

Nutmeg Book Clubs



Participate in a book club starring Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award nominees. Grades 2 & 3 can stop by for grab 'n' gos, with a meetup on **8/10**. Grades 4-6 meet in person on **7/20 & 8/24**. Book kits provided courtesy of the Carol Pieper Memorial Fund. Registration required.
Mondays 6:00 pm



Young Reader's Club

Read any book from the My Weird School series by Dan Gutman before bookclub. Then, join other readers to talk about this wacky series with snacks & fun activities! Registration required. Ages 7-10.
7/23 Thurs. 4:00 pm

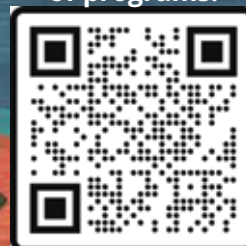
Riverside Reptiles: Animal Adaptations Show



Why can a gecko walk up glass? How can a snake eat something larger than its head? Meet live animals & learn about their unique adaptations & how they match their habitat. Please register for ONE SESSION ONLY (they are both the same show). Registration required. All ages.
7/29 Wed. 2:00 pm or 2:45 pm
Lovell Room

CHILDREN'S Summer Reading Programs

Visit our website for a full list of programs.



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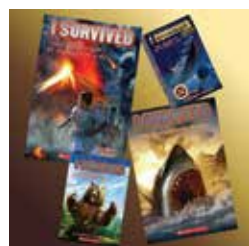
Learn. Create. Share.

Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm



Pokemon Trading Card Giveaway

Thanks to a generous patron donation, the Stratford Library Children's Department will be giving away Pokemon trading cards to patrons on **7/29**. Drop in & choose 10 to take home. All ages.
7/29 Wed. 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



I Survived Party!

The popular book series by Lauren Tarshis comes to life at the Library. Survive a volcano, earthquake & more as we celebrate all things **I Survived!** Registration required. Ages 8-12.
7/30 Thurs. 4:00 pm



Beads Galore

Enjoy some fun with beads this summer! Create beaded bracelets with stretchy string or clasps on **Sat. 8/1**. Make beaded backpack charms on **Fri. 8/7**. No registration required-while supplies last.
2:30 pm



LEGO Robotics

Thanks to a grant from the Stratford Rotary Club, the Library now has **LEGO Spike Essential kits** which combine building LEGOs with coding fun. Registration required. Ages 8-12.
8/3 Mon. 4:00 pm



Stained Glass Paper Suncatchers

Use craft materials to create a window suncatcher to brighten up your space. All materials provided. Registration required. Ages 7-12.
8/4 Tues. 4:00 pm



Oreo Tasting

Which flavor of Oreo is Stratford's favorite? Try different varieties & vote for your top picks. Results will be posted on Library social media accounts. Registration required. All ages.
8/5 Wed. 4:00 - 5:30 pm Library Courtyard



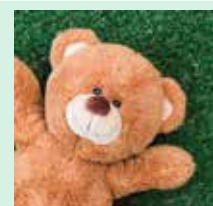
Podcasting

Amplify your voice & join our **Kids Podcasting Club**. Librarians will help children & their caregivers record stories, insights, book recommendations & more. Then listen on your favorite podcast player. Registration required. Ages 7-13 (with an adult).
6/17 Wed. 4:00 pm
7/6 Mon. 4:00 pm
8/12 Wed. 4:00 pm



Plant a Seed Read!

