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2021 SUMMER LEARNING

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ALL AGES PROGRAMS



Summer Reading/Learning Kick-Off – Jun. 5, Sa, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us at the Central Library parking lot as we get ready to kick off a summer of reading/learning FUN! Food trucks, crafts, balloon animals, sweet treats, and a whole lot of summer learning swag await you. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there!

Pass GO Collect \$200: Board games in the Library – Jun. 10, Th, 10 a.m. Librarian Vincent Solfronk will show some of the great board games that are available to be checked out at the Birmingham Public Library. Besides being a lot of fun, board games are a great way to interact with family and friends.

Happy Tails – Jun. 14, M, 10 a.m. It's time to treat "man's best friend" with a healthy homemade snack. It's guaranteed to give them something to bark about.



Get a Clue: Board Games with the Library – Jun. 14 and Jun. 28, M, 12 p.m. BPL has board games for all ages available, and we will even teach you how to play them. Avoid the family fight over the game rules by watching librarians play them first! Please visit the Birmingham Public Library Facebook page for "how to" videos and the library's website to check out these board games for your next game night.

Hula Hoop Hop! – Jun. 16, W, 2 p.m. Grab your hoop, hop on in and join Miss Lori for some hula hoop and rick-rack fun! Whoomp, there it is! No experience necessary.

Cooking with Friends and Family – Jun. 30, W, 12 p.m. The Three Pigs, Gerald McBoing Boing, and Morris the Moose join your family to cook dinner. Everyone can roll pigs in blankets, spring vegetables and pasta into a fresh salad, and chocolate up their moose!



Animal Tails Sign Language with Tonya – Jul. 1, Th, 10 a.m. Watch and learn how to sign a variety of animal tails and simple words using basic American Sign Language. Have fun while gaining knowledge on how to communicate without uttering a sound.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Simple Science: How Do Fish Breathe? – Jun. 7, M, 10 a.m. Have you ever wondered why fish can breathe underwater and you can't? This week's Simple Science has the answer. Join us for a simple science experiment using every day, household items. Glub, glub, glub.

Tails and Tales with Mrs. Eve: Squirrels, Rabbits, Opossums! Oh, My! – Jun. 8, Tu, 8 a.m. Have you ever wondered why an opossum's tail is bare? Settle in by Mrs. Eve's pond as she shares some of her favorite songs and stories about woodland animals.

Time for Tails: A Tricky Turtle Tale – Jun. 9, W, 8 a.m. How do turtles breathe underwater? Find out in this virtual visit to Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve and enjoy a clever turtle tale in the shadow puppet theater, featuring a real live turtle escape attempt!

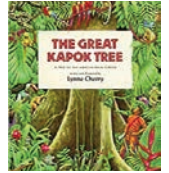


Tail Spinners – Jun. 11, F, 2 p.m. Join us for a fun frolic as we take you on an animal story tale adventure.

Tails and Tales with Mrs. Eve: How Turtle Cracked His Shell – Jun. 15, Tu, 8 a.m. Can a turtle outwit a wily wolf? Join Mrs. Eve as we find out in the Native American pourquoi Tale, "Why Turtle Has a Cracked Shell."

Time for Tails: A Wily Weasel Tale – Jun. 16, W, 8 a.m. Go behind the scenes at the McWane Center and meet fantastic ferret Rocky! Keep watching for a tale about his less well-behaved cousin, Sneaky Weasel, and find out more about Rocky's favorite McWane exhibit.

Great Kapok Tree – Jun. 19, Sa, 10 a.m. Join the Birmingham Zoo's rainforest animals and discover how many animals, big and small, all depend on a single tree in this reading of *The Great Kapok Tree*.



The Tale of a Tail: Gertrude McFuzz – Jun. 21, M, 10 a.m. Poor Gertrude McFuzz was feeling so sad; one droopy tail feather was all that she had. Other girl birds had fabulous plumes. It's so unfair, Miss Gertrude fumed. Oh, how she longed for a glorious tail! To see how it ends, hear this Seussian tale.

Tails and Tales with Mrs. Eve: Mouse Tales – Jun. 22, Tu, 8 a.m. Join Mrs. Eve as she shares two of her favorite world tales: a Cuban folktale, "The Barking Mouse," and a folktale from Asia, "The Mouse Bride."

