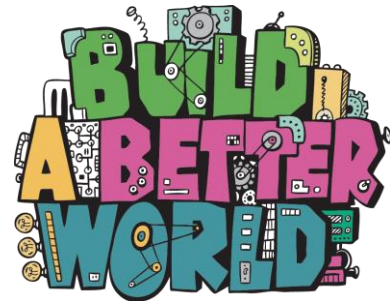
After the kids sign up for the summer program, special hour-long events will take place from June 19-Aug. 11 daily during the week—the first one being “Build a Better World” Summer Reading Mural Project. Under the guidance of a teacher and artist, kids of all ages create a mural that remains up for the whole year.

Other events during the program include “Once Upon a Farm,” meeting real, live Nigerian Dwarf Goat, “Sciencetellers: ‘Pirates Lost at Sea,’” where the audience will use science to solve sea challenges and “Reading with Denver,” where children can read to the story-loving cockapoo dog. There will also be a Kinderdance with Ms. Francine, live animals at “Curious Creatures” day and a Grand Finale Magic Show event for all ages, with a magic workshop at the end for kids seven and up and many more events.

Whether accompanied by parents or guardians, this summer program can motivate kids knowing there will be fun things to do at the library—acting as a “free summer camp destination,” said Gardiner.

Some kids may lose their literacy ability during the summer and this program can serve as that motivation to keep reading no matter the time of year.

“The main goal is to keep the children occupied and to get them really immersed in visiting the library as a fun thing to do in their lifetime of learning,” said Gardiner. “Some kids get to know the library through the summer program. They don’t have to time to come during school but will come during the summer. It becomes their introduction and a great welcoming to the library.”



*Correction from last issue: ILA’s former president’s name is spelt Sheila Bentley.

Take your pick from a variety of programs held for all Kids, Teens and Adults at the library. Click on the “Calendar” tab on our website or request a copy of the library’s “Happenings” newsletter when you are at the library.

Dumbledore’s Army: Teen Book Club Wednesday, June 21- 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Join the Teen Book Club for free snacks and a book discussion of “Sorrow’s Knot” by Erin Bow, a tale of magic, myths and zombies. If you are loyal to your chosen Hogwarts’ house and love to read, Dumbledore’s Army wants YOU! Registration is required so if interested, please sign up at www.hagamanteenbookclub.eventbrite.com.

A New App for Epilepsy: Build Your Own Support System Saturday, June 24 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Phil Gattone, CEO and Co-Founder of Neurish Networks, will demonstrate his new app for epilepsy called “Neurish.” This app and website allows patients and caregivers affected by epilepsy to connect with others based on similar seizure types, medication and more to form a support group and find resources close to you. Other speakers include Maria Bracale and Chris Maxwell. For more information on the event and speakers, visit our website.

Trustee and Staff Picks: From One Reader to Another

“The Diabolic” by S.J. Kincaid

“In the distant future, spaceships are beginning to crumble, and so is the aristocracy that controls them. But Nemesis doesn’t care about that. Nemesis is a Diabolic. She was born and created with one purpose— to live, and die, and kill to protect Sedonia, the kind-hearted daughter of a galactic senator. Now, Sedonia is in danger and to protect her, Nemesis must learn to conceal her deadly strength, masquerading amongst the poisonous nobility that would seek to kill them *both*. A Diabolic is ruthless. A Diabolic is powerful. And when she strikes, they’ll never see her coming. Check it out today at Hagaman Library—it’s like Game of Thrones in space, but with much more likable violent sociopaths. An action-packed, great read!” -*Sarah Mallory, Staff*

“Pride and Prejudice” by Jane Austen

“The novel is very romantic and pulls at the heart strings. We learn through Elizabeth Bennet's error of making a hasty judgement of Mr. Darcy. She learns how to appreciate the differences between the superficial and essential. This story of true love is one of a kind. I often question whether chivalry still exists in today's society after reading this novel. This is a perfect fit for all hopeless romantics looking for simple, honest and true love. I promise you will not be disappointed (and the movie is also amazing.)” - *Maria Bracale, Board of Trustees*

“The Three Billy Goats Gruff by Jerry Pinkney” (author & illustrator)

“A classic read-aloud favorite addressing bullying about three billy goats of the family Gruff that are hungry, and see delicious-looking grass to munch across an old bridge. However, the bridge is home to a terrible troll, who is looking for a tasty morsel to gobble up himself. With his ear for language and breath-taking artistic mastery, Pinkley has created the new standard for an unforgettable read-aloud with a lesson to ponder. Hear it read aloud when a Nigerian dwarf goat visits the library on Weds. June 21 to help kick off the "Build a Better World" summer reading program for kids.” -*Sascha Gardiner, Staff*

“The Goldfinch” by Donna Tartt -*Deedee Baker, Staff*

“Papa: Hemingway in Cuba” (DVD)

“This was the first movie filmed in Cuba since the U.S. started normalizing relations with the island nation. The movie is the story about friendship, change, and turmoil in a time of revolution inside Cuba. The producers also gained permission to film inside Finca Vigía, Hemingway's residence from 1939 to 1960. A must-see for any Hemingway fan!”-*Christopher Hemingway, Staff*

“New York 2140” by Kim Stanley Robinson

“By 2140 sea levels have risen 50 feet and the lower half of Manhattan is underwater. We follow the stories of a detective, computer programmers, a building manager, treasure hunters, and an aviatrix who all live in the Metlife Tower. Politics and climate clash in the future, as they do today.” -*Matt Earls, Staff*

“The Stranger in the Woods” by Michael Finkel & “The Last Neanderthal” by Claire Cameron - *Annette Foster, Staff*

Meet the Editor

My name is Emili Lanno, I am a Southern Connecticut State University graduate with a B.A. in Journalism and I have been a patron at Hagaman Memorial Library since the day that I was able to pick up a book. As the editor of our bimonthly newsletter, I hope to inform our readers on any happenings, events and features about the library that can make it a place the community chooses to dedicate its time. Happy Reading! Email: elanno@hagmanlibrary.org