Summertime and the living is busy at the Stratford Library. Exciting things are happening every day, so don't miss out! Join us for a wide variety of programs and celebrate literacy by joining in summer reading fun! Our **Summer Reading Program - Plant a Seed, Read!** is open to everyone! Find out how you can participate in summer reading: visit www.stratfordlibrary.org/summer-reading-2026/



Take Your Teddy Bear to the Library

Make a cozy blanket for your Teddy Bear while enjoying a special storytime & snack. Registration required. Ages 1-5.
8/12 Wed. 10:30 am



Science Exploration

In this program, children will enjoy hands-on exploration of magnets, rocks & gems, insects & more! Registration required. Ages 5-9.
8/13 Thurs. 11:00 am



Flower Grab 'n' Gos

Enjoy a flower themed grab 'n' gos. For ages 5-12. Available starting **Fri. 8/21** enjoy flower themed book scientists kit with Library books and a craft (registration required). Ages 0-5. Drop by for a flower themed craft kit. Available starting **Fri. 8/28** while supplies last (no registration required).



LEGO Derby

Line up for the LEGO race of the summer! Build a race car using LEGOs & wheels. Then race your vehicle down the ramp. LEGOs provided. Registration required. Ages 7-12.
6/27 Sat. 2:30 pm
7/13 Mon. 4:00 pm

Mayor's Summer Reading Party

All Stratford children ages 0-12 who read ten books this summer are invited to become a 2026 Mayor's Reading Champion & attend a party! Meet Mayor Chess, enjoy ice cream, build with giant LEGOs, show off your dance moves, earn prizes, & more. Open to all Stratford children who have read ten books & registered! In the event of rain, the party will be moved to the Baldwin Center. Registration required.
8/19 Wed. 4:00 pm



America at 250 Grab 'n' Gos

Ages 3 to 6 can sign up to receive a grab 'n' go craft based on an American animal along with a related Library book to check out. Pick ups begin **Fridays 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24**. Ages 5-12 can sign up for a **Book Scientist** kit on American topics. **6/18: Fascinating Americans; 7/2: The American Landscape; 7/16: Incredible American History; 7/30: Red, White & Blue Books; 8/13: American Historical Fiction**. Kits include Library books, craft & extension activities. Pickups begin on Thursdays. Registration required.



Summer Storytimes

Summer storytimes run **6/15 to 7/30**. **Music Time** meets Mondays at 10:30 am for ages 0-2. **Preschool Storytime** meets Tuesdays at 10:30 am for ages 3-5. **Baby Lapsit** meets Thursdays at 10:30 am for lapsitters up to 18 months. Drop ins welcome.



Crochet

Learn basic crochet stitches like single & double chain or bring questions about your current project. Materials provided. Registration required. Ages 9 and up. **Wednesdays**
6/3, 6/24, 7/15, 7/22 6:00 pm



Little Artists

Join in some masterpiece-making, messy, beautiful fun! Use process art to express yourself. Registration required. Ages 3-7. **Saturdays 6/13, 7/25, 8/22 11:00 am**



LEGO Clubs

Drop in LEGOs: **Mon. 6/29, 3:00-5:00 pm**
LEGO Club: **Sat. 7/11 & 8/8 at 11:00 am**. Registration required for LEGO Club. LEGO Tower Challenge: For ages 5-9, this challenge will pit LEGOs against gravity as you build to the sky! **Fri. 7/31 at 3:00 pm**. Registration required.



America's 250th Birthday Party

Join us to celebrate America's 250th birthday with loads of fun games, crafts, activities, and snacks! Ages 5-12 welcome. **Kids Patriotic Paint and Sip** will meet at **6:00 pm** for ages 6-12 (Registration required for this class only). **7/1 Wed. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**



Flower Arranging for Kids

Create a colorful flower arrangement to take home. Registration required. Ages 7-12. **7/7 Tues. 4:00 pm**



Father's Day Craft

Celebrate special Dads & Granddads! Stop in to make a Father's Day card. Young children may need a grown-up's help. All ages. **Saturday 6/20 10:30 am - 3:30 pm**



Craft of the Week

Children can stop by to enjoy the **craft of the week** with help from teen volunteers, while supplies last. Young children may need a grown-up's help. All ages. **Mondays - Fridays**
6/22 - 8/14 10 am-12 pm & 1 pm-7 pm



