

KIDS SUMMER PROGRAMS 2026



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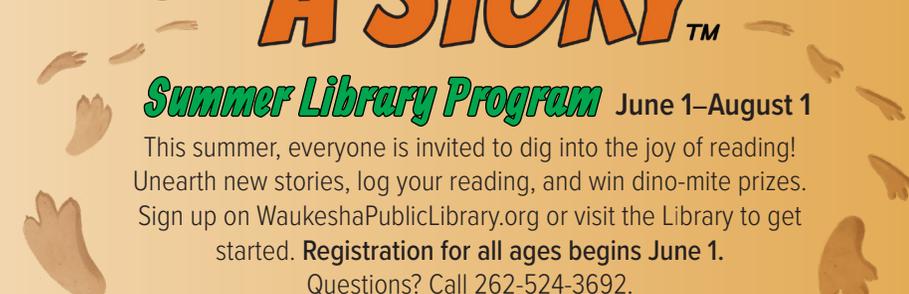
Scan the QR code to learn more about this year's Summer Library Program!

Registration is not required for summer programs, unless otherwise indicated. Register using our online event calendar on WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org. Registration opens four weeks prior to each program.

UNEARTH A STORY™

Summer Library Program June 1–August 1

This summer, everyone is invited to dig into the joy of reading! Unearth new stories, log your reading, and win dino-mite prizes. Sign up on WaukeshaPublicLibrary.org or visit the Library to get started. Registration for all ages begins June 1. Questions? Call 262-524-3692.



Learn & Grow: Preschool Programs



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading with your child builds a strong foundation of pre-reading skills, helping them enter 5K ready to succeed. Babies and children not yet enrolled in kindergarten are encouraged to join. Stop by the Library to pick up your reading log or register using the Virtual Reading Programs tab on our website.

Colorín Colorado: Stories in the Library

Mondays @ 10:00 AM • Children's Program Room
June 15, 22, & 29, July 6, 13, 20, & 27

Enjoy stories for the whole family at this Spanish language storytime! This program is intended for Spanish-speaking families with young children, but everyone is welcome.

Outdoor Storytime

Tuesdays and Fridays @ 10:00 AM • June 16–July 31 (Cutler Park)
July 3 (No Storytime), July 17 (Children's Dept.)

Join us for a drop-in Storytime for kids of all ages! Bring a blanket and enjoy a morning filled with sunshine and stories. During bad weather, Storytime will move into the Children's Department.

Farmers' Market Storytime

July 11 & August 8 • 9:30 & 11:30 AM • Waukesha Farmers' Market

Stop by the Waukesha Farmers' Market for a fun-filled Storytime for kids of all ages! Listen to stories, songs, and rhymes while enjoying your treats from the market. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. The Farmers' Market is located at 125 W. St. Paul Ave.

Messy Masterpieces

August 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 10:00–11:00 AM • Children's Program Room

Let your child explore art without the pressure of making anything specific. Kids will be encouraged to experiment, play, and discover their own artistic style.

Ready, Set, School!

Session 1: August 19 & 26, 10:00–11:00 AM

Session 2: August 20 & 27, 6:30–7:30 PM

Children's Program Room

Kids entering 4K or 5K in the fall, along with their caregivers, are invited to get ready for school! Together we'll practice circle time, build routines, and review school-ready skills. Registration is required.

Buchnerfest

Saturday, June 13
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Buchner Park

Help us kick off our Summer Library Program and celebrate the opening of Buchner Pool! Enjoy storytimes, the Fairy Godmother Sisters, and fun activity stations. Presented in partnership with the Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Dept. and the Waukesha Co. Dairy Promotions Committee.



Think, Build, Learn, & Create: School-Age Programs

Book Club Summer Camp (Grades 1-5)

June 16, 17, & 18 • 2:00–3:00 PM

Featuring *Once Upon a Tim* by Stuart Gibbs

Children's Dept. (Day 1), Studio 321 (Day 2), Program Room A/B (Day 3)

Get ready for three days of bookish fun! Make new friends while “unearthing” a story. Enjoy book-related crafts, activities, and a special snack on day three. Kids should read the book before the first day of camp so they're ready to make connections and talk about the story. Registration starts May 1. Call 262-524-3692 to register and reserve a copy of the book.