Ask the Zoo! – Jun. 22, Tu, 10 a.m. Join the Birmingham Zoo live for a virtual meet and greet with some of our ambassador animals! You'll get the chance to see the ambassadors up close and personal while learning about them and their counterparts in the wild. *Registration is required.*

Time for Tails: A Rascally Rabbit Tale – Jun. 23, W, 8 a.m. Hop on over to the Greater Birmingham Humane Society for this virtual program starring a bunny named Blue. Long ears and tall tales will have you singing along – and you might be surprised by what rabbits like to eat!

Sharing Storytime – Jun. 23, W, 12 p.m. Join Ms. Chelsea for a storytime where we'll tell jokes and learn some fun animal facts!



"How the Library (Not the Prince) Saved Rapunzel" – Jun. 24, Th, 2 p.m. Rapunzel is locked away in the tower and seems very sad. All of her friends try to reach her, but Rapunzel isn't very interested, and she certainly doesn't want a silly old prince to deal with. Then she receives a wonderful letter and everything changes! This fun skit is an adaptation on the book by Wendy Meddour and illustrated by Rebecca Ashdown.

A Whale of a Tail! – Jun. 25, F, 12 p.m. Enjoy this fun tale of "The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark."



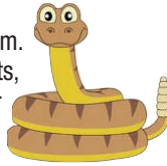
Tails and Tales with Mrs. Eve: Down by the Pond – Jun. 29, Tu, 8 a.m. Why does that lonely frog keep saying, "Reddit, Reddit?" And what happens when a handsome prince comes along? Join Mrs. Eve as she shares the twisted fairy tale, "The Frog Princess?" by Pamela Mann, and more!

Puppet Show – Jun. 30, W, 8 a.m. Join us for a Shoebox Puppet Show and learn how to make your own puppet stage!

Tails and Tales with Mrs Eve: Family Pets – Jul. 6, Tu, 8 a.m. Dogs and cats make wonderful family pets, but I am curious. Why do cats always wash their paws after eating, and why do dogs like to chase cats? Join Mrs. Eve as she shares these pourquoi stories, and more, about our favorite family pets.

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad...Wolf? – Jul. 6, Tu, 2 p.m. Everyone knows the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood! But do you know what happens when Red meets a dinosaur instead? And not just any dinosaur, but a T. Rex! What will happen? Sit back and enjoy this retelling of Little Red Riding Hood.

Time for Tails: A Sneaky Snake Tale – Jul. 7, W, 8 a.m. This virtual story program is a tail-rattler, with crazy facts, exciting stories, and a live rattlesnake at Ruffner Mountain Nature Preserve!



Simple Science: How Do Animals Stay Warm During the Winter? – Jul. 12, M, 10 a.m. Have you ever wondered how penguins, polar bears, and whales stayed warm? Are they freezing all the time? Simple Science demonstrates a science experiment based on a very simple question. Our question today is: How Do Animals Stay Warm during the Winter? We will learn how animals that live in colder climates are able to stay warm by performing a science experiment using every day, household items.

Dragon Tales Storytime – Jul. 12, M, 2 p.m. Wait... a dragon on a farm? Join us for a roaring good time with an action rhyme, counting activity, story, and more!



Time for Tails: A Shiny Sea Tale – Jul. 14, W, 8 a.m. Not every animal has a tail, but they do all have tales to tell. Dive in with us at the McWane Center and discover some unusual, unbelievable animals in this virtual story adventure.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Virtual Spelling Bee – Jun. 7, M, 2 p.m. Everyone can spell ordinary sounding animal names like bear, caterpillar, gazelle, or hippopotamus. Can you spell the names of mythical creatures? Join us for a fun and friendly spelling bee. Compete against others to spell the names of mythical beasts, magical animals, and mythical monsters. The person who spells the most names correctly wins bragging rights and their choice of a prize from our Summer Learning prize trunk. *Registration is required.*

Telling Tales – Jun. 17, Th, 10 a.m. Get ready to dive into some fun, creative, spontaneous Improv storytelling. In this “Telling Tales” Class, with guided professional assistance, teens will learn how to build an improvised story of their own. This class involves full engagement from each participant. Learners are invited to take on the role of storyteller by embodying the essence of characters and ‘act’ each scene. There is no prior knowledge or experience needed to participate in this class. Learners who enjoy storytelling, improvisation and acting will have a fun memorable experience.

