Libraries Rock: Summer Reading at Baldwin Library!

Summer Reading Club
This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock!” for children birth through entering 5th grade. Registration begins June 1 at our Summer Reading Kickoff Party and is ongoing throughout the summer. We conclude our program with our end-of-summer BBQ: Friday, Aug. 24.

READ to help those in NEED: Children will earn tokens for time spent reading. Each token may be entered into charity boxes of their choosing so that we may “give back” to those in need.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
The concept is simple but the rewards are priceless! Read any book to your infant, toddler or preschooler—the goal is to have read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten! Reading one book a day is:
- 365 books in a year
- 730 in two years
- 1,095 in three years!
You have plenty of time, so take advantage of this wonderful early literacy reading program!

STORYTIMES
No registration required for storytimes.

Bouncing Babies and Books
Tuesdays @ 10:30 am, year-round (No storytime on July 3)
This storyline, for babies birth-24 months, will include books, songs, musical instruments, scarves and bubbles along with baby playtime/socialization following storyline! Meet new caregivers or meet up with old friends while starting your baby on the rewarding road to reading! To receive notifications, text @bouncingba to 81010.

Tales for 2s and 3s
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am: June 13 through Aug. 22
(No storytime on June 27 & July 4)
A storyline specifically geared for toddlers 24-36 months old with a caregiver. We will read great stories, sing a lot of songs, and have plenty of music, movement and fun! Your toddler will love meeting new storyline buddies! To receive notifications, text @talesfor to 81010.

Preschool Story Explorers
Fridays @ 10:30 am: June 15 through Aug. 17
(No storytime on June 29)
Join our preschool program where children ages 3-5 can explore stories through songs, retellings, STEM activities and a craft. Grow your preschooler’s love for reading and learning! To receive notifications, text @prekexplor to 81010.

Stay connected! Sign up for our monthly eNewsletter. Get the latest library news delivered to your inbox. You can sign up at the bottom of our website or come into the library and we’ll sign you up.
Monday Morning Moms and Dads
Mondays @ 10:30 am: June 11, 25; Aug. 6 & 20
Join our Monday morning caregiver/child playgroup for children birth-3 years! We will participate in a take-home art project along with a lot of play time with our new rice/water table, as well as building and educational toys. No registration required.

Secret Service | Saturdays @ 10:30 am: June 23 (sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Baldwin), July 21 & Aug. 11
Children in grades K-5 are encouraged to join us each month for a “giving back” project. Each month’s service project will remain “secret” until the day of the program, when it will be revealed! Help us to help others each month! Registration required for each program.

Book Cooks - Summer Edition!
Reading has never tasted so good! In this beginning-to-cook class, young chefs (preschool-grade 2) will develop an appetite for nutritious foods while being introduced to books that reinforce social and academic skills. Experience new foods and new books! Please see our website for supplies needed for each class. Registration required. Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm:

- June 20: Waffle Ice Cream Sandwiches
- July 18: Strawberry Shortcake
- Aug. 15: Fresh Blueberry Muffins

YOGreAt Yoga Camp
Thursdays @ 12:30 pm: June 14 through July 26 (no class July 5)
Kids in grades 3-5, join Leah Younkins, BWSD Special Education Teacher and Registered Yoga Teacher, for a non-competitive 45 minute yoga class incorporating asana, breath work and a short meditation! Practice will be beginner friendly and fun! Class size will be limited to 12 students per class. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. Registration required for each class attending.

Cruise into Kindergarten with Play K
Thursdays @ 10:30 am: June 21, July 5 & 19; Aug. 2 & 16
With materials provided through the Cruise into Kindergarten program grant by The Office of Commonwealth Libraries, we are excited for our second summer series of Play K programs for children and caregivers. It allows children entering Kindergarten in the fall to learn necessary skills through educational play and themed playscapes. Registration required.

Paws for a Cause with Animal Friends
Thursdays @ 10:30 am: June 14, July 26 & Aug. 9
Children will have the opportunity to meet and read aloud to an approved literacy cat or dog, hear stories and participate in a literacy activity. Readers of all ages and abilities are welcomed! Because all visits are on a volunteer basis, we ask all participants to bring along one item from the Animal Friends Supply Drive list which can be found on our website. Registration required.

Beyond the Brush Art
Mondays @ 6:30 pm: June 11, July 9 & Aug. 13
Children in grades K-5 can join Michelle as she introduces a new, exciting project each month and take home a beautiful, unique creation! Registration required.