Summer Art: Pressed Flowers on Canvas

Make a botanical piece of art by pressing flowers on canvas. All materials provided. Registration required. Ages 7-12. **6/23 Tues. 4:15 pm**



Letter Writing

Rediscover the delight in sending & receiving letters. Stay connected to family & friends in farflung places. Bring your recipient's name & address. We'll supply the stationery. Grown-ups welcome to participate. Ages 6-12. **Tuesdays**
7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28 6:00 pm



Family Concert with Judy Pancoast

Celebrate summer reading with Judy Pancoast! Dance & sing along in this interactive concert for all ages. This concert will be outside (or inside the Lovell Room if bad weather). Registration required. Ages 3-6. **7/8 Wed. 11:00 am**
Library Courtyard



Kids Sew Pen Holder Bookmarks

Sew a bookmark that doubles as a pen holder - twice as useful! No sewing experience necessary & all supplies provided. Younger children will need a parent's help. Registration required. Ages 7-12. **7/8 Wed. 3:30 pm**



Cultivate Your Green Thumb: Container Gardening for Kids

Join Mark Gostkiewicz to learn about the science of gardening. Learn about soil fertility, different types of seeds & then make your own container garden to take home & grow! Drop in anytime during the listed hours to participate. Registration required. All ages. **6/24 Wed. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**



Kindness Club

Kindness Club will meet during the summer to work on projects with a community benefit. We'll be painting kindness rocks & decorating flower pots to give to others. Registration required. Ages 6-12. **6/25 Thurs. 4:00 pm**
7/16 Thurs. 4:00 pm



Indoor Mini Sand Sculpture Building

Bring your imagination indoors & build fantastical sculptures from sand. Registration required. Ages 5-12. **6/26 Fri. 3:00 pm**



Summer Memories Junk Journals

Learn about junk journaling & ways to preserve your summer memories. Be creative as you decorate the cover of your journal! Registration required. Ages 8-12. **7/9 Thurs. 4:00 pm**



Jay Reidy's Magic Show

It's summer & Stratford's favorite magician, Jay Reidy, is back to entertain & remind everyone of the magic of reading! Registration required. Ages 5-12. **7/15 Wed. 2:00 pm**
Lovell Room



Cookie Rescue with Recycled Science

Use recycled materials, creativity, & engineering skills to build a container to help your cookie survive a fall. Enjoy munching on cookies, whole or broken!, at the end. Sign up for one session. Registration required. Ages 7-12. **7/11 Sat. 2:30 pm or 3:30 pm**



Loom Bracelets

Learn how to make a loom bracelet & create your very own! Registration required. Ages 7-12. **6/27 Sat. 10:30 am**



Piano at the Library

Do you want to introduce your child to music? **Piano with a Parent** is for ages 5-6 with a grownup. Choose **7/10 or 7/24 at 3:00 pm** (register for one date). **Piano with Friends** is for ages 7-12 and introduces musical notation and keyboard basics. Choose either **Tues. 6/30 at 6:00 pm or Sat. 8/1 at 10:30 am**. (register for one date.)



Preschool Playtime

Playing, learning & fun for preschoolers! Join us for sensory play with a variety of exploratory STEAM activities. Registration required. Ages 3-6. **7/18 Sat. 10:30 am**
8/6 Sat. 10:30 am



Seed Art

Children will arrange different seeds onto a rigid surface to form patterns or pictures. Seed Art is a mosaic-style activity using seeds, beans & grains to create colorful, textured designs. Registration required. Ages 7-12. **7/21 Tues. 4:00 pm**



Caribbean Carnival Workshop with Coryse

Join dance educator & author Coryse Villarouel for an exciting workshop celebrating Caribbean dance & Carnival! Participants will collaborate on making a headpiece, watch & learn a traditional dance, enjoy a reading of Villarouel's book & learn about this colorful, cultural tradition. Registration required. All ages. **7/22 Wed. 11:00 am Lovell Room**