SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT

Summer Reading Kickoff – Superhero Academy: Every superhero's story starts somewhere! Come train your body and mind at the Clarence Public Library in an afternoon of fun, superhero-themed family activities. With appearances by “Buffalo’s Best Batman” and the Justice League of WNY cosplayers, it’s an afternoon the whole family can enjoy! Hot dogs and refreshments will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Clarence Public Library. Saturday, June 29 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Registration begins June 15.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Songs for a Livable Land with Nan Hoffman and Joe Tumino: Folk and Acoustic Concert for the Whole Family! Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 pm. All ages. Registration begins June 13.

Buffalo & Brandy presents “It’s Showtime at Your Library!”: Family entertainment with music, singing and magic. Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm. All ages. Registration begins June 25.

Cosmic Adventures Traveling Planetarium presents “Voyage to the Moon”: Learn about moon facts, moon phases and eclipses and enjoy a unique perspective—viewing Earth from the Moon! Choose one of two sessions: Tuesday, July 16 from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm or from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Families/children ages 4 and up. Registration begins July 2.

Omnipresent Puppet Theater presents “Cosmic Joe and the Star Pirates”: Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 pm. All ages. Registration begins July 9.

Defiant Monkey Improv presents “Take Me to Your Reader!”: Thursday, July 25, 6:30 pm. All ages. Registration begins July 11.

Gravitational Bull Comedy & Juggling: Interactive comedy and juggling with Dave and Kyle Fultz. Fun for the whole family! Thursday, August 1, 6:30 pm. All ages. Registration begins July 18.

Buffalo Animal Adventures presents “Around the World Safari”: Fun and educational program for families. Recommended for children ages 4 and up. Learn about different animals from around the world and see some of these animals up close at the library. Monday, August 12 at 6:30 pm. Registration begins July 29.

SPECIAL DAYTIME EVENTS

Planting Day with the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens: Saturday, June 15 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The Botanical Gardens will be here with hand-selected seedlings and plants for our Children’s Reading Garden. Program will start off with local author John Benzee reading his newest children's book, What Am I? Fruits at 12:30 pm. Planting in the garden will take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Children’s Workshop: Nature Lessons on Kindness and Creativity: Wednesday, July 17 at 2:00 pm. Join local authors Dave Bauer and Stephanie Parwulski for this inspiring hands-on program that includes book readings, nature-themed activities in the Children’s Reading Garden, creative writing, drawing, a scavenger hunt and more! Geared for children ages 3 to 10. Registration begins July 3.
History Houses featuring Teresa Wood presents “Race Through Space”: Learn About the history of the Space Program in the U.S. through the eyes of five American Girl® Dolls. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal to learn right beside you! Geared for children ages 4 and up. Monday, July 29 at 3:00 pm. Registration begins July 15.

Annual Summer Celebration: Friday, August 9 at 1:00 pm. Join us as celebrate a summer of reading. Games, stories, activities, prizes, snacks and whole lot of fun!

Niagara University Repertory Theatre: N.U.R.T. returns for a forty minute, fun-filled performance the whole family will enjoy! Tuesday, August 13 at 11:00 am. Registration begins July 30.

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

LEGO Club: For children ages 5 to 12 who love to build and create. Registration is required and starts one week before each session. Space is limited. LEGO club will take place Fridays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm the following dates: July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and August 2.

Kidding Around Yoga with certified yoga instructor Donna Baia: For preschoolers ages 3 to 5. Thursdays from 11:00 am to 11:30 am on the following dates: June 13, June 20, August 1, August 15 & August 22. Registration is required and starts two weeks before each class.

JumpBunch for Preschoolers: Sports and fitness for children ages 3 to 5. Fridays from 11:00 am to 11:30 am on the following dates: July 5 and August 2. Registration is required and starts two weeks before each class.

Paws for Love - Read to a therapy dog from the SPCA’s Paws for Love program! Register your child for his or her personal 20 minute reading session. Two spots are available for each time slot.
Thursday, July 11: 10:30 am, 10:50 am, 11:10 am & 11:30 am. Registration begins June 27.
Monday, August 12: 10:30 am, 10:50 am, 11:10 am & 11:30 am. Registration begins July 29.

FIVE WEEK SUMMER PROGRAM SERIES – JULY 1 through JULY 31

Stargazers School-Age Summer Fun Club: Stories, fun activities, games and more! Mondays at 10:30 am – July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22 and July 29. For children entering grades 1 through 5. Registration begins June 24. Space is limited, so register early!

Mighty Moon Rockets – Preschool Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 am – July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30. For children ages 3 to 5. Registration begins June 25. Space is limited, so register early! Parents must stay in the library during the program.

Little Dippers Toddler Time: Wednesdays at 10:30 am – July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24 and July 31. For children ages 24 months to 36 months. Registration begins June 26. Space is limited, so register early! Parents must remain with their child during the program.

ONGOING SUMMER EVENTS

Independent Summer Reading Program - “A Universe of Stories”: For readers and pre-readers ages 2 to 12. Registration begins June 29 and is ongoing. Program runs June 29 to August 16. Children will receive a reading log to keep track of the amount of time spent reading. Children will earn their choice of age-appropriate book as their reading goals are achieved. Children who complete all 5 levels will be eligible for larger prizes.

Paws for Love: June 29 through August 16. Check out 5 children’s books and enter to win your choice of a 20” bicycle!

21st Annual Battle of the Books: The #1 Summer Reading Program Team Trivia Competition! For kids entering grades 6 through 9. There will be an informational meeting on Saturday June 15 at 10:30 am for those interested in joining our team! This year’s Battle of the Books will take place August 3 at ECC South Campus, “You’ve got to be in it to win it!!”

All library programs are free to the public. Unless otherwise noted, all programs require registration. Space is limited for all programs and registration is first come-first served.

Thank you to the Friends of the Clarence Public Library for supporting our programs!

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