Elementary Fundamentals FREE Tutoring
Tuesdays @ 6-8 pm: June 26, July 10 & July 31
Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services of South Park will be holding three, free Elementary reading and math tutoring programs at our library! Tutors will work with students entering grades K-5 in small, grade-appropriate groups on reading (grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension) and math (problem solving, timed math, word problems) skills as well as provide each family with reading and study/homework strategies to take home. Each session is limited to 12 students. Registration required for each session attending.

Dance Me a Story | Mondays @ 10:30 am: July 9, 16, 23 & 30
Children ages 3-5 can move and groove with PBT to favorite stories such as Barnyard Dance Party and Giraffes Can’t Dance! Each class begins with simple stretches and warm-ups before journeying into each story and its characters through movement and song. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to participate with their child! Registration required for each session.

Animal Signs - Tracks and Scat at South Park
Monday, July 30 @ 11 am
The Allegheny County Park Rangers will teach grade K-5 students about track and scat identification of local species. Students will learn which tracks and scat belong to which species by comparing these signs to the animal’s furs. Please wear sunscreen, walking/hiking shoes, comfortable clothing and bring a lunch! After the program we will enjoy lunch at the shelter and play on the swing set! Registration required.

Young Professionals Bootcamp
Thursdays @ 6-8 pm: July 5 & 19; Aug. 2 & 16
Children ages 8-12 can get a jump-start on money matters as Kian Nowrouzi brings his Young Professionals Bootcamp to the library for a four-week session covering financial literacy topics such as budgeting, business, personal finance and investments, all age-appropriate and presented in a mix of interactive presentations and games to help children learn how to become responsible money managers! This program is in collaboration with Whitehall and Brentwood Libraries and will be held at the Baldwin Library. Registration required for each session attending.

Making Music with Carnegie Science Center
Thursday, July 12 @ 11 am
Students in grades K-2 can create a symphony of sound in new and exciting ways! Students will build their own kazoo to make and take to keep the concert going! Registration required.

Music Marvels | Wednesday, Aug. 8 @ 6:30 pm
Children can gather for a night of musical instrument-making -- everything from rain sticks to guitars! Instruments will be made from recycled materials at various music-making stations. We will play a “band” song together, using these instruments, at the conclusion of the program! All ages welcome! Registration required.
**FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Music Together**
Wednesday, June 13 @ 6:30 pm
Looking for a fun new activity for you and your baby, toddler or preschooler? Join us for a free Music Together© class led by Higher Voice Studio! We will sing, dance, play instruments and be silly. Registration required.

**Family Fun in the Garden**
Our Family Fun Nights will focus on the garden! Each program will cover a topic related to gardening and will include a related make-and-take activity! Registration required for each class.

- **Thursdays @ 6:30 pm:**
  - June 21: Herb/vegetable garden/seeds
  - July 12: Bird feeders
  - July 26: Kitchen plants
  - Aug. 9: Worm farms
  - Aug. 23: Garden recipes

**Family Movie Night | Wednesday, July 11 @ 6 pm**
Relax this summer with a new release family movie! Bring sleeping bags and pillows and wear your jammies! This month’s movie: A Wrinkle in Time. Registration required.

**Brushes Before Bedtime Family Art Night**
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm: July 25 & Aug. 22
Join us for a night of family art using various techniques and leave with a masterpiece designed by your entire family! We will provide all of the supplies and art smocks...your family provides the creativity and fun! No age limit requirements. Registration required.

**5th Annual Stuffed Friend Sleepover**
Friday, July 20 @ 6:30 pm
(Animal registration & activities);
Saturday, July 21 @ 9:30 am
(Animal pick-up with donuts & juice)
Bring your favorite stuffed friend to the library for a sleepover (but not one you’ll miss overnight)! Children will hear a story, have a snack and tuck their stuffed friend into “bed” somewhere in the library for the night. Children return the next morning to pick up their stuffed friend, enjoy donuts and juice, and find out what “mischief” their friend got into overnight! Registration required.

**Baldwin Community Star Party!**
Friday, July 6 @ 8:15 pm (Makeup date: July 13 @ 8:15 pm)
All ages are welcome to join us as the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh presents a short astronomy overview followed by a guided viewing of the wonders of the night sky through telescopes. Please bring along your own binoculars if you have them! Registration required.

**Movers and Makers Family STEM Night**
Wednesday, Aug. 1 @ 6:30 pm
Geared to students in grades K-5, families can learn about music and sound and make a set of speakers that fits a cell phone! Come build, create and discover in this hands-on maker program! Registration required.