Kidz Fun Zone

Thursdays, June 25–July 30 • 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Children's Program Room • *No Kidz Fun Zone on July 2*

Dig into a new adventure each week. Drop in when you can, leave when you'd like.

June 25: Mini Golf July 16: *Frog and Toad Adventures*
July 9: Artifact July 23: Can You Dig It?
Adventurers July 30: Carnival Games

Kids in the Kitchen

June 24, July 8, & July 22 • 4:30–5:30 PM • Program Room A/B
Learn about cooking and sample a tasty treat. Kids ages 5-12 are welcome to participate. Registration is required.

June 24: Berry Sorbet

Create a tasty and healthy frozen treat with seasonal fruit.

July 8: Homemade Caramel Corn

Pop in and make a sweet and salty treat.

July 22: Salad in a Jar

Use your favorite veggies and make a simple dressing.

Art Explorers

July 15 & July 29 • 4:30–5:30 PM • Studio 321

Kids ages 5-12, unearth the stories behind the work of the masters! Learn about some of the world's greatest artists and create your own masterpiece to take home. Each child must have an adult with them when using the makerspace. Registration is required.

July 15: Gustav Klimt-inspired art with paint and crayons

July 29: Ruth Asawa-inspired 3D sculptures with wire

Family Fun: Programs & Activities for Children of All Ages

Family Fun Days

Tuesdays, June 16–July 28 • 3:30–4:30 PM • Program Room A/B

If it's a Tuesday in the summer, it's Family Fun Day! Join us for these family-friendly performances.

June 16: Hands on Hawaii with Nā Hale Studios*

Learn about ancient, traditional, and contemporary Hawaiian dance, take a dance lesson, and learn about environmental awareness.

June 23: Magical Archeology Adventure

It's magician-meets-Indiana Jones in this afternoon adventure with Magician Great Scott.

June 30: The Reptile Experience with Captive Bred Specialties

Meet eight species of live reptiles and discover their diets, habitats, unique features, and endangered status.

July 7: KidsPlay*

The fitness experts from Kidsplay will lead you through a hilarious fitness routine that'll give your abs a workout from laughing!

July 14: Miller and Mike

Enjoy interactive comedy with Miller and Mike's juggling and strolling entertainment show.

July 21: Wildlife In Need Center*

Learn how the Wildlife In Need Center works to rehabilitate local Wisconsin wildlife and meet one of their Animal Ambassadors.

July 28: Fire and Ice with Mad Science

Be thrilled and chilled with amazing dry ice experiments! From a shivering spatula to a special bubbly shower, you'll be begging for more.

*Sponsored by the Bridges Library System

Studio 321

All ages are welcome. Makers under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Regular Open Studio Hours

Supplies will be available to craft, build, learn, and tinker.

Monday–Tuesday, 12:00–6:00 PM

Wednesday, 12:00–5:00 PM

Thursday, 12:00–8:00 PM

Friday, 12:00–5:00 PM

Equipment Training

Learn to use the 3D Printers, the Glowforge Laser Cutter, the Cricut Maker, or the AV recording and editing studios this summer.

Call 262-524-3746 or email Studio321Help@waukesha-wi.gov to make a training appointment.

Summer Celebration

Mischief, Magic, and Bubbles, Oh My!

August 4, 1:00–4:00 PM

1:00 PM: Mischief & Magic performs a high-energy magic show in Program Room A/B.

2:00–4:00 PM: Head out to Cutler Park and enjoy Bouncing Bubbles with the Betty Brinn Wonder Wagon. Then, enjoy pizza, ice cream, yard games, and more.

Book Bike

WPL's Book Bike will be visiting local parks and community events this summer. Watch for us to roll into your neighborhood with fun giveaways and Library updates.