Engineer BHM: Game Design – Jun. 17, Th, 2 p.m. Leap into coding by creating your own games with Scratch! This program will be a live workshop using Zoom and last between an hour and an hour and a half. It is recommended for middle school students. Participants will need access to email, Zoom, and a laptop/tablet. The program will have 15 participants max and Zoom



links will be sent to the provided emails in the registration form. Please find the registration form at <https://forms.office.com/r/780ctRybJs> and complete by June 4.

Harry Potter Trivia – Jun. 21, M, 2 p.m. Calling all muggles, witches, and wizards! Join us for a good time and test your knowledge of all-things Harry Potter in this special trivia event. There will be three rounds of 5 questions. The person with the highest score after each round, advances to the next round. Who will win the house cup? Winner will receive a Harry Potter themed tumbler. *Registration is required.*

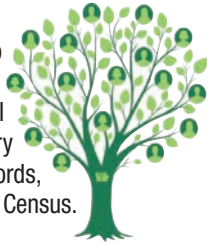


Virtual Dance Class – Jul. 8, Th, 10 a.m. Dancing is a fun, energetic full body workout. This dance will increase endurance, improve blood flow and help with balance and coordination. A 30-45 minute dance class can burn just as many calories, if not more, than actually jogging! Let's dance!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Anytime Yoga – Jun. 6, 13, 20, 27, Su, 2 p.m. The purpose of yoga is to create strength, awareness, and harmony in both the mind and body. Enjoy the benefits from these beginner yoga instructional videos. All bodies are welcome.

Who's In Your Tree? Intro to Genealogy – Jun. 8, Tu, 12 p.m. Want to learn how to do genealogical research? This introductory class will help get you started on your genealogical journey. The staff in the Southern History Department covers such topics as vital records, courthouse and church records, and the Federal Census. *Registration is required.*



Wellness Wednesdays – Jun. 9, 16, 23, 30, Jul. 7, 14, W, 10 a.m. Looking to lose weight or stay in shape? Join us Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for a morning workout from the comfort of your home. Let's get moving!

Tech Tuesday – Jun. 15, 22, 29, Jul. 6, & 13, Tu, 2 p.m. Having trouble with your device? Working on a project and you're stuck on the next step? Join us for a live Tech Tuesday session and get your questions answered! *Registration is required.*

Mad About Magazines – Jun. 22, Tu, 12 p.m. If you're not using periodicals in your family history research, you're missing out on some great information. Find out what you can discover about your ancestors in the pages of a magazine.

Researching Your House History – Jul. 6, Tu, 10 a.m. This workshop will introduce viewers to resources at the Birmingham Public Library that can tell you when your house was built, who has lived there over time, and more. *Registration is required.*



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GRAB N' GO CRAFTS

Swing by your local BPL branch and pick up some supplies to create your craft!

1

Pick up a Grab N' Go bag at your local BPL branch. The bag will include most of the supplies you'll need.

2

Visit www.facebook.com/BirminghamPublicLibrary for instructions and a video on the dates provided below.

3

The Grab N' Go bags will be available for pick up the week before the craft is listed on the schedule.

Amazing Animal Craft
Friday, June 11, 10 a.m.

Macramé Leather Bracelet
Friday, June 18, 8 a.m.

Birmingham Museum of Art Sponsored Craft
Friday, June 18, 10 a.m.

Juneteenth Tales Craft
Friday, June 18, 12 p.m.

Tails and Tales Door Hanger
Friday, June 18, 2 p.m.

Paint Party
Monday, June 21, 12 p.m.

Wild About Reading! Animal Bookmark
Wednesday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Amazing Animal Craft
Friday, June 25, 10 a.m.

Family Tales Scrapbooking Art Craft
Wednesday, June 30, 2 p.m.

Amazing Animal Craft
Friday, July 2, 10 a.m.

Tie-Dye Craze Craft
Wednesday, July 7, 2 p.m.

Animal Mask Craft
Friday, July 9, 2 p.m.

Keys to the Kingdom Keychain Craft
Wednesday, July 14, 2 p.m.

Amazing Animal Craft
Friday, July 16, 10 a.m.

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