**Family Fort Night | Friday, Aug. 3 @ 6:30 pm**
What could be more fun that a Friday Family Fort Night! Bring anything you would like to build your fort: blankets, tablecloths, bed sheets or quilts along with comfy items once you’re in your fort: pillows, blankets, a stuffed friend, flashlights, etc! We will provide snacks, books (of course!), games, coloring books (the coloring cave) and glow sticks for your fort! Please feel free to bring your own snacks or games as well! Registration required.

**Family Night - Musical Theater Production**
Friday, Aug. 10 @ 7 pm @ Harrison Middle School
Our teen musical theater students will present Wonderland! Bring your family to this FREE family musical production and support our teens’ talents and hard work! All ages welcome! Registration required.

**End of Summer Reading Celebration and BBQ**
Friday, Aug. 24 @ 6:30 pm
Come celebrate the end of summer with food, games, music, face painting, performers, and more! You’ll get a chance to win cool prizes, get your picture taken with the Library Lion, play outdoor games, dance to great music...and it’s all FREE! No registration required.

**Mom’s Pamper and Paint Night**
Friday, July 27 @ 7-9 pm
All of you moms are amazing, and we think you deserve a night out! We are having a special canvas paint night just for YOU! Relax with some cool beverages, cheese, crackers and fresh summer fruit while you learn how to make a beautiful canvas painting to take home with you! Don’t miss a night of great food, friends, conversation and relaxation! Registration required.
Teen Summer Reading
Calling all teens in grades 6-12 to register for teen summer reading! This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock!” Every 50 pages read earns you a raffle ticket for more chances to win awesome gift cards and YA books! Summer reading runs from June 1 through Aug. 24.

College Admissions Presentation
Monday, June 25 @ 6:30 pm
Join Chris Hitchens from College Admissions Solutions for a one-hour presentation for both students and parents. This program includes the steps necessary to successfully navigate the college investigation and application process. Please see our website for a detailed description of the 10 topics covered in the presentation. There will be a Q&A session at the conclusion of the program. Registration required.

Yoga for Teens | Tuesdays @ 1 pm: July 10, 17, 24 & 31
Join Beth Christiano, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, certified yoga instructor with over 20 years of experience promoting the wellness of children and adolescents and owner of Clarity Wellness & Performance, for a 4-week yoga series. Teens entering grades 6-12 will practice the vinyasa flow style of yoga, which links breathing with yoga poses and movement. No prior experience with yoga is necessary. The practice can be modified to meet the needs of individual teens. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel. Registration required for each session.

Teen Team Adventure Hike
Saturday, Aug. 18 from 1-3 pm @ South Park
Teams of students will race through the park alongside their Allegheny County Park Ranger guide, trying to find as many waypoints as possible before time runs out! Students will have to answer as many questions as they can correctly at each waypoint to earn points. The team with the most points wins a prize! This is a great teen activity that combines nature, history and exercise. Get your teen team together! Registration required. Everyone will meet at the Dek Hockey Rink Parking Lot in South Park.

Study Skills/Organization FREE Tutoring Session
Tuesday, Aug. 14 @ 6-8 pm
Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services of South Park will be holding a free middle school tutoring program at our library! Tutors will work with students entering grades 6-8 in small groups on memorization skills, note taking, graphic organizing and more! Each student will have the opportunity to take a Learning Style Diagnostic Test to explore their best style of learning. There will be a raffle for one lucky student to win a tote with organizational supplies for the new school year. Session is limited to 12 students. Registration required.

Teen Musical Theater
We are thrilled to welcome Jaycee Revo back for her second summer of directing our Teen Musical Theater production! Students entering grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate in this year’s musical, Wonderland! You must be available for most of the practices and for the performance date. Parental permission forms are available at the library and must be completed before the first practice is held. Registration required.

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Canvas and Color - Teen Paint Nights!
Fridays @ 6:30 pm: June 15 & Aug. 17
Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join local artist Michelle and learn how to paint a 9x12 canvas piece of artwork! Techniques are taught using acrylic paint to create a take-home masterpiece ready to hang! Registration required for each class.

Meet the Author Teen Night | Tuesday, June 19 @ 6:30 pm
Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to meet Matt Fazio, co-author of the brand new teen book, Detours and Designs, for an engaging and informative event covering bullying, superheroes, and the benefits of reading. Everyone is welcome! Detours and Designs will be available for sale after the event. Registration required.

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